



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 7, 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 (**absent**)

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 Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 30, 2025.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Councilmember Elliott, voted unanimously to approve the October 7, 2025 proposed agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION - none

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gregory Simonson spoke about the new Sandhills District and announced that there will be a fundraiser at club 537 for Scouting America in which they are looking for guest speakers.

Rob Brown and Becky Rogers complimented staff and council on the new planning and zoning process. Rob/Becky then voiced their concerns on the Downtown Task Force in reference to the owners that don't keep buildings up overtime and buildings not up to code. Mr. Brown suggest the city follow Columbia and other town ordinances to properly enforce blight and safety of buildings downtown.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, seconded by Councilmember Wilkes voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 5:42 pm to discuss negotiation incident to proposed contractual arrangements. (Approval of Preliminary Plat)

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.



REGULAR SESSION

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, seconded by Councilmember Davis, unanimously agreed to re-enter regular session at 6:02 pm. No action taken.

CONSENT ITEMS

After discussion, Council unanimously approved the following consent items:

- Resolution #2025-025 authorizing consumption of alcoholic beverages at Pre-cup Downtown Block Party.
- Resolution #2025-026 authorizing consumption of alcoholic beverages at Camden Jazz Festival.
- Public Arts Committee appointments:

Lisa Adams
Vanessa Adams
Forrest Fortier

Dot Goodwin
Monica Laschanzky
Roland Matthews

ORDINANCE #2025-030 2nd Reading

Council on motion by Councilmember Davis, second by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Camden authorizing the purchase of real property and improvements from First Palmetto Bank; and other matters related thereto. Mayor Vincent Sheheen abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

ORDINANCE #2025-031 2nd Reading

Council on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, second by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance re-zoning property located at 402 Bishopville Highway (Parcel Number C286-00-00-019) and other matters related thereto.

ORDINANCE #2025-032 1st Reading

Council on motion by Councilmember Elliott, second by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, followed by comments from council, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance regulating vacant buildings within the City of Camden's downtown area and other matters related thereto.

ORDINANCE #2025-033 1st Reading

Council on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, second by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance approving an application for a special property tax assessment for a historic property; and other matters related thereto. (Property located at 511 Rutledge Street)

COUNCIL/STAFF TOPICS

- Clock Tower is repaired
- AMI Meter roll out will begin on Monday, October 13, 2025
- Two police officers are now dedicated to the downtown area



ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 6:25 pm.

Mayor Vincent Sheheen

Attest:

City Clerk Brenda Davis