



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford
Mayor Pro Tem Joanna B. Craig
Councilmember (seat vacant)
Councilmember Stephen R. Smoak
Councilmember Hamilton Boykin
City Clerk Brenda Davis

City Manager Matt DeWitt
Assistant City Manager Caitlin Young
Attorney Lawrence Flynn (absent)
Chronicle-Independent Martin Cahn
and interested citizens

Mayor-Elect Vincent Sheheen, Councilmember-Elect Phil Elliott, Councilmember-Elect William Wilkes

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford called the Camden City Council Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford opened the council meeting with the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously to adopt the regular meeting minutes of November 26, 2024.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

The swearing-in ceremony for Mayor-Elect Vincent Sheheen, Councilmember – Elect Phil Elliott and William Wilkes was held and read by Judge Tommy Morgan, each member was sworn in and took their seats on the dais thereafter.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Council, on motion by Councilmember Boykin, seconded by Councilmember Wilkes, voted unanimously to approve the proposed agenda as presented for December 10, 2024, meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Vincent Sheheen recognized and presented a Keys to the city to the outgoing Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford, Mayor Pro Tem Joanna B. Craig, and Councilmember Stephen R. Smoak.

Following a proclamation read and presented to Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford for her distinguished twenty plus year career with the City of Camden.



CONSENT AGENDA

Council, on motion by Councilmember Boykin, seconded by Councilmember Elliott, voted unanimously to approve the following consent items.

- 2025 City Council meeting schedule
- 2025 Holiday Schedule

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM

Council on motion by Councilmember Boykin, seconded by Councilmember Wilkes, voted unanimously to postpone the election of Mayor Pro Tem until after the special election when all council seats are filled.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Donny Supplee of United Way of Kershaw County spoke during the comment period thanking the outgoing and new councilmembers for their willingness to serve the community. Mr. Supplee also mentioned City Manager Matt DeWitt and Chief Jack Rushing on their commitment bettering the community.

Council/Staff Topics

City Manager Matt Dewitt mentioned that Councilmember Wilkes will roll off of the Board of Zoning Appeals commission due to being elected to serve as Councilmember. Mayor Vincent Sheheen recommended staff prepare a short summary of vacancies on all boards and Commissions.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 6:01 pm.

Mayor Vincent Sheheen

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk