



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 5, 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 (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 July 15, 2025. Mayor Vincent Sheheen abstained from voting due to his absence at the July 15, 2025 meeting.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve the August 5, 2025 proposed agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

City Council recognized and presented proclamations to Miss Camden 2026 Emily Guadalupe Tamayo and Miss Camden's Teen Larkin Alexander.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Penry Gustafson spoke on behalf of several Kershaw County Republican organizations, informing citizens of Kershaw County about a free civics educational workshop where they could learn more about local government. For additional information, see handout titled "Local Civics Workshop 1.0 for Kershaw County, SC."

CONSENT ITEM

Council discussed the following amendments to the Camden Public Art Policy:

Amendment 1

Council, on motion by Mayor Sheheen, seconded by Councilmember Elliott, voted unanimously to approve the following amendment to Section 3 - What is Public Art?

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, SECTION 30-4-80, THE TIME, DATE, AND LOCATION OF THE MEETING WAS POSTED AND ALSO THE CHRONICLE INDEPENDENT NOTIFIED.



Add the following two sentences:

- Public Art does not include art fully contained in a building.
- Public Art does not include art as described in Section 3 that is not visibly accessible to the general public.

Amendment 2

Council, on motion by Mayor Vincent Sheheen, seconded by Councilmember Elliott, voted unanimously to approve the following amendment to Section 10 – Response to proposals.

Adding the following sentence:

- Visual public art shall mean paintings, murals, statues or similar art work.

Amendment 3

Council, on motion by Mayor Vincent Sheheen, seconded by Councilmember Elliott, voted unanimously to approve the following amendment to Section 10.1 – Conditions.

Add the following sentence:

- Nothing within this section suspends obligations under existing Camden City Code.

Council discussed Section 12 and recommend the word “may” be replaced with “shall”

Amendment 4

Council, on motion by Mayor Vincent Sheheen, seconded by Councilmember Elliott, voted unanimously to approve the following amendment to Section 13 – Appropriation of Funds for Public Art.

- Delete section 1 appropriation of funds.
- Delete section 2 as it relates to owners/developers.

Council, unanimously agreed to delete Section 13. Adding the following verbiage: as part of the budget planning process, funds may be designated for Public Art.

After further discussion, Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, voted unanimously to approve the Camden Arts Policy, as amended.

Council, voted unanimously to approve the following consent item:

1. **Resolution #2025-018** (carry over) Adopting Camden Public Art Policy and creation of the Camden Public Art Committee (CPAC)



ORDINANCE #2025-014 1st Reading (carry over)

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Boykin, followed by brief discussion, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance 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.

ORDINANCE #2025-021 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance amending the Business License Ordinance of the City of Camden, South Carolina; and other matters related thereto.

ORDINANCE #2025-022 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Wilkes, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance amending and restating certain provisions of Title III, Chapter 30, Sections 30.30 and 30.31 of the City of Camden Code of Ordinance pertaining to City Council Meetings; and other matters related thereto.

Council/Staff Topics

City Manager Matt DeWitt encouraged the public to utilize the Camden Connect App for updates on important events in the city.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting in honor and memory of Isla Frances Ford Graham. Council then separately adjourned in honor and memory of Caiden McGuff at 6:15 pm.

Mayor Vincent Sheheen

Attest:

City Clerk Brenda Davis