



## CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Tuesday, May 6, 2025

5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers - City hall

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### 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 (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

Councilmember Phil Elliott opened the council meeting with the invocation.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to adopt the regular meeting minutes of April 22, 2025.

### APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Council unanimously approved the proposed agenda after voting to amend agenda and add Council/Staff topics to the announcements, awards and special recognition, as motioned by Councilmember Elliott and seconded by Councilmember Wilkes.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- Employee of the Month of April - Donald Cauthen -Sanitation Department
- Camden Fire Department receives Fire Safe South Carolina Community Designation for the ninth consecutive year.
- An announcement was made regarding the planning and development survey, now available online in relation to the moratorium. Citizens are encouraged to participate in completing the survey and provide their feedback.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

- **Reushell Alexander**, county resident spoke in regards to the status of utility rates/electric bills. Mayor Sheheen reminded the public that there will be no increase in electric utility rates this year plus new meters will be installed over the next two years.
- **Kelly Fleming**, Camden Alumnae Delta Sigma Theta Sorority spoke in regards to the importance of civic engagement and look forward to collaborating to build a stronger City of Camden.



## **Presentation**

### **KC Trails program upcoming priorities – Tom Sliker and Bob Giangiorgi**

**Bob Giangiorgi** shared updated plans and the new development/activities that are going on across the county. Some highlights of the current trail project; working with North Central Middle School and the elementary school to do a walking trail around the perimeter of those two schools, interpretive signage for trails, and working with city to create an opportunity of a walking trail in Boykin and Kirkwood Park.

**Tom Sliker** shared 25 for 25 Trail project information (see copy of 25 for 25 Trail Projects for Healthy Community brochure on file for more information).

## **Consent Agenda**

Council unanimously approved the following consent items:

- Proclaimed May 2024 as Historic Preservation Month. William “Rusty” Major was in attendance to receive the proclamation.
- **Resolution #2024-014** approving a Voluntary Cleanup Contract with the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services for the property located at 1005 Lyttleton Street and 406 Rutledge Street in the City of Camden, South Carolina; and other matters related thereto.

## **Ordinance #2025-010 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Elliott, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance of the City of Camden, South Carolina amending Title XIII, Chapter 131 of the City’s Code of Ordinances to regulate the use of metal detectors on municipal property; and other matters related thereto.

## **Ordinance #2025-011 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance approving the financing of sewer system improvements to the combined Public Utility System of the City of Camden, South Carolina, through the borrowing of not exceeding five million five hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$5,525,000), plus capitalized interest, if any, from the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund, by agreement with the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority, pursuant to Title 48, Chapter 5, Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended; providing for the agreement to make and to accept a loan, the execution and delivery of a loan agreement between the City of Camden, South Carolina and the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority, the execution and delivery of a promissory Note from the City of Camden, South Carolina to the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority; and other matters relating thereto.



**Ordinance #2025-012 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Elliott, followed by comments from Chief Jack Rushing, voted unanimously to approve ordinance amending Title III, Chapter 34 of the City of Camden Code of Ordinances pertaining to the City of Camden Police Department; and other matters related thereto.

**Ordinance #2025-013 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Elliott, seconded by Councilmember Wilkes, voted to amend ordinance #2025-013 to delete section 131.05. Council on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, second by Councilmember Wilkes, voted unanimously to approve ordinance amending Title VII, Chapter 70 and 71, of the City of Camden Code of Ordinances pertaining to the City of Camden Traffic Code; deleting Title VII, Chapters 72, 74, and 75 in their entirety; and other matters related thereto, as amended.

**Ordinance #2025-014 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – (Carried over to next meeting)**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Elliott, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to carry over first reading of ordinance #2025-014 of the City of Camden, South Carolina, amending and restating sections 150.07 and 150.30 of the Camden, South Carolina Code of Ordinances with the most recent edition of the International Property Maintenance Code, subject to certain amendments, and other matters relating thereto to next meeting to be held on May 22, 2025. Councilmember Elliot motion, as discussed is to have a copy of the 2024 International Property Maintenance Code book on hand and reviewed in its entirety before approval of first reading.

**Ordinance #2025-015 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Elliott, seconded by Councilmember Wilkes, followed by comments from Chief Jack Rushing and council, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance of the City of Camden, South Carolina amending and restating Title IX, Chapter 96 of the City's Code of Ordinances: and other matters related thereto. (Noise)

**Executive Session**

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 6:20 pm to discuss proposed contractual arrangement related to proposed amendments to power purchase agreement and to discuss proposed expansion and/or provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body – incentives for potential brewery development.



## **REGULAR SESSION**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 7:00 pm.

## **Possible Actions after Executive Session**

1. Proposed amendments to power purchase agreement – NO ACTION TAKEN
2. Incentives for potential brewery development - Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, second by Councilmember Elliott, proposed a motion to direct staff to create an ordinance waiving capacity fees as an incentive for the brewery development. Council voted in favor of staff preparing an ordinance for first reading at upcoming council meeting. Mayor Sheheen and Councilmember Davis recused themselves from voting due a conflict of interest.

## **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:15 pm.

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Mayor Vincent Sheheen

Attest:

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Brenda Davis, City Clerk