



City of Camden  
South Carolina

CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION MINUTES

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Tuesday, May 8, 2012

4:30 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

City Manager W. Kevin Bronson  
Assistant City Manager Mel Pearson  
City Clerk Brenda Davis  
City Attorney Charles Cushman (absent)  
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 4:30 p.m.

**WELCOME** –City Manager Kevin Bronson welcomed Council to the May 8, 2012 City Council Work Session.

**LEADER’S LEGACY RECOGNITION PROGRAM –Bronson**

City Manager Kevin Bronson presented Council with an update regarding the Leader’s Legacy Recognition Program that will honor city and community leaders for significant or legacy contributions made to the City of Camden. Staff created a Leader’s Legacy program that would correspond with Council’s articulated desires during the January 24, 2012, Strategic Planning work session. City Manager Kevin Bronson reviewed the highlights of the presented program as noted in the memo dated May 3, 2012 **RE:** Leader’s Legacy Recognition Program.

There was general discussion regarding this matter with the entire Council agreeing to direct staff to move forward with implementing the program. Councilmember Polk suggested the Parks and Trees Commission review the program. Council agreed to forward the program by email to the Parks and Trees Commission for their input and review.

Please refer to memo dated May 3, 2012 **RE:** Leader’s Legacy Recognition Program and the Leader’s Legacy Recognition Program draft policy dated May 1, 2012.



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**KERSHAW COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX COMMISSION-Bronson**

City Manager Kevin Bronson gave an overview of the Kershaw County Capital Project Sales Tax Commission created by Kershaw County to Select Capital Projects to be Funded by Proposed Local Sales Tax. City Manager Kevin Bronson explained that Council has the option to appoint two members to the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission as authorized by the state statute controlling and then those two appointed members have the option to select a member, a resident from the city of Elgin or the city of Bethune or Council may elect to have Kershaw County Council appoint all three members.

During discussion Councilmember Alfred Mae Drakeford nominated Phyllis Hampton-Dye a retired military veteran who was a former candidate for City Council. Councilmember Polk nominated William H. Ferguson Jr. of Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina. Councilmember Patrick Partin nominated Theresa Alderson a former pediatrician who plans to return to practice in the near future. Mr. Partin also nominated Lee Inabinet a City of Camden resident.

**ONLINE STREAMING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS – Bronson**

City Manager Kevin Bronson presented an update of the online streaming of Council meetings. The Camden Media Company, IQM2 Intelligent Meeting Management and KM Video Productions were three entities that provided proposals to staff for broadcasting regular monthly public City Council meetings. Each entity provided different options for broadcasting as presented by City Manager Kevin Bronson and also described in the memo dated May 3, 2012 RE: Online Streaming of Council Meetings.

There was general discussion regarding this matter. Due to limited funds in the FY 2012/2013 budget there was agreement among Council to reconsider this item at a later date. Possibly in the next budget year.

Please refer to the memo dated May 3, 2012 **RE: Online Streaming of Council Meetings.**

**BOARDS AND COMMISSION UPCOMING VACANCIES – Bronson**

City Manager Kevin Bronson informed Council of the City's Boards and Commission upcoming vacancies; noting the boards and commission terms that have expired and/or are set to expire.

There was general discussion regarding this matter. Mayor Graham recommended staff contact all board members whose terms are set to expire and ask if they are still willing to serve and suggested posting all Boards and Commission vacancies in the local ad and on the city's website.



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**HOSPITALITY TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE- Bronson**

City Manager Kevin Bronson discussed the Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee Council created during their November 11, 2011, City Council meeting. Mr. Bronson reviewed the mission of the Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee and then there was general discussion from Council regarding this matter. Councilmember Polk nominated Mrs. Grace Young to serve on the Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee to replace Mr. Ben Schreiner who is serving on another Committee. Staff will include Mrs. Grace Young on the next agenda for consideration of an appointment to the Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Drakeford recapped and summarized some highlighted points from the Santee-Lynches Economic Forecast 2012-2013 meeting she attended.

Councilmember Partin discussed reviewed and discussed the Kershaw County Recreation Master Plan dated April 2012.

Mayor Graham discussed and recommended recognizing Camden High School Honor and Distinguished Graduates for their hard work and accomplishments. Council agreed to recognize the Honor Graduates at a future meeting.

Mayor Graham also discussed and recommended utilizing the Waste Water Treatment Plant as an environmental learning campus.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Council, on motion by Councilmember Long, seconded by Councilmember Partin, voted unanimously to adjourn the Work Session 6:00 p.m.

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Mayor, Jeffrey R. Graham

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Brenda Davis, City Clerk