



City of Camden
South Carolina

MINUTES
CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

Mayor Jeffrey R. Graham; Councilmember Patrick D. Partin Councilmember Walter M. Long, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem 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 Walter M. Long, Jr. 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 Partin, voted unanimously to approve the proposed agenda for March 27, 2012, City Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Councilmember Partin, seconded by Councilmember Polk, voted unanimously to approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2012.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Council recognized Camden Firefighter of the Year – Lt. Tyheine Bennett, Camden Police Officer of the Year – Sgt. David Morales, and Camden Water Plant Supervisor - Ms. Jo Ellen Trueblood.

Council also acknowledged that the City of Camden Water Treatment Plant received the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Facility Excellence Award at the South Carolina Environmental Conference on March 13, 2012.



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PROCLAMATION

Councilmember Long made a motion seconded by Councilmember Partin, followed by discussion to proclaim the month of March as Disabilities Awareness Month.

RESOLUTION #12-009

Councilmember Polk made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, to accept a Resolution encouraging equal opportunity housing and proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month. In attendance to receive the Resolution was Housing Coordinator of United Way Kershaw County, Marie Sheheen.

PUBLIC FORUM

Paddy Bell, 2 Pine Top Road, spoke regarding her concerns in reference to a written response from Council regarding previous presented petitions.

Peggy Ogburn, 413 Hampton Street, spoke regarding her concerns on promoting the City through billboards along the interstate.

Frank Trapp, 2104 Davie Lane, spoke regarding his concerns on the Bridlewood property; requesting that something be done with the property, specifically requesting an addition of a 40ft landscape buffer.

AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE

Council, on motion by Councilmember Partin, seconded by Councilmember Long, followed comments from City Manager Kevin Bronson, voted to approve an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Camden for establishment of a Planned Development District (PPD).

During discussion, City Planner Shawn Putman and City Attorney Charles Cushman came forward and addressed questions from Council regarding the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Camden for establishment of a Planned Development District (PPD).

After general discussion and questions from Council regarding this matter, Councilmember Polk made a motion to table the amendment. There being no second, the motion failed.

After further comments, Councilmember Partin made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Polk to amend the proposed ordinance to accept Camden Planning Commission recommendations for a traffic study to be paid for by the developers and to add a restriction requiring the developer to either install a Type B buffer or provide the City with a performance bond before any building permits are issued.



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Council voiced some other concerns and then Mayor Graham called for question on the motion made by Councilmember Partin to amend the proposed ordinance. Those voting in favor of the motion were Mayor Graham, Councilmember Polk, Councilmember Partin and Councilmember Drakeford. Voting in opposition was Councilmember Long. The motion passed.

Mayor Graham then called question on the original motion to approve an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Camden for established of a Planned Development District (PPD) along with the amendments. The motion passed unanimously.

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

Council on motion by Councilmember Partin, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford voted unanimously to approve a Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Camden and the Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Jeffrey R. Graham, Mayor

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk