



**City of Camden**  
South Carolina

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

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Tuesday, June 12, 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., (absent), 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 ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION**

Councilmember Patrick D. Partin gave the 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, followed by discussion, voted to amend the proposed agenda for June 12, 2012, City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. - adding an Executive Session to Item #9 to receive legal advice. After further discussion, Council voted unanimously to approve the proposed (amended) agenda for June 12, 2012, City Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Partin, voted unanimously to adopt the May 22, 2012, City Council Regular meeting minutes and the May 22, 2012 Work Session Meeting Minutes.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Mayor Graham on behalf of City Council recognized and congratulated Camden High School Class of 2012 Honor and Distinguished Honor Graduates. There were 32 Camden High School Honor and 35 Distinguished Honor Graduates. Those in attendance to receive special recognition were Henry Ravenel Dwight DeLoach, Jr, Emily Caroline Deal, Cynthia Nichole Piening, Alexis Dea Juanna Nelson, and Oluwakemi Margaret Balogun.



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**PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no public comments.

**CONSIDERATION OF BID AWARD**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Drakeford, seconded by Councilmember Partin, followed comments from City Manager Kevin Bronson, voted unanimously to approve the bid award for engineering services for the Village Renaissance Project, Phase II, to the Thomas & Hutton engineering group in the amount of \$69,000.

**LOCAL TAX FUND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FY 2012/2013**

Mr. Jonathan Bazinet, Chairperson of the Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee presented the Local Tax Fund Committee's recommendations to City Council.

After discussion and concerns from Council, Councilmember Polk made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Local Tax Fund Committee as presented to Council. There being no second, the motion failed.

Councilmember Polk made a motion to allocate \$5,000 from the Capital Contingency Fund to fund the Palmetto Conservation Foundation. There being no second, the motion failed.

During further discussion, Councilmember Partin made a motion to amend the Local Tax Fund Committee recommendations; reducing the Committee's recommendation of \$10,000 to the Kershaw County Chamber of Commerce to \$7,000, the Fine Arts Center – Ongoing Projects from \$15,000 to \$14,000, the National Steeplechase Museum from \$10,000 to \$9,000 and allocating the reduced funds to the Palmetto Conservation Foundation in the amount of \$5,000. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Drakeford and passed by vote of 3-1 with Councilmember Polk voting against.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**Historic Landmarks Commission**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Partin, second by Councilmember Drakeford, followed by discussion, voted unanimously to accept the appointment of Mr. William Charles Russell Major to the City of Camden Historic Landmarks Commission with term to expire on August 31, 2014.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Partin, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. to receive legal advice.



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**REGULAR SESSION**

Council unanimously agreed to re-enter regular session at 7:10 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session however Mayor Graham asked if there was a motion to be made by Council.

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Partin, voted unanimously to accept a deed from the property owners of 810 18<sup>th</sup> Street as reimbursement for City of Camden tearing down their dilapidated, uninhabitable house on 810 18<sup>th</sup> Street.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Partin, voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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Jeffrey R. Graham, Mayor

Attest:

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Brenda Davis, City Clerk