



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

6:00 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 Martin Cahn
and interested citizens

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Councilmember Stephen R. Smoak gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford called the Camden City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to adopt the City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2017.

PUBLIC FORUM

Chip Galloway, Vice President of Finance for Kershaw County Chamber introduced Amy Kinard as the new Executive Director of the Kershaw County Chamber of Commerce. After Mr. Chip Galloway's introduction, Mrs. Kinard briefly spoke on her new role, duties and goals as the Executive Director and thanked everyone for their support.

TOURISM UPDATE – Suzi Sale

Tourism and Economic Development Director Suzi Sale updated Council on the goals of tourism marketing to increase visitor traffic and spending in Camden. Focusing her presentation on the advantages of advertising through digital media such as search engine marketing and optimization and social media.

HISTORIC CAMDEN- Halie Brazier, Executive Director

Executive Director Halie Brazier of Historic Camden updated Council on the 2016 goals of Historic Camden to include changes and transitions, successes for the year and upcoming projects for Historic Camden.

ORDINANCE #2017-003 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson, voted unanimously to accept



second 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.

OTHER BUSINESS

Camden Archives and Museum Director presented the audience with a history lesson on the original Aberdeen owner, Samuel Mathis and a very detailed presentation on the Aberdeen’s story. Mrs. Richardson noted history points as to when the Samuel Mathis House was built (c. 1805), how it was built and how it was so named by him during his lifetime.

ORDINANCE #2017-002 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson and discussion from Council, voted unanimously to approve second 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.

After Council unanimously passed second reading of ordinance #2017-002 and each councilmember thanked Mr. Jack Brantley for his gift to the city, his service and friendship to Camden, its citizens and visitors, Mayor Drakeford then presented Mr. Jack Brantley with a key to the city.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

City Clerk Brenda Davis