



## CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Tuesday, October 21, 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 Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 7, 2025.

### APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, voted unanimously to approve the October 21, 2025 proposed agenda.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION - none

- Employee of the month of October – Wayne Caulder – Fire Department

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vanessa Adams of Campbell Street spoke in regards to adding a marker at the Police Department current location indicating it was once a library years ago and asked the city to check with the archives to review the history of 816 West DeKalb Street and mark the building accordingly.

### PRESENTATION

Tanisha Gibbons Executive Director Santee Wateree Regional Transportation Authority briefed council and the public on the Haigler Express; reporting that more people are riding the Haigler Express since its debut in August 2025 and that they will continue to pilot the program through November.

### CONSENT ITEMS

After discussion, Council unanimously approved the following consent items:

- Public Arts Committee appointment: Charleston Thompson
- Quarterly reports – Quarter 1 – July 2025- September 2025

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.



## **MURAL**

Council on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve a Mural to be place at 2538 Broad Street.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Vanessa Adams of Campbell Street spoke regarding her concerns of the vacant building ordinance as asked what the intent of the vacant property ordinance is and what's the incentive - more punitive or productive?

## **ORDINANCE #2025-032 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council on motion by Mayor Vincent Sheheen, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

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

## **ORDINANCE #2025-034 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Council on motion by Councilmember Davis, second by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance amending section 71.16 of title VII in the City of Camden Code of Ordinances; and other matters relating thereto; (update to truck route ordinance to align signage with ordinance verbiage)

## **ORDINANCE #2025-035 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Council on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, second by Councilmember Elliott, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance to authorize the granting of an easement by the City of Camden to Camden Rutledge properties, LLC. (Property located at 511 Rutledge Street)

## **COUNCIL/STAFF TOPICS**

- Friday October 31, 2025 – City Hall first Candy Crawl
- October 21<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> precision sidewalk safety
- Trees downtown – city working to remove all stumps
- Feedback on speed in city limits
- Hobkirk Hill historic site grand opening will take place April – May 2026.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Councilmember Elliott, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 6:20 pm to discuss negotiation incident to proposed contractual matter regarding economic development activities.

## **REGULAR SESSION**

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, seconded by Councilmember Davis, unanimously agreed to re-enter regular session at 6:44 pm. No action taken.

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**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting in honor of William Ancrum Boykin, III at 6:45 pm.

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Mayor Vincent Sheheen

Attest:

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City Clerk Brenda Davis