



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

4:00 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford
Mayor Pro Tem Jeffrey R. Graham
Councilmember Stephen Smoak
Councilmember Joanna B. Craig
Councilmember Deborah H. Davis
City Clerk Brenda Davis

Interim City Manager Tom Couch
Assistant City Manager Caitlin Young
Finance Director Debra Courtney (absent)
Attorney Lawrence Flynn (absent)
Chronicle-Independent Gee Whetsel
and interested citizens

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford called the Camden City Council Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Deborah Hudson Davis opened the council meeting with invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to adopt the Camden City Council Meeting minutes of April 12, 2022. Councilmember Smoak abstained from voting due to his absence from the April 12th meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

No Public Comments.

PROCLAMATION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, voted unanimously to proclaim the week of May 8th – May 14th 2022, as National Nursing Home Week.

PRESENTATION

Dennis Cyphers – Interim Deputy Executive Director & Chief, Government Service with Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments presented a presentation on EV Charging Stations; What is the BIG picture (federal and state plans), What criteria will be used?, and What we need to do to make ourselves part of the conversation? We already are..... For additional information, please refer to PowerPoint presentation dated April 26, 2022 and titled Santee Lynches Regional Council of Governments.

PRESENTATION

Danielle Lindley, Community Relations Consultant with the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission made a brief presentation to Council outlining the services and mission of the



South Carolina Human Affairs Commission. Ms. Lindley would like to work with the City of Camden in creating a Communing Relations Council. This division would be comprised of diverse, representative citizens who study problems of discrimination in human affairs or in specific instances of discrimination because of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability and to foster goodwill, cooperation, and conciliation. Staff will follow up with Ms. Lindley on this task.

ORDINANCE #2022-007 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a sewer infrastructure agreement with Kershaw County, South Carolina; and other matters relating thereto.

ORDINANCE #2022-008 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig, followed by comments from Interim City Manager Tom Couch, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance authorizing certain Economic Development Incentives; approving the execution and delivery of an Inducement Agreement; and other matters relating thereto

ORDINANCE #2022-009 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance assigning a Final Zoning Classification to property located at 251 Friendship Road.

ORDINANCE #2022-010 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance annexing property under 100% annexation method and assigning an interim zoning classification; and other matters related thereto. TMS #299-00-00-049 (portion). Mayor Pro Tem Graham abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

RESOLUTION #2002-015

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing consumption of beer and wine at Downtown Camden Free Concert Series.

RESOLUTION #2002-016

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, voted unanimously to approve a resolution requesting a Unified, Single Council of Government Structure under Santee Lynches Council of Government (COG).



BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to approve re-appointments to the Parks and Trees Commission; Two (2) seats with terms set to expire on May 31, 2025: Donna Cox and Diana Wenman.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other Business from Council.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 4:55 pm.

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

City Clerk Brenda Davis