CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 10, 2017       6:30 P.M.       Council Chambers-City Hall

PRESENT
Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford
Mayor Pro Tem Deborah Hudson Davis
Councilmember Jeffrey R. Graham
Councilmember Stephen R. Smoak
Councilmember Joanna B. Craig
City Clerk Brenda Davis

City Manager Mel Pearson
Assistant City Manager Caitlin Corbett
Finance Director Debra Courtney
Chronicle-Independent Jim Tatum
and interested citizens

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION
Councilmember Jeffrey R. Graham gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford called the Camden City Council Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to adopt the City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2016.

PUBLIC FORUM
No Public Comments.

2017 STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST (SEI) REPORT
All elected officials and employees are required to file a Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) Report. Reports must be filed electronically and within five (5) days of the new March 30, 2017, deadline. The following filers were notified/and or reminded to file a report: Debra Courtney, Deborah H. Davis, Alfred Mae Drakeford, Jeffrey R. Graham, Mel Pearson, Stephen R. Smoak and Joanna B. Craig.

CITY OF CAMDEN RECYCLING
What can be recycle in the City of Camden? The following items can be recycled: Cardboard, aluminum & steel cans, plastic containers, beverage cartons, mixed paper, chipboard, etc. For more about recycling and holiday schedules, please visit www.cityofcamden.org/services/public-works-utilities/sanitation-recycling or call (803-425-6045.

2016 TOP WATER & WASTEWATER PROJECTS
City of Camden “Blackhawk Project” was recognized in the national Water & Wastes Digest magazine published December 2016, as one of the 2016 Top Water & Wastewater...
Projects. Submitted on behalf of the City of Camden by Designer- Brown & Caldwell; “Project Blackhawk” was selected among the top 12 projects in the Country.

ORDINANCE #2017-002 1st Reading
Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilmember Graham, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson and discussion from Council, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of the donation of 1409 Broad Street bearing Kershaw County Tax Map Number C284-08-00-052 and ratification of actions by the city manager in regards thereto.

RESOLUTION #2017-001
Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson and discussion from Council, voted unanimously to approve a resolution supporting the Municipal Association of South Carolina’s 2017 Advocacy Initiatives.

OTHER BUSINESS
Councilmember Smoak inquired about the date scheduled for Council’s Retreat (Strategic Planning Meeting). Staff will notify Council of the upcoming meeting date.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 6:30 pm to discuss a potential real estate and contractual matter.

REGULAR SESSION
Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 7:40 pm.

ACTION ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL REAL ESTATE AND CONTRACTURAL MATTERS.
No action taken.

ORDINANCE #2017-003 1st Reading
After discussion, Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to accept first reading of an ordinance authorizing the purchase of 903 Market Street bearing Kershaw County Tax Map Number C284-16-00-111 and ratification of actions by the City Manager in regards thereto.

PUBLIC HEARING
Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford open up the public hearing to receive public comments regarding an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of a not exceeding one million
nine hundred thousand dollars (1,900,000) Hospitality Fee Revenue Bond, Series 2017 of the City of Camden, South Carolina, and other matters relating thereto.

After discussion from Council, comments from City Manager Mel Pearson and hearing no comments from the public, Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCE #2017-001 2nd Reading
Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson & City Attorney Lawrence Flynn and discussion from Council, voted unanimously to approve second reading of an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of a not exceeding one million nine hundred thousand dollars ($1,900,000) Hospitality Fee Revenue Bond, Series 2017 of the City of Camden, South Carolina, and other matters relating thereto.

ADJOURN
There being no further business, Council on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to adjourn the Council meeting at 6:50 pm.

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Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

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City Clerk Brenda Davis