



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, June 2, 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 Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, voted unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 19, 2026.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Councilmember Elliott, voted unanimously to approve the proposed agenda for June 2, 2026.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- Camden Police Department Officer Recognitions
 - J.H. Smith and I. Rodgers were promoted to the rank of Sergeant.
 - F. Acerra and J. Dover were promoted to the rank of Corporal.
 - Lt. J. Belote presented the officers with their new badges and collar brass and recognized Officer F. Acerra and Officer I. Rodgers with the Lifesaving Award for going above and beyond during an emergency response call in May. The ceremony also included a special moment when F. Acerra's son, S. Acerra, received a Junior Corporal pin.
 - Council presented a proclamation honoring Cathy Huffaman Forrester O'Dell and Pudn Cantey for devoting their time, resources, and talents to preserving and beautifying Rectory Square.
 - Council proclaimed the month of June 2026 as Amateur Radio Month.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

William "Rusty" Major expressed concerns regarding reinstating school crossing guard positions.



CONSENT ITEMS - none.

PUBLIC HEARING #1 – BUDGET

Council entered into a public hearing at 5:48 p.m. concerning the City’s annual budget for FY 2026-2027. After hearing no discussion or public comments, Council voted unanimously to close the public hearing at 5:49 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING #2 – FEES

Council entered into a public hearing at 5:49 p.m. to receive public comments related to certain fees and changes imposed by the City’s general fund and utility enterprise fund, including increases in water and sewer base rates and volume rates. After hearing no discussion or public comments, Council voted unanimously to close the public hearing at 5:50 p.m.

ORDINANCE #2026-011 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve the operating and capital budget for the City of Camden, South Carolina, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027; authorize and implement a schedule of rates and charges; and address other matters related thereto.

ORDINANCE #2026-012 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Councilmember Elliott, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance amending certain provisions of the City of Camden zoning ordinance pertaining to the creation of a new Historic Camden Zoning District and other matters related thereto.

ORDINANCE #2026-013 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Councilmember Elliott, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance allowing the rezoning of property located at Historic Camden and other matters related thereto.

COUNCIL/STAFF TOPICS

City Manager Matt DeWitt provided the following updates:

- State Revolving Fund grant award of \$725,000 to support a required study of treatment options for PFAS, commonly known as “forever chemicals,” at the water treatment plant
- Guidelines for posting election-season signage.
- Residents with concerns about AT&T restoration construction work are encouraged to contact AT&T directly for a quicker response.
- The Fourth of July Parade will be held Saturday, July 4, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.



ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Vincent Sheheen

Attest:

City Clerk Brenda Davis