



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

6:00 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford
Mayor Pro Tem Deborah Hudson Davis
Councilmember Jeffrey R. Graham (absent)
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 Joanna B. Craig 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 September 12, 2017.

PUBLIC FORUM

No Public Comments.

PRESENTATION – *City of Camden’s United Way Campaign*

Chief John Bowers along with Julie Trott - representative of United Way gave a brief report on the recent annual United Way Campaign. Thanks to the community and employee contributions, the Camden Fire Department was successful in raising funds.

The City’s United Way Employee Contributions were \$20,893.00.

PRESENTATION – *MDA Boot Drive Results – Batt. Chief Chris Tidwell*

Camden Fire Department, Lt. Chris Tidwell updated council on the annual Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) “fill the boot” campaign. Camden Fire Department raised more than \$14,086.89 for MDA. Lt. Chris Tidwell presented the check to members of the Muscular Dystrophy Association that were in attendance.

PROCLAMATION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, voted unanimously to proclaim October 2017, as Fire Prevention Month. Members of the Camden Fire Department were in attendance to receive the proclamation.



ORDINANCE #2017-012 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, followed by discussion from Council, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance approving the re-zoning request of the property located at 491 Campbell Street from General Business District (GBD) to R-6.

ORDINANCE #2017-013 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig, followed by comments from City Planner Shawn Putnam and discussion from Council, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance amending certain article of the Zoning Ordinance of the city of Camden; and other matters related thereto.

RESOLUTION #2017- 015

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing consumption of beer and wine at the 2017 Carolina Downhome Blues Festival.

RESOLUTION #2017- 016

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, follow by discussion from Council, voted unanimously to approve a resolution to provide a local match for a Municipal Association of South Carolina Hometown Economic Development Grant.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Drakeford recommended proclaiming the month of October as Unity Month.

ADDITIONAL - STAFF

City Manager Mel Pearson briefed Council an issue regarding the increase in the amount of contaminated recycling from our recycling customers and what steps the city of Camden is taken on this matter. For additional information please refer city of Camden press release.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Alfred Mae Drakeford, Mayor

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk