



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers - City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Vincent Sheheen (**absent**)
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 Pro Tem Hamilton Boykin 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 Elliott, seconded Councilmember Wilkes, voted unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 2, 2025.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve the January 6, 2026 proposed agenda, after correcting a minor typo in Item Number 10.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- Certification of recognition was presented in celebration of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church 160th Anniversary.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Felicity Overturf spoke regarding her concerns and support of the changes to ordinance regarding fence heights and murals. Ms. Overturf concerns were revising the verbiage to define the requirements along with revision to the diagram listed with the ordinance.

CONSENT ITEMS

After discussion, Council unanimously approved the following consent items:

1. Approval of Leader's Legacy recognition benches for the following individuals:
 - Penny Pullum
 - Edward Manly Royall
 - Billy Jack Silver



2. **Resolution #2026-001** accepting ownership of the streets within Eve's Garden subdivision as well as the storm drainage, water and sewer systems within the right-of-way of said streets.
3. **Resolution #2026-002** accepting ownership of the streets within Bellehaven subdivision as well as the storm drainage, water and sewer systems within the right-of-way of said streets.

ORDINANCE #2025-038 2nd Reading

Council on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, second by Councilmember Elliott, followed by comments from Planning and Development Director Shawn Putnam, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance annexing property under 100% annexation method, and other matters related thereto. (*Property located at 146 Battleship Road and 154A Battleship Road*)

ORDINANCE #2026-001 1st Reading

Council on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, second by Councilmember Elliott, approved an ordinance amending chapter 152 of the City of Camden Code of Ordinances; and other matters related thereto. (*Flood Damage Prevention*)

ORDINANCE #2026-002 1st Reading

Council on motion by Councilmember Davis, second by Councilmember Wilkes, followed by comments from Planning and Development Director Shawn Putnam and council, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance amending certain provision of the City of Camden pertaining to overlay districts, designs standards, landscaping and buffer requirements; and other matters related thereto, after making a minor revision to the ordinance. (*Fence heights and murals*)

COUNCIL/STAFF TOPICS

City Manager Matt DeWitt introduced new hire Victoria Smith as the city new Finance Director.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting in honor of Lynn Rose at 6:05 pm.

Mayor Vincent Sheheen

Attest:

City Clerk Brenda Davis