



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Vincent Sheheen
Mayor Pro Tem (seat vacant)
Councilmember Hamilton Boykin
Councilmember Phil Elliott
Councilmember William Wilkes
City Clerk Brenda Davis

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vincent Sheheen called the Camden City Council Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Mayor Vincent Sheheen opened the council meeting with the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Councilmember Elliott, seconded by Councilmember Wilkes, voted unanimously to adopt the regular meeting minutes of December 10, 2024.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Council, on motion by Councilmember Boykin, seconded by Councilmember Elliott, voted unanimously to approve the proposed agenda as presented for January 7, 2025, meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Vincent Sheheen along with council recognized and presented the following with certificates for their outstanding efforts in responding to a Citizen in need in a time of crisis: Chief Eddie Gardner, Asst. Chief Chris Tidwell, Capt. Jake Mertz, Engineer Vance Outlaw, Engineer Jaylyn Forbes, CPD Chief Jack Rushing, CPD Cpl. Keith Norris, Municipal Election Commission Chairman Bruce Little, and Phil Elliott (Councilmember /former Deputy Fire Chief).

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Resolution #2025-001 Council's goal setting session for FY' 26

ORDINANCE #2025-001 1st Reading

Council moved to table first reading of Ordinance #2025-001 by moving it to the next meeting by desire to study the ordinance further as it relates to amending and restating



certain sections of the city’s code of ordinances related to annexation; approving and updated utility service contract and annexation covenant.

ORDINANCE #2025-002 1st Reading

Council on motion by Councilmember Elliott, seconded by Councilmember Wilkes, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance of the City of Camden, South Carolina amending and restating section 30.36(A) of the City’s code of Ordinances; and other matters related thereto.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No Public Comments.

Council/Staff Topics

City Manager Matt Dewitt discussed and provided an update on two upcoming projects – The Utility Adopts AMI (advance metering integration), city finance software upgrade, which will help improve several issues regarding utility service billing errors. In addition to upcoming projects the city is working on implementing and enforcing the International Property Maintenance Code.

Mayor Vincent Sheheen recognized Delia Davis, who is the only official candidate running for the vacant council seat. A special election will be held on February 18, 2025 for the City Council Seat. Mayor Sheheen next mentioned the formation of several committees as follow: Newly Mayor’s Cabinet consisting of the directors of the Arts Center of Kershaw County, Historic Camden Foundation and United Way of Kershaw County which will begin their first meeting in February. The announcement of the formation of three task forces consisting of businesses and property owners focusing on the downtown area of the city. The second task force will be led by Councilmen Elliott, which will focus on Dusty Bend area and third task force will be led by Councilmember Wilkes which he will be a part of a joint committee with the county regarding equine industry.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 5:59 pm.

Mayor Vincent Sheheen

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk