



## CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Tuesday, February 14, 2017

6:00 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

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### **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 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 ACCOMODATION 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