



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 18, 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
Director of Communications Dawn-Marie Johnson
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 Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, voted unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 21, 2025.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, voted unanimously to approve the November 18, 2025 proposed agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- Employee of the month of November – Adam Watford – Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Recognition of David “Chico” Morales for his 25 years of service as law enforcement officer with the Camden Police Department
- Proclaimed November 20, 2025 as World Pancreatic Cancer Day
- Proclaimed December 5, 2025 as Arbor Day

PUBLIC COMMENTS

William Browning expressed his thanks to the City of Camden and to all individuals and departments whose guidance and support contributed to the success of the 2025 DockDogs event. He extended special thanks to Councilmember William Wilkes, Katharine Spadacenta, Dallas Rabon, as well as Chief Gardner and his team at the Fire Department for their invaluable assistance. William also acknowledged the support provided by Kershaw County, noting that the event’s accomplishments would not have been possible without the collective efforts of all involved.



Joanna B. Craig spoke proudly about Camden’s rich history, its historic homes and its distinctive architecture. Camden is known nationally for its landmark designations, including recognition as a National Historic Landmark and the presence of three National Register districts. Mrs. Craig presented council with a calendar highlighting unique anniversaries of notable properties, people, places, and events throughout the City of Camden.

CONSENT ITEMS

After discussion, Council unanimously approved the following consent items:

- Resolution #2025-028 authorizing consumption of alcoholic beverages at Camden Archive & Museum.

ORDINANCE #2025-034 2nd Reading

Council on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, second by Councilmember Wilkes, 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 2nd Reading

Council on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, second by Councilmember Davis, 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)

ORDINANCE #2025-036 1st Reading

Council on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, second by Councilmember Elliott, voted to approve the following amendments to an ordinance to amending Title XIII, Chapters 130, 131, and 133, of the City of Camden Code of Ordinance pertaining to general offenses: deleting Title XIII, Chapter 132, 134, and 135 in their entirety; and other matters related thereto.

Amendments to Section 130.04 Begging

- (7) Beg within 50 feet of any outdoor dining area or outdoor merchandise area.
- (10) Beg while the person being solicited is in a vehicle.
- (11) Beg after dark.
- Add the following sentence:
 - (12) Beg at a traffic intersection, which causes drivers to be distracted.

Council on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, second by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, voted to approve the following amendments to Ordinance #2025-036:

Amendments to Section 130.01 Begging

- (6) Beg within 50 feet of the entrance to any financial institution or any automated teller machine, regardless of whether or not such automate teller machine is located at or near a financial institution.
- (8) Beg within 50 feet of any transit stop or shelter or taxi stand.

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.



Discussion was held to revise Chapter 133: Weapons Control - Section 133.01 (B) (ii) **prior** to 2nd reading of the ordinance.

Council motion by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve ordinance #2025-036, as amended.

ORDINANCE #2025-037 1st Reading

Council on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, second by Councilmember Elliott, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance approving an application for Special Property Tax Assessment for historic property; and other matters related thereto. (*Property located at 1038 Broad Street*)

RESOLUTION #2025-027

Council on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, second by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve a Resolution authorizing certain amendments to the Financial Policies for the Combined Utility System of the City of Camden, South Carolina and other matters relating thereto.

COUNCIL/STAFF TOPICS

- Utility Pole replacement update
- UPA meter change outs are being install with no issues.
- Power bills were printed late for the month. Within the next year and half a new system will be in place, hopefully to avoid any issues with citizens receiving late power bills.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 6:13 pm to discuss contractual matter between the City of Camden and Arts Center of Kershaw County.

REGULAR SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Elliott, seconded by Councilmember Davis, unanimously agreed to re-enter regular session at 6:24 pm. No action taken.

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