



City of Camden
South Carolina

MINUTES

CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 27, 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 (absent), 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

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 MINUTES

Council, on motion by Councilmember Partin, seconded by Councilmember Long, voted unanimously to adopt the November 27, 2012, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

PUBLIC FORUM

Katherine R. Brown, 1707 Lyttleton Street, spoke during the public forum to say “thank you” to Council for their dedicated services. Ms. Brown also personally thanked outgoing Mayor Graham and Councilmember Partin for their dedicated support of Camden and also for delivering their platform promises during their tenure on Council.

Paddy M. Bell, 2 Pinetop Road, spoke during the public forum regarding her concerns of Council acknowledging the results of the referendum question for the election of November 6, 2012 via Resolution. Ms. Bell also stated that she looks forward to the city dismissing the lawsuit against the Camden Recreation Referendum Coalition.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFIED ELECTION RESULTS 2012

Mr. Bruce Little, Chairman, Camden Election Commission presented the 2012 official election results to Council as follows:

We, the Municipal Election Commission of the City of Camden, hereby certify the following official results for the election of November 6, 2012:



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Mayor

Jeffrey R. Graham	1,759
*Anthony P. Scully	1,846
Write-ins:	5

City Council

*Alfred Mae Drakeford	1,572
*Laurie M. Parks	1,587
Johnny M. Deal	1,383
Peggy R. Ogburn	1,366
Write-ins:	21

Local Question

City of Camden Recreation Facility

Yes	1,687
*No	1,936

*declared winners

ORDINANCE #12-025 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Partin, voted unanimously to approve second reading of an Ordinance accepting a petition for annexation of 120 Welsh Street.

ORDINANCE #12-026 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Partin, voted unanimously to approve second reading of an Ordinance accepting a petition for annexation of 203 Welsh Street.

ORDINANCE #12-027 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Partin, voted unanimously to approve second reading of an Ordinance accepting a petition for annexation of 206 Welsh Street.



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RESOLUTION #12-024

Council, on motion by Councilmember Long, seconded by Councilmember Partin, followed by comments from City Manager Kevin Bronson and discussion from Council, voted unanimously to approve a Resolution to declare and acknowledge the results of a referendum conducted in the City of Camden, South Carolina on November 6, 2012.

APPROVAL OF LEADER’S LEGACY RECOGNITIONS

Council, on motion by Councilmember Partin, seconded by Councilmember Long, followed by discussion, voted for the approval of Leader’s Legacy Recognition for the following individuals: Austin Sheheen, Sr., James L. Anderson, Philip S. Minges, Jr., Ruby Minton, and Dr. Paul Joseph, Sr.

During discussion, Councilmember Polk voiced his concerns about the approval of the Leader’s Legacy Recognitions; stating he was concerned about budgetary considerations and the procedures of the nomination forms. Councilmember Polk then made a motion to table the approval of the Leader’s Legacy Recognitions. There being no second, the motion failed.

After general discussion and questions from Council regarding this matter, Councilmember Polk stated that “in the interest of trying to bring closure to issues in this community - over my objections - I will support the nominations about the process and the budgetary matter”.

Council voiced some other concerns and then Mayor Graham called for question on the original motion made by Councilmember Partin, seconded by Councilmember Long for the approval of Leader’s Legacy Recognition for the following individuals: Austin Sheheen, Sr., James L. Anderson, Philip S. Minges, Jr., Ruby Minton, and Dr. Paul Joseph, Sr. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Councilmember Long made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Partin, to approve the reappointment of Mr. Johnny Deal to the Planning Commission with term to expire on August 31, 2016.

During discussion, Councilmember Polk motioned to table the reappointment of Mr. Johnny Deal to the Planning Commission, seconded by Councilmember Partin. After further discussion, those voting in favor of the motion to table were Councilmember Polk. Voting in opposition of the motion to table was Councilmember Long, Councilmember Partin and Mayor Graham. The motion to table failed.

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reappoint Mr. Johnny Deal to the Planning Commission. Those voting in favor of the original motion were Councilmember Long, Councilmember Partin and Mayor Graham. Those voting in opposition of the original motion were Councilmember Polk. The motion passed.

Councilmember Long made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Partin, to approve the reappointment of Ms. Mable Allen to the Board of Zoning Appeals with term to expire on August 31, 2016.

During discussion, Councilmember Polk motioned to table the reappointment of Ms. Mable Allen to the Board of Zoning Appeals. There being no second, the motion to table failed.

Council voiced some other concerns and then Mayor Graham called for question on the original motion made by Councilmember Long, seconded by Councilmember Partin to reappoint Ms. Mable Allen to the Board of Zoning Appeals with term to expire on August 31, 2016. Those voting in favor of the motion were Councilmember Long, Councilmember Partin and Mayor Graham. Those voting in opposition of the motion were Councilmember Polk. The motion passed.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Council recognized Councilmember Patrick D. Partin for his twelve years of service. He was presented a captains chair engraved with his name, the City seal and his dates of service.

Council recognized Mayor Jeffery R. Graham for his four years of service. He was presented a captains chair engraved with his name, the City seal and his dates of service.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Partin, voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Attest:

Walter M. Long, Jr., Councilmember

Brenda Davis, City Clerk