



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, June 3, 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
Finance Director Danny Hollis
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 Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Elliott, voted unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 20, 2025. Mayor Pro Tem Boykin abstained from voting due to his absence at the May 20, 2025 meeting.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Councilmember Boykin, voted unanimously to approve June 3, 2025 proposed agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION – none

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- **Sarah Williams**, a concerned city resident, addressed Council about the algae issues plaguing Lake Wateree, requesting the city's funding and support in finding a solution to this environmental challenge.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council unanimously approved the following consent items:

- Proclamation proclaiming June 17, 2025, as 803Fresh Day (Douglas Furtrick)
- Improvement Guarantee – Oldfield Plantation Phase 2 - Townhomes



ORDINANCE #2025-016 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Councilmember Elliott, voted to approve an ordinance authorizing certain Economic Development Incentives; approving the

execution and delivery of an Inducement Agreement; and other matters relating thereto. (826 Broad Street and 826A Broad Street). Mayor Vincent Sheheen and Councilmember Davis recused themselves from voting due to conflict of interest.

ORDINANCE #2025-017 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Elliott, seconded by Councilmember Wilkes, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance providing for the recovery of cost to provide emergency services and fire protection, the adoption of fees and charges by the users thereof, and other matters related thereto.

BUDGET ORDINANCE #2025-018 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance approving the operating and capital budget for the City of Camden, South Carolina for fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2026; authorizing and implementing a schedule of rates and charges; and other matters related thereto.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 5:41 pm to discuss a personnel matter related to employment within the City Administrative Department.

REGULAR SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Elliott, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, unanimously agreed to re-enter regular session at 5:57 pm.

Possible Actions after Executive Session

1. First reading of an ordinance approving city manager contract.

Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted to approve an ordinance relating to the employment of the new city manager, and other matters relating thereto. After discussion, Council unanimously approved a two-year contract extension of the City Manager's employment contract, accompanied by a cost of living increase in pay.

**Council/Staff Topics**

City Manager Matt Dewitt mentioned the city was awarded a Rural Infrastructure Authority Grant in the amount of \$861,898 for storm water improvements for Laurens and Lyttleton Street.

Mayor Sheheen presented the newly designed City Council and City pins, featuring the iconic clock tower emblem. This symbolic gesture aimed to promote unity and pride among City officials and residents, highlighting the clock tower's significance as a beloved landmark.

ADJOURN

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

Mayor Vincent Sheheen

Attest:

City Clerk Brenda Davis