



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, July 1, 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 (absent)
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 Elliott, voted unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 17, 2025.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Council, unanimously approved the July 1, 2025 proposed agenda after agreeing to discuss consent items one by one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- Employee Year of Service Recognition for the following individuals
 - CFD Chief Eddie Gardner- 35 Years of Service
 - Charlie Robinson, Supervisor, Water and Sewer dept. – 20 Years of service
 - Brenda Davis, City Clerk/Permit Tech – 15 Years of Service
 - Leslie Bracey, Collector – Sanitation dept. – 10 Years of Service
 - CFD Lt. Billy Haynes – 5 Years of Service

Employees unable to attend are as follow: Shannon Roach, Finance dept. – 5 Years of Service; Bryan McLeod, Water Plant.–15 Years of Service; Duane Dykes, Utilities dept.-25 Years of Service; and Lee Rose, Water and Sewer dept.–25 years of service.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sally McInerney – of Fair Street spoke regarding her concerns of the proposed Camden Arts policy/ downtown mural. Sally was in favor of a proposed mural presented to the city for placement on the east side of the Little Theater, facing Bethesda Presbyterian Church.



Olivia Frazier, of Sycamore Road- Camden Hunt Junior Member also spoke in favor of the proposed mural presented to the city and asked council to support the Camden Hunt's multi-generational legacy.

PRESENTATION - Harvee L. White, Public Arts Coordinator SC Arts Commission spoke on behalf to the SC Arts Commission in support of the proposed Camden Arts Policy. Mrs. White noted that as a cultural district, Camden is required to submit a strategic cultural plan every five years, which could include a more detailed policy or plan for public art.

COUNCIL TO DISCUSS APPLICATION FOR MURAL AT 537 EAST DEKALB AND 506 EAST DEKALB

Council briefly discussed the proposed application for murals at 537 East DeKalb and 506 East DeKalb noting support for the mural but delaying any decisions until a public hearing is held.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council unanimously approved to **CARRY OVER** the following consent items until more information is provided:

1. **Resolution #2025-016**
Resolution accepting ownership of the streets within Bellehaven subdivision as well as the storm drainage, water and sewer systems within the rights-of-way said streets.
2. **Resolution #2025-017**
Resolution accepting ownership of streets within Eve's Garden subdivision as well as the storm drainage, water and sewer systems within the rights-of way said streets.
3. **Resolution #2025-018**
Resolution adopting Camden Public Art Policy and creation of the Camden Public Art Committee (CPAC); carry over until 1st meeting in August.

ORDINANCE #2025-020 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unamounisly to approve an ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds of the City of Camden, South Carolina, to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended, to provide for the payment thereof, and to provide for other matters related thereto.

Council/Staff Topics

City Manager Matt DeWitt introduced new City of Camden Public Information Officer Dawn-Marie Johnson.



ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 6:10 pm.

Mayor Vincent Sheheen

Attest:

City Clerk Brenda Davis