



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 22, 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 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 Councilmember Graham, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to adopt the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2017.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION -2017 Achievement Award Public Safety

The City of Camden received the 2017 Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) achievement award - recognizing the city's public safety project. In recognition, Bill Taylor of the MASC, presented the city with a commemorative plaque and a special trophy that will be housed at the City of Camden for a year.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – *The Retail Coach*

Charles Parker, Director of Retail Strategy and Scott Emison, Vice President of Operations presented a brief Power Point presentation to council outlining the benefits and statement of qualifications of *The Retail Coach* – The most successful retail recruitment firm in the U.S. Their proven process include the following steps: Analyzing retail market, determining retail opportunities, identifying development opportunities, identifying retailers and developers for recruitment, marketing & branding, recruiting retailers & developers, downtown & urban revitalization and coaching & support.

For additional information, please refer to “*The Retail Coach*” handout – Statement of Qualifications.

STAFF UPDATE – Tourism / Suzie Sale

A brief update was given on the upcoming events and marketing advertisements slated to draw visitors to Camden.



Halie Brazier, Historic Camden Revolutionary War Site Executive Director updated council on the progress of the Revolutionary Run- Half Marathon. The run is scheduled for September the 23, 2017 with approximately 144 registered guest as of August 22nd; volunteers and sponsors are still needed.

STAFF UPDATE- Tom Couch

Council received information in regards to on-going Public Works project updates. Please refer to document RE: Public Works Project Updates for additional information.

PUBLIC FORUM

No Public Comments.

ORDINANCE #2017-010 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to approve second 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 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to approve second 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.

BOARDS AND COMMISSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to re-appoint the following members to the Planning Commission with terms to expire on August 31, 2021: Peggy Ogburn and Charles Wood.

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, voted unanimously to re-appoint the following member to the Boards of Zoning Appeals with term to expire on August 31, 2021: Larry Graham.

APPROVAL OF LEADER’S LEGACY RECOGNITION

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilmember Graham, followed by comments from Council, voted unanimously for the approval of Leader’s Legacy Recognition for the following individuals: Joy and Tony Scully

OTHER BUSINESS

No Other Business from Council.



ADDITIONAL

City Manager Mel Pearson announced that the introduction of Camden's new Tennis Complex Director, Paola Maoli will be at Council's upcoming meeting on September 12, 2017.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Alfred Mae Drakeford, Mayor

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk