



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, December 2, 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 Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, seconded Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 18, 2025.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Council, on motion by Councilmember Elliott, 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 December – Robert Truesdale – Public Works Department
- Employee Years of Service for the following individuals
 - Charles Drakford 25 years of service Public Works Department
 - David Enlow 20 years of service Wastewater Treatment Plant
 - Robert Truesdale 20 years of service Public Works Department -Streets
 - Carl Smith 15 years of service Police Department
 - Ty Smith 15 years of service Wastewater Treatment Plant
 - Oliver Ellerbee 10 years of service Public Works Department -Sanitation
 - Michael Bateman 5 years of service Fire Department
 - John Lyles 5 years of service Public Works Department -Sanitation
 - Tristan McCreatie 5 years of service Fire Department
 - Keith Norris 5 years of service Police Department
- **Amanda White**, statewide forensic nurse coordinator for the South Carolina Victim Assistance Network, presented the Camden Police Department with a SAFE Designation for its work in responding to sexual assault and human trafficking cases.

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.



PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments

CONSENT ITEMS

After discussion, Council unanimously approved the following consent items:

- 2026 City Council Meeting Schedule
- 2026 Holiday Schedule – Friday, June 19 – Juneteenth holiday was added
- Budget Calendar FY27

Election of Mayor Pro Tem for 2026

Council on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Elliott voted unanimously to re-elect Councilmember Hamilton Boykin as Mayor Pro Tem for 2026.

Proposed Mural for Gallery at 537 DeKalb Street

Council, on motion by Councilmember Boykin, seconded by Councilmember Elliott, unanimously agreed to send the application by Gallery 537 for a mural at 537 East DeKalb Street back to the Public Arts Committee to address the committee's recommendations due to the mural "proposed state". The following reason for the denial included: color palette indicated in the rendering, how much time drivers/passerby would be able to actually see and capture the nature of the image in its proposed state, the style of mural was replicated in multiple municipalities and locations, images included in the mural are uniquely representative of Camden, and the inclusion of a Native American icon, but need for room for additional diversity.

ORDINANCE #2025-036 2nd Reading

Council on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, 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 B (ii)

- Delete entire section

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

ORDINANCE #2025-037 2nd Reading

Council on motion by Councilmember Davis, second by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, 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*)



ORDINANCE #2025-038 1st 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*)

COUNCIL/STAFF TOPICS

- getting all lights to be functional
- December 4 annual tree lighting
- December 5 Arbor Day ceremony
- December 13 Kirkwood Community Center meeting regarding proposed new walking trail in Kirkwood Park.
- January 14, 2026 meeting at the Rev War Center regarding Sunnyhill pond
- City awarded \$476,000 grant for sewer upgrade on Rutledge and Church Street

Roof top lights – in process of

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