



City of Camden  
South Carolina

CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION MINUTES

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Tuesday, June 26, 2012

4:30 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

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**PRESENT**

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

City Manager W. Kevin Bronson  
Assistant City Manager Mel Pearson (absent)  
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 June 26, 2012 City Council Work Session.

**INVITATION TO THE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION REGIONAL ADVOCACY MEETINGS- Bronson**

Ten Regional Advocacy Meetings will be hosted by the Municipal Association in August and September at various locations. Each meeting begins at 11 a.m., to discuss new laws that went on the books in 2012 and how they affect each city or town. The meeting will also discuss the 2013-2014 legislative agenda.

For additional information please refer to letter dated June 15, 2012 - **RE:** Invitation to the Municipal Association Regional Advocacy Meetings.

City Manager Kevin Bronson presented the item to the City Council.

**CONSIDERATION OF PETITION FOR ANNEXATION-Bronson**

A Petition for Annexation for the proposed Chick-fil-A restaurant was presented to Council. During discussion, City Council affirmed their expressed desires to approve the Petition for Annexation for the proposed Chick-fil-A Parcel, containing 1.08 acres, that will be subdivided from Tax Parcel #283-00-00-040 which is current K-Mart Site with an address of 2209 W. DeKalb Street (US Hwy #1), Camden, SC 29020. The deed reference for the K-Mart site is book 2149, page 194, and the current land owner is listed as Wateree Associates, LLC, a South Carolina Limited Liability Company.



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Mayor Graham recused himself from Council discussion due to conflict of interest. Mayor Graham is one of the three realtors from three realty firms involved in the transaction of the property. See attach Recusal Statement dated June 26, 2012.

City Manager Kevin Bronson presented the item to the City Council.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH KERSHAW COUNTY FOR TOURISM PROMOTIONS- Bronson**

An Intergovernmental agreement entered into pursuant to the laws of State of South Carolina by and between the City of Camden and Kershaw County was presented to City Council. The proposed agreement is an effort to combine Kershaw County and the City of Camden accommodation tax revenues pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws to provide for the employment of a tourism development director and, if any, combine a portion of their accommodation tax revenues which portion is the portion required by the South Carolina Code of Laws Section 6-4-10(3) to be allocated to a special 30% fund for advertising and promotion and a portion of the local accommodation tax revenue. The combined efforts of a tourism development director would enhance tourism within the city and within the County and will be cost effective for each jurisdiction as well as the citizens of each jurisdiction. The proposed agreement prescribes the following terms and conditions:

1. That the City of Camden and Kershaw County will combine a portion of their accommodation tax revenues to enhance tourism in Kershaw County and the City of Camden by hiring a tourism development director.
2. That Kershaw County agrees that during the term of this agreement it will hire a tourism development director to coordinate tourism efforts between the City and the County.
3. That the City and County agree that the tourism development director will be an employee of Kershaw County subject to the requirements of the Home Rule Act as a Kershaw County employee and will be an employee at will.
4. That Kershaw County agrees through the county administrator to keep the City of Camden informed as to the tourism efforts by so informing the City Manager.
5. That the City and County agree to appropriate in each fiscal year in the City budget and the County budget funds required by Section 6-4-10(3) for designated tourism efforts.

Provided that the City and the County agree that this agreement is subject to and conditioned on the appropriation of funds in the City's budget and the County's budget for each fiscal year.



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- That the City and County agree to notify each other in the event either jurisdiction alters its budgetary appropriations of the funds received pursuant of Section 6-4-10(3).
6. That the County and the City agree that they may each consider additional funding to provide for tourism efforts.
  7. That the City and County agree that the tourism director, if any, will coordinate the tourism efforts of the County and the City.
  8. That the County and the City agree that pursuant to Section 6-4-10(3) they will allocate money to a special fund to be used only for advertising promotion of tourism as provided in Section 6-4-10(3) and that the City and County each hereby designate each respective jurisdiction as the tourism agency or organization as provided for.
  9. That the County will report to the City no later than September 1<sup>st</sup> after each fiscal year so that each jurisdiction can report to the State ATAX Committee by October 1<sup>st</sup> that the funds were used as required by law.
  10. That this agreement is subject to the requirements of Section 6-4-5, et seq. of the South Carolina Code.

City Manager Kevin Bronson presented the item to the City Council.

There was lengthy discussion regarding this matter. City Council will consider passing the intergovernmental agreement and a resolution designating the County to be the receiving agency for the City's Accommodations Tax Funds at their next regular city council meeting - July 10, 2012.

**Proposed Improvements to Designated Truck Routes and Broad Street in Camden, SC - Kershaw County.** City Manager Kevin Bronson informed City Council of the July 10, 2012 truck bypass/road diet Public Hearing from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria/Commons Area at Camden High School, 1022 Ehrenclou Drive, Camden, South Carolina.

**BOARD OF ARCHITECTUARAL REVIEW – Shawn Putman**

City Planner Shawn Putman opened discussion regarding the proposed language to create a Board of Architectural Review as well as revise regulations of the Camden Historic Landmarks Commission to convert to a Board of Architectural Review, and to comply with the Certified Local Government (CLG) program.



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There was lengthy discussion regarding this matter with Council voicing their concerns on the components and requirements of the Certified Local Government (CLG) program and the design guidelines for the proposed Board of Architectural Review.

During further discussion, Council agreed to discuss the matter further at another Council Work Session.

For additional information, please refer to memo dated May 17, 2012 **RE:** Board of Architectural Review and Staff Report – Ordinance Text Amendment Prepared by Shawn Putman dated May 8, 2012.

City Manager Kevin Bronson confirmed that staff will bring the topic back on at a future Work Session with more details/revisions on the items/issues of creating a Board of Architectural Review.

**OTHER BUSINESS – Council**

Councilmember Long requested staff provide an update on the ongoing underground projects at the next regular council meeting.

Mayor Graham provided information on the South Carolina Home Ownership Program hosted by Camden First United Church.

Mayor Graham requested staff provide information in reference to the cost of organizing a community survey.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Work Session at 6:00 p.m.

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Mayor, Jeffrey R. Graham

Attest:

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Brenda Davis, City Clerk