



City of Camden  
South Carolina

CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION MINUTES

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Tuesday, February 14, 2012

5:00 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

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**PRESENT**

Mayor Jeffrey R. Graham  
Councilmember Patrick D. Partin  
Councilmember Walter M. Long  
Mayor Pro-Tem Alfred Mae Drakeford  
Councilmember X. Willard Polk (absent)

City Manager W. Kevin Bronson  
Assistant City Manager Mel Pearson  
City Clerk Brenda Davis  
City Attorney Charles Cushman  
Chronicle-Independent Reporter Martin Cahn  
and interested Citizens

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jeffrey R. Graham called the Camden City Council Work Session to order at 5:00 p.m.

**WELCOME – STATE ETHICS COMMISSION (2012 Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) REPORT) -** City Manager Kevin Bronson informed Council that their statement of Economic Interest forms are due before April 15, 2012 to the States Ethics Commission.

City Manager Kevin Bronson also informed Council Members of the 2012/2013 Budget Development Schedule. (See attached Memo- **RE:** 2012/2013 Budget Development Timetable.) There was general discussion regarding this matter.

**LONG TERM DEBT ANALYSIS – Mel Pearson**

Assistant City Manager Mel Pearson presented Council with a brief update regarding the City's projected annual debt service requirement, loan balances, terms and interest rates. Assistant City Manager Mel Pearson added that the City's current debt coverage ratio, as of June 30, 2011, was 2.31. New debt will reduce the ratio to approximately 1.22. The utility fund business model that Council has adopted, with rate increases, will maintain the debt coverage at a minimum level 1.20 or slightly greater. There was general discussion regarding this matter. See attached Memo **RE:** Projected Debt in the Utility Fund.

**ANNUAL POLICE REPORT - Chief Joseph Floyd**

Chief Joseph Floyd presented Council with the annual update of 2010/2011 calendar year activities in the City limits of Camden. Chief Floyd presentation to Council addressed the various types of criminal activity to which officers of the Camden Police respond, a traffic accident yearly summary by Day of Week and time of Day, Special Events coverage report, Use of Force reports summary, the general daily duties of the Uniformed Patrol



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Division and Personnel Turn-Over report. There was general discussion regarding this matter. Please refer to Camden Police Department 2011 Statistical Summary Report.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Drakeford reported she attended the Santee-Lynches Council of Governments (S-LCOG) meeting and applications to apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for improvements on infrastructure will soon be available. There was general discussion regarding this matter.

Councilmember Drakeford also asked for support in attending the February 24, 2012, unveiling of the Monroe Boykin Historic Marker. The unveiling ceremony will be held February 24, 2012 at 11:45 a.m. in Boykin Park.

Mayor Graham briefly noted projects such as Broad Street road diet, utility undergrounding at commerce alley, parking improvements and others in which he thought staff should have some direction from Council in starting and completing the projects. There was general discussion regarding this matter.

Mayor Graham also asked staff to develop policy & procedures on a Leaders Legacy Recognition Program recognizing community leaders through benches placed in City of Camden parks.

There was no other business from Councilmember Long and Councilmember Partin.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Council, on motion by Councilmember Drakeford, seconded by Councilmember Partin, voted unanimously to adjourn the Work Session 6:15 p.m.

Attest:

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Mayor, Jeffrey R. Graham

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Brenda Davis, City Clerk