



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 17, 2026,

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 Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 3, 2026.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Council, on motion by Councilmember Elliott, seconded by Councilmember Wilkes, voted unanimously to approve the March 17, 2026, proposed agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- Council recognized Johnny Deal for his 15 years of service on the Planning Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

William Browning of Lyttleton Street addressed Council regarding the Horse and Hound Expo, expressing sincere appreciation for the support previously provided through the Hospitality and Accommodations Tax Fund. He noted that the City's continued support has contributed to the success of the event. As they look ahead to upcoming activities, Mr. Browning respectfully requested continued support from the Hospitality and Accommodations Tax Fund. He emphasized that ongoing support would help ensure the Expo continues to deliver high-quality experience for participants, visitors, and the wider community.

AMI Progress and SCIIP Project Presentation

Director of Utilities and Public Works Jack Thornsberry updated Council on the ongoing progress of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project. Full implementation is slated for completion by early fall.

Thornsberry also noted that utility providers are expected to begin removing outdated power poles later this year following the completion of ongoing fiber and service transfers.

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.



Additionally, he reported continued progress on several key infrastructure projects, including water main replacements, construction of a new 500,000-gallon elevated water tank, and the development of a booster pump station.

CONSENT ITEMS

Council unanimously approved the following consent items:

Resolution #2026-005

A resolution authorizing consumption of alcoholic beverages at 24 hours of Lemons Downtown Block Party.

Resolution #2026-006

A resolution authorizing consumption of alcoholic beverages at CUP FEST Downtown Street Festival.

Resolution #2026-007

A resolution directing the planning commission to conduct the study required and an ordinance as required by the South Carolina Development Impact Fee Act, and other matters related thereto.

ORDINANCE #2026-006 2nd Reading

Council on motion by Councilmember Elliott, seconded by Councilmember Wilkes, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance to establish regulations for the operation of Golf Carts within the City of Camden, South Carolina, pursuant to section 56-2-90(c) of the code of laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended; to amend title VII, Chapter 72 of the City of Camden Code of Ordinances in connection therewith; and other matters related thereto.

ORDINANCE #2026-007 1st Reading

Council on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, second by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance amending certain provisions of title XV, Chapter 158 of the City of Camden Code of Ordinances pertaining to the Historic Landmarks Commission; and other matters relating thereto.

COUNCIL/STAFF TOPICS -none

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, second by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 5:58 pm to discuss the following:

- Receipt of legal advice as it concerns the city utility.

REGULAR SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Councilmember Davis, unanimously agreed to re-enter regular session at 6:20 pm. No action taken.



ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:21pm in honor of Betty Nelson Stewart.

Mayor Vincent Sheheen

Attest:

Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton Boykin

City Clerk Brenda Davis