



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Vincent Sheheen
Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton Boykin
Councilmember Delia J. Davis
Councilmember Phil Elliott
Councilmember William Wilkes
City Clerk Brenda Davis

City Manager Matt DeWitt
Assistant City Manager Caitlin Young
Attorney Lawrence Flynn
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

Councilmember Phil Elliott opened the council meeting with the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to adopt the regular meeting minutes of March 4, 2025.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Councilmember Elliott, voted unanimously to approve proposed agenda for March 18, 2025 meeting; as amended. Council added employee of the month recognition to the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Council along with staff recognized the following individuals:

Recognition of Employee Chris Anderson – American Legion Police Officer of the Year
Recognition of Employee Dean West – American Legion Firefighter of the Year
Recognition of Employee Jason Floyd –March 2025 Employee of the Month

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments.

PRESENTATION

Downtown Task Force – Rob Brown, Task Force Chair

Rob Brown, Task Force Chair presented a report listing several important long term ideas and changes they would like to see to help the city. Some of those ideas included: creating a social media ambassador for Camden, changing the lighting downtown, enforcing the “no through truck” traffic ordinance in the downtown area, and rehabbing buildings that are not in use. The task force also came up with a new tag line for Camden; Camden More Revolutionary - Historic, Horses, and Hospitality.



Dusty Bend Task Force – Ralph Cantey, Task Force Member

Ralph Cantey presented a brief report on ideas the task force came up with for the dusty bend area. Streetscape, curb appeal, revitalizing the area and making changes to some of the city ordinances were main goals the task force would like to see improved in the dusty bend area.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council unanimously approved the following consent items:

- Appointment of Wes Parks to the Planning Commission with term set to expire on August 31, 2025.
- A **Resolution #2025-004** encouraging equal opportunity housing and proclaiming April as Fair Housing month.
- A **Resolution #2025-005** authorizing consumption of beer and wine at Silver Leaf Cigar Street Festival.
- A **Resolution #2025-006** of the City of Camden to authorize a first amendment to lease purchase contract, and other matters relating thereto. (Draw Down from \$2,500,000 2024 Loan)
- A **Resolution #2025-007** consenting to the annexation of four parcels on Old River Road; and other matters related thereto. (1095 Old River Road, 1095A Old River Road, 1099 Old River Road and 1101 Old River Road)

ORDINANCE #2025-006 2nd Reading

Council unanimously approved second reading of an ordinance of the City of Camden, South Carolina extending moratoriums on permits, approvals, or other authorizations for major subdivisions and multi-family developments within the city; amending such moratorium as it pertains to certain multi-family developments; and other matters relating thereto. (Proposed extension on city current development moratorium)

ORDINANCE #2025-007 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to make changes to ordinance amending certain provisions of article VII of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Camden pertaining to sign regulations; and other matters related thereto. (Consideration of approved amendment to the zoning ordinance related to requirements for temporary signs). Changes: change setback requirements from 10 feet to 3 feet. After discussion, council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, seconded by Councilmember Wilkes, voted unanimously to approve ordinance #2025-007 with amended changes to be reflected at the second reading of the ordinance.



ORDINANCE #2025-008 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, followed by discussion from council and clarification on resolution #2025-007 and ordinance #2025-008 from Attorney Lawrence Flynn, council voted unanimously to approve ordinance #2025-008 to annex four parcels on Old River Road and assign a zoning classification thereto; and other matters related thereto. (1095 Old River Road, 1095A Old River Road, 1099 Old River Road and 1101 Old River Road).

Staff/Council Topics

City Manager Matt DeWitt gave an update on the utility poles that will be removed in Dusty Bend area within the next two weeks.

Executive Session

Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 5:55 pm to discuss contractual matters related to proposed purchase of property. *Discussion of potential real estate transaction.*

REGULAR SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 6:26 pm. No Action Taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 6:28 pm.

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk

Mayor Vincent Sheheen

unofficial minutes