



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 12, 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

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 Regular Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2017.

STAFF REPORT -2017 - *Katherine Richardson*

Katherine Richardson- Camden Archives and Museum Director gave a brief history of the new exhibit at the Camden Archives and Museum – “Silversmith, Clockmaker, etc.” Alexander Young exhibit will be on display from August 28 to January 28, 2018.

STAFF REPORT – *Katharine Spadacenta*

Katharine Spadacenta gave an update on the Main Street Program also known as the Downtown Camden Program. Mrs. Spadacenta update outlined the first steps that have been taken on recommendations from Main Street South Carolina. Actions, plans and steps have been taken and put into place to improve the Downtown Camden District in the areas of Promotions and Marketing, Design and Economic Vitality. Items for improvement were to increase and improve downtown communication with business owners and the public, tie into existing activities and events already taken place downtown and develop a promotions and marketing committee. Communication, marketing, and planning events for downtown Camden has begun with a monthly email being sent out to all the downtown businesses, planned holiday events are taken place, marketing improvements are up and coming, etc.

PRESENTATION – *Ken Simmons*

Ken Simmons, of KBS Associated LLC, presented a proposed plan on the Wastewater Lagoon Recovery Project. Mr. Simmons presentation included step-by-step plans on “How



to turn an abandoned Lagoon into a River Access and Environmental Complex. Mr. Simmons PowerPoint presentation also showed plans on how the project can be completed in stages in a timeframe the city desires.

For additional information please see the layout map of the proposed Wastewater Lagoon Recovery project.

PUBLIC FORUM

No Public Comments.

PROCLAMATION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to proclaim the week of September 17-23, 2017, as Constitution Week. Mrs. Inis Gibbes Regent Hobkirk Hill NSDAR and Larry Gibbes were in attendance to receive the proclamation.

RESOLUTION #2017-013

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing consumption of beer and wine at LeMons Parade and Block Party.

RESOLUTION #2017-014

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, follow by discussion from Council and comments from Chief Phil Elliot, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing consumption of beer and wine at the Revolutionary Run – Half Marathon.

APPROVAL OF LEADER’S LEGACY RECOGNITION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, voted unanimously for the approval of Leader’s Legacy Recognition for the following individuals: Richard Lackey, Perry McCoy and Thomas E. “Daddy Mac” McLester.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business from Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 7:00 pm to discuss a contractual matter related to wholesale power.

REGULAR SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 7:31 pm.



**ACTION ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL
REAL ESTATE AND CONTRACTURAL MATTERS.**

No action taken.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Alfred Mae Drakeford, Mayor

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk