



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 23, 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 (absent)
Assistant City Manager Caitlin Young
Finance Director Debra Courtney
Chronicle-Independent Martin Cahn
and interested citizens

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford 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 May 9, 2017.

PROCLAMATION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, voted unanimously to proclaim the month of May 2017, as Mental Health Month. Members of Mental Health America were in attendance to receive the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, voted unanimously to proclaim the month of June 2017, as Small Cities Month.

PUBLIC FORUM

No public comments

PRESENTATION – Police Department Statistical Summary 2016- Floyd

Chief Joseph Floyd presented Council with the 2016 statistical summary of police activities within city limits of Camden. Chief Floyd presentation to Council identified various trends apparent in the City of Camden. Some of those trends included; Domestic Violence calls, Thefts from Motor Vehicles, Assaults, High collision count intersections, along with the total number of calls for service the Patrol Division responded to and how the department successfully moved through manpower shortage. There was general discussion from Council regarding these topics.

Please refer to Camden Police Department 2016 Statistical Overview and the 2016 Statistical Summary Report for additional information.



ORDINANCE #2017-006 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an ordinance authorizing the swap of real property located in the City of Camden with Rabon Properties, LLC and ratification of actions by the City Manager and staff in regards thereto. (Property located at 812 Market Street and 306 King Street)

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business from Council.

ADDITIONAL

Suzi Sale, city of Camden Tourism Director presented information regarding Retail Strategies. Retail Strategies is a full-service consulting firm that develops and implements long-term retail commercial real estate strategies for municipalities and economic development agencies. Their process involves a team of experts making connections between the public and private sector in a complex industry.

Mrs. Sale also presented information on Sponsorship Opportunities for the Camden Classically Carolina Tennis Center.

For additional information on these topics please refer to handouts titled; Retail Strategies Ambition, Meet Strategy and Camden Classically Carolina Tennis Center Sponsorship Opportunities.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Alfred Mae Drakeford, Mayor

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk