



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 10, 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

Mayor Pro Tem Deborah Hudson Davis 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 26, 2017.

PUBLIC FORUM

Roy Fakoury, 503 Chesnut Street spoke on behalf of the Quaker Cemetery Association regarding their concern of the potential impact of the rezoning of property located at 491 Campbell Street from General Business District to R-6. The Quaker Cemetery Association request two things: an agreement to swap equal amount property with development group which was represented by Robert Lackey and second the association request that Council communicates with the city Planning Commission with the same agreement in principal. For additional information on the property sway agreement please refer to map (handout) provided by the Quaker Cemetery Association.

STAFF PRESENTATION – *Phil Elliott – Revolutionary Run*

Deputy Chief Phil Elliott along with Historic Camden Director Halie Brazier presented the results from the inaugural Revolutionary Run Half Marathon. Statistics from the event are as follow: 260 registered runners -109 were males 152 were females – 70 of those runners were local runners from the Kershaw County area and 182 were out of towners; representing 25 cities in nine states in addition to South Carolina. Next year's half marathon run will be held on September 22, 2018 to include an added 5K run with an aim of 500 runners registering.



STAFF PRESENTATION – *Ray Peterson*

Ray Peterson, Deputy Public Works Director gave a brief presentation on water related events. Those events were the upgrade the Water Treatment Plant project and “Imagine a Day Without Water” Campaign. The campaign is to raise awareness and educate America on the value and importance of clean water.

PROCLAMATION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, voted unanimously to proclaim October 12, 2017, as “Imagine a Day Without Water”. Members of the Camden Public Works Department were in attendance to receive the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, voted unanimously to proclaim October 2017, as Alpha Delta Kappa Month. Rose Sheheen was in attendance to receive the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to proclaim October 2017, as Unity Month. Dr. Ernestine Adams was in attendance to receive the proclamation.

ORDINANCE #2017-012 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, followed by discussion from Council, voted unanimously to approve second reading of 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 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to approve second reading of an ordinance amending certain article of the Zoning Ordinance of the city of Camden; and other matters related thereto.

ORDINANCE #2017-014 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, followed by comments from City Planner Shawn Putman and discussion from Council, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an ordinance to authorize the reduction of the right of way of Wateree Street for 90’ to 45’ by conveyance of real property located in the City of Camden to adjoining landowners on Wateree Street. Councilmember Stephen R. Smoak recused himself from due to conflict of interest.



OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Smoak request the city continue with educational efforts/process to alert the community of the importance of recycling the correct materials.

ADDITIONAL - STAFF

City Manager Mel Pearson noted that Art in the Alley project will be held on Wednesday, October 18, from 3:00 – 7:00 pm at the Town Green. A firm crew from AARP will be on hand to document a project at the Broad Street alley, where the finished project will be hung. Mr. Pearson also introduced Council to the new tennis complex log that staff is working on.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Alfred Mae Drakeford, Mayor

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk