

**City of Camden**  
South Carolina

**MINUTES**

**CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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Tuesday, October 23, 2012

6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

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Mayor Jeffrey R. Graham; Councilmember Patrick D. Partin (absent); 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; Chronicle-Independent Reporter Martin Cahn and interested citizens.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION**

Mayor Jeffrey R. Graham 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 AGENDA**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Long, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, voted unanimously to amend the agenda to include an item - "other business" on the agenda due to no Work Session scheduled for October 23, 2013.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

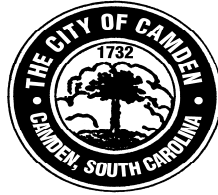
Council, on motion by Councilmember Long, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, voted unanimously to adopt the October 9, 2012, Work Session Meeting Minutes and the October 9, 2012, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

**PROCLAMATION**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Long, voted unanimously to proclaim the week of October 28<sup>th</sup> – November 3<sup>rd</sup> as Environmental Systems Operators Week.

**PROCLAMATION**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, followed by discussion, voted unanimously to proclaim the month of October as Spinal Health Month. Dr. James Smith, Gail Smith and their daughter Giana Smith were in attendance to receive the proclamation.



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**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Mr. Ross Beard, Military collector of various items and a substantial collection of firearms presented to council his vision and plans to possibly partner with the City to open a museum in downtown Camden to showcase/exhibit his collection. Mr. Beard's thorough presentation included a display various firearms with a brief history behind each item.

There was general discussion from Council regarding this matter.

The thought of Council is that while the concept of a museum to house the collection in Camden is commendable, too few details as to its feasibility are known at the current time.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**Tray Dunaway**, 1413 Mill Street spoke during the public forum regarding his concerns on hospitality taxes and suggested that hospitality taxes be used to help with the proposal by Mr. Ross Beard.

**Helen Crolley**, 677 Red Fox Rd spoke regarding her concerns on the proposed sports complex, hospitality taxes and the proposed YMCA.

**Paddy Bell**, 2 Pinetop Road, spoke during the public forum regarding her concerns on several issues to include Monday's mayoral debate and the upcoming election.

**Likie Beleos** spoke in support of Mr. Ross Beard's presentation and proposal in which he noted he has offered Mr. Beard space at 1015 Broad Street for the museum.

**Peter Porath** spoke in support of Mr. Ross Beard's proposal to the City to open a museum downtown Camden.

**Karin Jenkins**, 618 Laurens Street, spoke during the public forum in support of the proposed sports complex.

**Peggy Ogburn**, 413 Hampton Street, spoke during the public forum on her concerns for the use of the former Camden Middle School site.

**RESOLUTION #12-023**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Long, voted unanimously to approve a Resolution authorizing consumption of beer and wine at "Horsing Around at the Town Green".



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**ORDINANCE #12-024 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Council member Polk, seconded by Councilmember Long, followed by comments from Assistant City Manager Mel Pearson and discussion from Council, voted unanimously to approve an Ordinance amending the Business License Ordinance Provisions for Insurance Companies.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Long, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 7:37 pm to receive legal advice from interim City Attorney and to discuss a personnel matter regarding a city employee.

**REGULAR SESSION**

Council unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 8:15 pm. No action was taken during Executive Session; however Mayor Graham read a resignation letter received by City Manager Kevin Bronson during Executive Session. City Manager Kevin Bronson tendered his resignation from the position of city manager effective January 3, 2012. Mr. Bronson plans to work for the City of Rock Hill. There was general discussion from Council regarding this matter. Resignation letter from City Manager, Kevin Bronson attach to these minutes.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Long spoke regarding his concerns on public comments received over the past several months.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Long, voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Attest:

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Jeffrey R. Graham, Mayor

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Brenda Davis, City Clerk