



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 11, 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 (absent)
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 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to adopt the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2017.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – John Cushman, Vice Chair - SC Equine Foundation

John Cushman, Vice Chair of the South Carolina Equine Park (SCEP) updated council on the SC Equine Park 2017 calendar of events and recent activities. Please refer to handout for additional information.

PUBLIC FORUM

No public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING – Budget 2017/2018

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Councilmember Craig, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson and discussion from Council, voted unanimously to enter into a public hearing to receive public comments regarding the adoption of the City of Camden's proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

After general comments from the City Manager Mel Pearson and discussion from Council; Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

For additional information presented on the FY 2017/2018 budget, please refer to City of Camden Proposed Budget FY 2017-2018 Budget-In-Brief Handout.



PROCLAMATION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, voted unanimously to proclaim the month of April as National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month. Members of the Kershaw County DSS Office, Guardian at Litem, Foster Care and Family Resource Center were in attendance to receive the proclamation.

RESOLUTION # 2017-007

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson and discussion from Council, voted unanimously to approve a resolution approving a reimbursable expenditure to the Santee-Regional Development Corporation.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business from Council.

ADJOURN

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:40pm.

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

City Clerk Brenda Davis