

City of Camden
South Carolina

MINUTES
CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 24, 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 X. Willard Polk 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

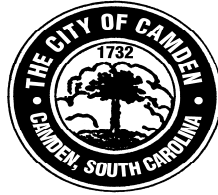
Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, followed by comments from City Manager Kevin Bronson, voted to amend the proposed agenda for April 10, 2012, City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. - adding an Executive Session to Item #7 to discuss a personnel matter. After further discussion, Council voted unanimously to approve the proposed (amended) agenda for April 24, 2012, City Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Councilmember Partin, seconded by Councilmember Long, followed by discussion, voted unanimously to adopt the March 28, 2012, Budget Work Session meeting minutes, the April 10, 2012 Work Session meeting minutes and the April 10, 2012 Regular meeting minutes with minor edits.

PROCLAMATION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Long, followed by discussion, voted unanimously to proclaim the week of May 15, 2012, as National Police Week and designate May 15, as Police Memorial Day. City of Camden Police Chief Joseph Floyd was in attendance to receive the proclamation.



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SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Bruce Little, Chairperson for the Camden Municipal Election Commission reported to Council that the third petition presented by petitioners to Council on January 24, 2012 bears the signatures of what appears to be 1037 valid electors. Therefore, the Municipal Election Commission certifies to City Council that the petition calling for a referendum has 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 Mr. Bruce Little presentation to Council, Councilmember Long provided his comments and then questioned City Attorney Charles Cushman about the next step in the petition process according to the findings of Mr. Bruce Little report.

City Attorney Charles Cushman responded by saying that Council has elected to seek a declaratory judgment to determine the validity of the both the second and third petition presented.

Councilmember Long voiced some other concerns and comments then read the question that is to be placed on the ballot during the November 6, general election.

Mayor Graham questioned Mr. Bruce Little about the length of time it took to certify the petition results. Clarifying that the City of Camden Municipal Election Commission did immediately forward the petition information to the County Election Commission for certification after their January 31, 2012 meeting and once the results were completed by the Kershaw County Election Commission on April 5, 2012- the City of Camden Municipal Election Commission meet again on April 13, 2012, and determined it should certify to City Council the petition results at the City Council meeting of April 24, 2012.

PUBLIC FORUM

Jim Parrish, Forest Drive, spoke regarding his concerns on issues he felt were facing the City and the wording of the ballot question proposed by the City Attorney.

Helen Crolley, 677 Red Fox Road, spoke regarding her concerns in preserving copies of the three petitions previously presented to Council because of their "historical significance".

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Long, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 6:51 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter.

REGULAR SESSION

Council unanimously agreed to re-enter regular session at 7:07 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.



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PUBLIC HEARING –Budget for FY 2012-2013

After discussion, Council on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Long, voted unanimously to enter into a public hearing to receive public comments regarding the adoption of the City of Camden’s proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

Please refer to City of Camden Proposed Budget FY 2012-2013 Power Point Presentation and FY 2012-2013 Budget-In-Brief Handout.

Joanna Craig, 1604 Sarsfield Ave, spoke during the public hearing - representing the Historic Camden Revolutionary War Site and the Trustees of the Historic Camden Foundation, Mrs. Craig thanked the Council for including their request in the FY 2012-2013 proposed budget for underground electrical improvements.

There being no other public hearing comments, Council, on motion by Councilmember Long, seconded by Councilmember Polk, voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

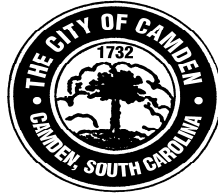
ORDINANCE #12-006 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Long, seconded by Councilmember Partin, followed by discussion and comments from City Planner Shawn Putman, voted to accept second reading of an Ordinance amending the planned development district (PDD) for Bridlewood Farms.

During further discussion, with comments from City Planner Shawn Putman and City Manager Kevin Bronson - Council, on motion by Councilmember Long, second by Councilmember Drakeford, voted to amend the ordinance removing the traffic study requirement for the Planned Development District (PDD) for Bridlewood Farms.

During lengthy discussion regarding the matter of the amendment, Council voiced some other concerns and then Mayor Graham called for question on the motion to amend the Ordinance removing the requirement for the traffic study. Those voting in favor of the motion were Councilmember Long, Councilmember Partin, and Councilmember Drakeford and Mayor Graham. Voting in opposition was Councilmember Polk. The motion passed to amend the Ordinance removing the requirement for the traffic study for the Planned Development District (PDD) for Bridlewood Farms.

After final discussion, comments and concerns from Council and Staff, Mayor Graham called for question on the original motion with amendments approving second reading of an Ordinance amending the Planned Development District (PDD) for Bridlewood Farms. The motion passed unanimously.



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ORDINANCE #12-007 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Long, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an Ordinance authorizing the purchase of property from Beleos on Commerce Alley.

ORDINANCE #12-008 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Drakeford, seconded by Councilmember Polk, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an Ordinance accepting a petition for annexation of 234 Welsh Street.

ORDINANCE #12-009 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Partin, seconded by Councilmember Polk, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an Ordinance accepting a petition for annexation of 229 Welsh Street.

ORDINANCE #12-010 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Partin, seconded by Councilmember Polk, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an Ordinance accepting a petition for annexation of 221 Welsh Street.

ORDINANCE #12-011 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Partin, seconded by Councilmember Polk, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an Ordinance accepting a petition for annexation of 119 Welsh Street.

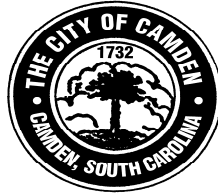
ORDINANCE #12-012 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Partin, seconded by Councilmember Polk, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an Ordinance accepting a petition for annexation of 222 Welsh Street.

RESOLUTION #12-012

Council, on motion by Councilmember Long, seconded by Councilmember Partin, followed by discussion, voted to accept a Resolution authorizing consumption of beer and wine at the Taste of Camden on Saturday, May 12, 2012 @ the Town Green from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Councilmember Polk made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Partin to amend the resolution to include the wording "vendors" in the following sentence of resolution **#12-012**. "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all vendors be restricted to stationary location and that the Kershaw County Fine Arts Center shall approve or disapprove all amplified entertainment activities and vendors;"



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The motion passed unanimously to amend the resolution.

Mayor Graham then called for question on the original motion with the amendment. The motion passed unanimously to approve the original motion with the amendment to the resolution authorizing consumption of beer and wine at the Taste of Camden.

FAÇADE GRANT

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, voted unanimously to approve the façade grant application in the amount of \$823.47 with a City match of \$411.74 for 2503 Broad Street, Smokin & Grillin.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Council, on motion by Councilmember Long, second by Councilmember Drakeford voted to accept the appointment of Mrs. Henrietta Lyles-Gray to the City of Camden Municipal Election Commission with term to expire on April 30, 2018. Those voting in favor of the motion were Councilmember Long, Councilmember Drakeford, Councilmember Partin and Mayor Graham. Voting in opposition of the motion was Councilmember Polk. The motion passed.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Long voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Jeffrey R. Graham, Mayor

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk