CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 20, 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 (absent)
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 meeting with the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on a motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, voted unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 22, 2026.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Council, on a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve the proposed agenda for October 20, 2026.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION - none

PUBLIC COMMENTS

William Browning addressed Council and staff, thanking everyone for their efforts in making the Horse and Hound Expo weekend a success.

DUSTY BEND SMALL AREA MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION

Blake Sanders of Studio Main LLC presented a master plan for improving and revitalizing the Dusty Bend area. Developed over several months with input from various participants, the plan outlined a vision to make Dusty Bend a more welcoming gateway into Camden, strengthen the area's identity, support local businesses, and improve pedestrian safety throughout the district. Suggested improvements included a gathering space, new landscaping and signage, traffic-calming measures, and sidewalk upgrades.

PUBLIC HEARING PARKING ORDINANCE

Council entered into a public hearing at 5:53 p.m. regarding amending Title VII in the City of Camden Code of Ordinance to add Chapter 74 related to parking regulations; and other matters relating thereto. After hearing no discussion or public comments, Council voted unanimously to close the public hearing at 5:54 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET HEARING
Council entered into a public hearing at 5:55 p.m. to receive public comments regarding an ordinance of the City of Camden, South Carolina, authorizing a first amendment to Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget; and other matters relating thereto. After hearing no discussion or public comments, Council voted unanimously to close the public hearing at 5:56 p.m.

CONSENT ITEMS
Council unanimously voted to approve **Resolution #2026-013** of the City of Camden to authorize lease-purchase financing in an amount not exceeding seven hundred thousand dollars ($700,000), and other matters relating thereto.

ORDINANCE #2026-019 – 2nd Reading
Council, on a motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Councilmember Elliott, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance to enact Chapter 74 of Title VII (Traffic Code) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Camden, South Carolina, to restrict the operation of utility terrain vehicles on public roads within a defined area of the city; and other matters related thereto.

ORDINANCE #2026-020 – 2nd Reading
Council, on a motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance amending certain provisions of the zoning ordinance of the City of Camden pertaining to awnings; and other matters related thereto.

ORDINANCE #2026-021 – 2nd Reading
Council, on a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve amending Title VII in the City of Camden Code of Ordinances to add Chapter 74 related to parking regulations; other matters relating thereto.

ORDINANCE #2026-022 – 2nd Reading
Council, on a motion by Mayor Sheheen, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, made a motion to amend an ordinance of the City of Camden, South Carolina authorizing the first amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget; and other matters relating thereto.

The amendment reads as follows:

> From the $750,000 of First Phase expenditures authorized by the Amended Budget, such funds shall be applied as follows: (i) up to $250,000 may be used for engineering and related services; (ii) up to $250,000 may be used for property or easement acquisitions; and (iii) up to $250,000 may be used for building repairs and upgrades.

Council, on a motion by Councilmember Elliott, seconded by Councilmember Wilkes, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance of the City of Camden, South Carolina authorizing the first amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget; and other matters relating thereto, as amended.

ORDINANCE #2026-023 - 1st Reading
Council, on a motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Wilkes, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance to dissolve and abolish the Municipal Election Commission of the City of Camden, South Carolina; and other matters related thereto.

COUNCIL/STAFF TOPICS

- City Manager Matt DeWitt: City Hall Candy Crawl on October 30, from 1:30-4pm, November Council meeting will be held on November 10 at 6 p.m. and November 24 at 5:30 p.m.
- Chief Jack Rushing: Street Closure for Halloween

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Council, on a motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Elliott, voted unanimously to enter executive session at 6:11 p.m. to discuss the following:

- Discussion on possible annexation request related to community development
- Discussion on a legal matter concerning property liability

REGULAR SESSION

Council, on a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to re-enter regular session at 6:45 p.m.

No action was taken.

ADJOURN
There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. in honor of Russell Jennings "Rusty" Davis.

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Mayor Vincent Sheheen (via phone)

Attest:

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City Clerk Brenda Davis