PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION
Mayor Jeffrey R. Graham 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 Partin, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, followed by comments from City Manager Kevin Bronson to include a third applicant for consideration on the Park and Trees Commission, voted unanimously to approve the proposed agenda for May 22, 2012, City Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Long, voted unanimously to adopt the May 8, 2012, City Council Regular meeting minutes and the May 8, 2012 Work Session Meeting Minutes.

PROCLAMATION
Council, on motion by Councilmember Long, seconded by Councilmember Partin, voted unanimously to proclaim the week of May 19th – May 26th as Cover the Medically Uninsured Week. Susan Witkowski of the Community Medical Clinic was in attendance to receive the proclamation.
SPECIAL PRESENTATION
During a special presentation Susan Witkowski of the Community Medical Clinic thanked the City of Camden for their support in helping to make the Medical Clinic a success for the past 14 years.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2012 CAMDEN HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION PRESERVATION AWARDS

Laurie Parks, Chairperson of the Historic Landmark Commission, assisted by the Mayor, presented the following awards:

**Honor Awards**

Community Impact Award – Marty Daniels and Barbara McCarthy – For their book “Mary Chesnut’s Illustrated Diary” - Mulberry Edition Boxed Set.

Restoration Excellence Award - McLean House, Circa 1890 – Mullikin Law Firm - 1308 Broad Street

Renovation to a “Designated” Historic Property - (1) Susan and Bruce Lueck – 101 Union Street (2) Katherine and Bruce Brown – “Bloomsbury Kitchen House”- 1707 Lyttleton Street

New Construction Award - Sara and Albert Reed – 6 D Ancrum Road

**Special Recognition Awards**

Lucielle M. Hallman Heritage Heroes Award - David P. Reuwer

Agnes B. Corbett Preservation Service Award - Katherine Richardson

Following the council meeting, an awards reception was held at the Camden Fire Department hosted by the Camden Historic Landmarks Commission.
PUBLIC FORUM
There were no public comments.

ORDINANCE #12-013 2nd Reading
Council, on motion by Councilmember Drakeford, seconded by Councilmember Partin, followed by discussion, voted to approve the second reading of an Ordinance adopting the operating and capital budget for the City of Camden, South Carolina Fiscal Year July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013.

LEADERS LEGACY RECOGNITION PROGRAM
Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, followed by discussion, voted unanimously to adopt the Leader’s Legacy Recognition Program. Councilmember Long commended Mayor Graham for presenting the Leaders Legacy Project to Council for consideration.

Please refer to The Leader’s Legacy Recognition Program dated May 16, 2012 for additional information.

ATAX COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FY 2012-2013
Mrs. Katherine Brown, Chairwoman of the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee presented the committee’s recommendations to City Council. The ATAX Committee recommended Council authorize the use of the City of Camden emblem to be displayed on all publications for sponsored events and recommended City Council establish a policy to set service terms for the ATAX Committee as three years, with repetitive terms authorized and the Chairman assignment to rotate every three years.

Council, on motion by Councilmember Drakeford, seconded by Councilmember Partin, voted unanimously to accept the ATAX Committee recommendations for the disbursement of the City’s ATAX funds.

After consideration, Council agreed the recommendations would help improve the efficiency of the ATAX Committee. After some general discussion a motion was made by Councilmember Drakeford to authorize the use of the City of Camden emblem to be displayed on all publications for sponsored events and to approve the ATAX Committee recommendations for the disbursement of the City’s ATAX funds. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Long and passed by unanimous vote.
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board of Adjustments and Appeals
Council, on motion by Councilmember Partin, second by Councilmember Long voted unanimously to accept the appointment of Mr. Tom White to the City of Camden Board of Adjustments and Appeals with term to expire on May 31, 2015.

Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee
Council, on motion by Councilmember Drakeford, second by Councilmember Partin, followed by discussion, voted to approve the appointment of Ms. Grace Young to the City of Camden Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee.

During further discussion, Councilmember Long made an amendment to the motion to remove Mr. Ben Schreiner from the Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee due to him serving on another committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Drakeford who also accepted the amendment by Councilmember Long to her motion.

Mayor Graham then called for question on the motion as amended. Councilmember Long restated the original motion as amended, seconded by Councilmember Polk, to approve the appointment of Ms. Grace Young to the Board of Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee along with the amendment to remove Mr. Ben Schreiner. The motion passed unanimously.

Parks and Trees Commission
Council, on motion by Councilmember Drakeford, second by Councilmember Long, followed by discussion, voted to approve the appointment of Kim B. Cates and Jane Miller to the Parks and Trees Commission. Voting in favor of the motion was Councilmember Drakeford. Those voting in opposition of the motion were Councilmember Polk, Councilmember Long, Councilmember Partin and Mayor Graham. The motion failed.

During further discussion Council agreed to vote on each nominee individually as follows:

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, second by Councilmember Long, voted to appoint Mrs. Susan White to the Parks and Trees Commission. Those voting in favor of the motion were Councilmember Polk, Councilmember Long, Councilmember Partin and Mayor Graham. Voting in opposition was Councilmember Drakeford. The motion passed.

Councilmember Polk made a motion to appoint Jane Miller to the Parks and Trees Commission. There being no second the motion failed.
Council, on motion by Councilmember Drakeford, seconded by Councilmember Long, voted to appoint Ms. Kim B. Cates to the Parks and Trees Commission. Those voting in favor of the motion were Councilmember Drakeford, Councilmember Long, Councilmember Partin and Mayor Graham. Voting in opposition was Councilmember Polk. The motion passed.

**ADJOURN**
There being no further business, Council on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:10 p.m.

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Brenda Davis, City Clerk

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Jeffrey R. Graham, Mayor

Attest: