CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 14, 2017  6:00 P.M.  Council Chambers-City Hall

PRESENT
Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford  City Manager Mel Pearson
Mayor Pro Tem Deborah Hudson Davis  Assistant City Manager Caitlin Corbett
Councilmember Jeffrey R. Graham  Finance Director Debra Courtney
Councilmember Stephen R. Smoak  Chronicle-Independent Martin Cahn
Councilmember Joanna B. Craig  and interested citizens
City Clerk Brenda Davis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION
Councilmember Joanna B. Craig gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford called the Camden City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to adopt the City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2017.

PUBLIC FORUM
No public comments.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Wayne Farmer
Wayne Farmer, Marine Corps League Toys for Tots Coordinator presented plaques to the city of Camden and to Director of Public Works Tom Couch and Deputy Director Ray Peterson, in appreciation of their assistance with the 2016 Toys for Tots campaign.

PROCLAMATION
Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to proclaim the week of February 13 through 19th, as EQUUS Film Festival Week.

RESOLUTION #2017-002
Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing consumption of beer and wine at the EQUUS Film Festival.

RESOLUTION #2017-003
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 a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a lease-purchase financing, and other matters relating thereto.

RESOLUTION #2017-004
Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, followed by discussion from council, voted unanimously to approve a resolution by Camden City Council of support for the creation of a Master Transportation Plan for the Black River Road/US 521 Corridor.

APPROVAL OF THE ACCOMMODATION TAX COMMITTEE
Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, followed by comments from council, voted unanimously to approve the 2017 ATAX Advisory Committee members listed as follow: Vip Patel, Rinky Patel, Daisy Hodge, Johnny Miller, Hope Cooper, Dot Goodwin and Lisa Frost Long.

For additional information please refer to memo dated February 9, 2017 RE: Approval of 2017 Accommodation Tax Committee.

FAÇADE GRANT
Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously approve a Façade Grant Application in the amount of $8,910.00 with a city match of $3,750.00 for 2406 Broad Street – Cantey Investment Properties.

OTHER BUSINESS
Mayor Drakeford announced her plans on developing an Economic Development Task Force. The Economic Development Task Force will consist of 16 members from the community who will help study and develop recommendations in all facets of the Camden community initiative to include education and training, small business development, large industrial recruitment and arts-and-entertainment. The Mayor’s Economic Development Task force will begin holding meetings soon and all meetings are open to the public.

City Manager Mel Pearson introduced Katharine O. Spadacenta as the new Main Street Program Manager.

ADJOURN
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

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City Clerk Brenda Davis