

**City of Camden**  
South Carolina

**MINUTES**  
**CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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Tuesday, April 10, 2012

6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

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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 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**

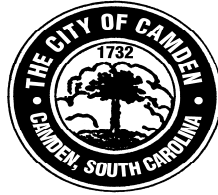
Council, on motion by Councilmember Long, seconded by Councilmember Polk, voted to amend the proposed agenda for April 10, 2012, City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. - adding an Executive Session to Item #10 to receive legal advice concerning condemnation proceedings and a pending litigation matter. After further discussion, Council voted unanimously to approve the proposed (amended) agenda for April 10, 2012, City Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Drakeford, seconded by Councilmember Long, followed by discussion, voted to adopt the Work Session meeting minutes and the Regular meeting minutes of March 27, 2012.

During further discussion, Councilmember Partin made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Polk, to amend the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2012, to include wording on page 2 - last paragraph "type B buffer".

After further discussion, Council voted unanimously to approve the motion to amend the Regular Meeting Minutes.



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Council, on motion by Councilmember Partin, seconded by Councilmember Polk voted unanimously to adopt the Camden City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2012 and the Work Session Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2012.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

On behalf of the Hobkirk's Hill Society, Councilmember Polk presented a Besty Ross Flag to be displayed at the Town Green during the week prior to the annual commemoration of the battle of the Hobkirk's Hill.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**Janet Farber**, 602 Greene Street, spoke regarding her concerns on the pending lawsuit referencing the proposed Sports Complex. Mrs. Farber also spoke regarding her concerns of the proposed resolution declaring the intention of City of Camden, South Carolina to reimburse itself for certain expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by City of Camden, South Carolina.

**Helen Crolley**, 677 Red Fox Road, spoke regarding her concerns in reference the replacement of Rhame Area and the proposed resolution declaring the intention of City of Camden, South Carolina to reimburse itself for certain expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by City of Camden, South Carolina

**Paddy Bell**, 2 Pine Top Road, spoke regarding her concerns on proposed resolution declaring the intention of City of Camden, South Carolina to reimburse itself for certain expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by City of Camden, South Carolina.

**Charles King**, 804 Hermitage Pond Road, spoke regarding his concerns on proposed resolution declaring the intention of City of Camden, South Carolina to reimburse itself for certain expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by City of Camden, South Carolina. Mr. King included in his comments a series of questions regarding the proposed resolution and funding of the sports complex.

**Frank Trapp**, 2104 Davie Lane, spoke regarding his concerns on the Bridlewood property. Mr. Trapp concerns were related to the requirement of a State Highway Safety Study and the Bridlewood Developer's commitment to improve the development of the Bridlewood property.

**Henry Walker**, 105 Laurel Crossing Drive Lugoff, spoke regarding his concerns on the Bridlewood property, requesting relief of the traffic study due an estimated cost of \$20,000.



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**ORDINANCE #12-006 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Partin, seconded by Councilmember Long, followed by discussion, voted to approve second reading of an Ordinance amending the planned development district (PDD) for Bridlewood Farms.

During further discussion, Councilmember Polk made a motion second by Councilmember Partin to table the second reading of an Ordinance amending the Planned Development District (PDD) for Bridlewood Farms.

Council voiced some other concerns and then Mayor Graham called for question on the motion to table the Ordinance. Those voting in favor of the motion were Councilmember Polk, Councilmember Partin, and Councilmember Drakeford. Voting in opposition were Councilmember Long and Mayor Graham. The motion passed to table the Ordinance amending the Planned Development District (PDD) for Bridlewood Farms.

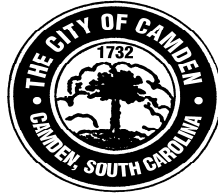
**RESOLUTION #12-010**

Council on motion by Councilmember Partin, seconded by Councilmember Long, followed by comments from City Manager Kevin Bronson and City of Camden, Bond Counsel Lawrence Flynn voted to approve a Resolution declaring the intention of City of Camden, South Carolina to reimburse itself for certain expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by City of Camden, South Carolina.

During discussion, Councilmember Partin asked Lawrence Flynn Bond Counsel for the City of Camden and City Manager Kevin Bronson a series of questions regarding the resolution such as clarification of who requested the resolution for consideration, if the resolution passed- would any funds come out of the city's capital projects fund also if the proposed resolution passed - will any member of Council benefit personally if the resolution passed.

Bond Counsel Lawrence Flynn and City Manager Kevin Bronson responded by saying that Pope Zeigler firm requested the resolution to protect the City of Camden, no funds will be coming out of the city's capital fund in relations to passing the resolution, and no member of Council will personally benefit from passing of the resolution.

After an extensive dialogue of questions from Councilmember Partin, Councilmember Polk expressed his concern about the construction cost estimate by the architect and engineer firm and about the risk of delaying the passing of the resolution until after the referendum on November 6, 2012, general election.



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City of Camden, Bond Counsel Lawrence Flynn responded by saying that the risk in delaying the resolution would be - any money spent on the project would not be eligible for reimbursement from bond financing.

Council voiced some other concerns and then Mayor Graham called for the question on the motion to approve a Resolution declaring the intention of City of Camden, South Carolina to reimburse itself for certain expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by City of Camden, South Carolina. Those voting in favor of the motion were Mayor Graham, Councilmember Partin, Councilmember Long, and Councilmember Drakeford. Voting in opposition was Councilmember Polk. The motion passed.

**RESOLUTION #12-011**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, followed by discussion, voted to approve a Resolution authorizing consumption of beer and wine at the Jazz at the Center Music Festival.

**FAÇADE GRANT**

Councilmember Partin made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Long, to accept the façade grant application in the amount of \$6,458.77 with a City match of \$2,500.00 for 944 Broad Street, Books on Broad (rear of building). Council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

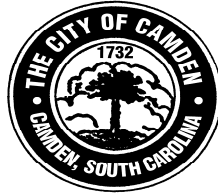
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Partin, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. to receive legal advice concerning condemnation proceedings and a pending litigation matter.

**REGULAR SESSION**

Council unanimously agreed to re-enter regular session at 7:50 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session however Mayor Graham called for a motion.

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Partin, voted unanimously to give City Attorney Charles Cushman the approval for property condemnation for the electric underground project at Commerce Alley.



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**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Long voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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Jeffrey R. Graham, Mayor

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Brenda Davis, City Clerk