



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 8, 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 (absent)

City Manager Mel Pearson
Assistant City Manager Caitlin Young
Finance Director Debra Courtney (absent)
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 Regular Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2017.

PUBLIC FORUM

No Public Comments.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mrs. Lois Edwards, Pee Dee Urban Forester of the South Carolina Forestry Commission presented City of Camden with the Tree City U.S.A. Award. The City of Camden received its 30th Anniversary Tree City USA Award by meeting all four standards required to qualify for the award. Members of the Parks and Trees Commission were in attendance and received recognition for their dedication and hard work regarding the City of Camden Tree Program.

PRESENTATION – Park Survey Results – Liz Gilland

Liz Gillan, Urban Forester presented a brief presentation of the Park Survey Results to Council that was initiated last year. Surveys were distributed over four months and focused on nine geographic areas near parks. For additional information, please see PowerPoint presentation handout which includes survey responses, the results on access to parks, environment of the parks, demographics and other comments, and the next steps in using the results to build a strategic plan.

PROCLAMATION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to proclaim the week of August 13th-19th, 2017, as National Health Center



Week. Those in attendance to receive the proclamation were David Roberts and Keisha Hayes.

ORDINANCE #2017-009 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, voted unanimously to approve second reading of an ordinance (and Contract of Sale) authorizing the purchase of 705 Fair Street bearing Kershaw County Tax Map Number C285-13-00-098 and ratifications of actions by the City Manager in regards thereto.

ORDINANCE #2017-010 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson and discussion from Council, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an ordinance assigning a Final Zoning Classification of General Business District (GBD) to property located at 1001 Old River Road.

ORDINANCE #2017-011 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, followed by comments from City Planner Shawn Putnam, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an ordinance approving an Application for Special Property Tax Assessment for a historic property; and other matters related thereto. Property is located at 2035 Pleasant Ridge- Betsy E. McLeod, owner.

OTHER BUSINESS

No Other Business from Council.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Alfred Mae Drakeford, Mayor

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk