



City of Camden
South Carolina

MINUTES

CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

Mayor Jeffrey R. Graham; Mayor Pro-Tem Patrick D. Partin; Councilmember: Walter M. Long, Jr., Alfred Mae Drakeford, and X. Willard Polk; City Manager W. Kevin Bronson; City Clerk Brenda Davis; Assistant City Manager Mel Pearson; City Attorney Charles Cushman, Chronicle-Independent Reporter Martin Cahn and interested citizens.

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGENCE

INVOCATION

Councilmember Patrick D. Partin opened the council meeting with invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jeffrey R. Graham called the Camden City Council Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Council, on motion by Councilmember Drakeford, seconded by Councilmember Polk, followed by discussion, voted to revise the proposed agenda for January 10, 2012, City Council Meeting at 6:30 p. m. removing item #4 **RE:** Special Presentation by Ms. Ann August, SWRTA Executive Director. After further discussion, Council voted unanimously to approve the proposed agenda for January 10, 2012.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Councilmember Partin, seconded by Councilmember Long, voted unanimously to adopt the Camden City Council Work Session Minutes of December 13, 2011, and the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2011.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Bruce Little, Chairman – Camden Municipal Election Commission

Mr. Bruce Little, Chairperson for the Camden Municipal Election Commission reported to Council that the Municipal Election Commission certified to City Council that the petition calling for a referendum had been signed by qualified electors of the municipality equal in number to at least 15% of the registered voters at the last regular municipal election.

After the last agenda item, City Attorney Charles Cushman was called upon to explain to Council and the public the next step in the legal process since the Chairman of the Municipal Election Commission presented certification to City Council that the petition



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calling for a referendum was signed by qualified electors of the municipality equal in number to at least 15% of the registered voters at the last regular municipal election.

City Attorney Charles Cushman stated that the next step in the process is to proceed with seeking Declaratory Judgment from the Circuit Court. There was general discussion regarding this matter.

PUBLIC FORUM

Paddy Bell, 2 Pinetop Road, spoke during the public forum regarding her concerns of the petition validation process. Ms. Bell also referenced the mission of an organization formed called the Camden Recreation Referendum Coalition.

ORDINANCE # 11-014 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Partin seconded by Councilmember Long, voted unanimously to approve second reading of an ordinance assigning a final zoning classification to property belonging to Kershaw County School District located at 2029 West DeKalb Street.

ORDINANCE # 12-001 1st Reading

Councilmember Drakeford made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Polk, to approve first reading of an ordinance acquiring a drainage easement from Jane L. Laroche for property adjoining Kirkwood Lane. After comments from City Manager Kevin Bronson, followed by general discussion, Council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council on motion by Councilmember Long, seconded by Councilmember Polk voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Jeffrey R. Graham, Mayor

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk