



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers - City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Vincent Sheheen (via phone)
Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton Boykin (absent)
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 Elliott, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 21, 2026.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Elliott, voted unanimously to approve the proposed agenda for May 5, 2026.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- Council proclaimed May 2026 as Historic Preservation Month. John Boykin, Historic Landmarks Commission member, was in attendance to receive the proclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Theandra Y. Walker of Cool Springs Drive voiced concerns about increased utility bills and asked what the Council could do to address the high electricity bills.

CONSENT ITEMS

Council voted unanimously to table the following item because the signage was already in place.

- **Polo Lane sign change.**

ORDINANCE #2026-010 1st Reading

Council on motion, by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Mayor Sheheen via phone, followed by discussion from council, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance annexing property under 100% annexation method and assigning a zoning classification thereto; and other matters related thereto.



COUNCIL/STAFF TOPICS

City Manager Matt DeWitt noted the following:

- Upcoming joint ribbon cutting ceremonies for new playground improvements at Boykin & Hampton Park on May 11 and ribbon cutting and unveiling of the newly developed Battle of Hobkirk's Hill on May 18, 2026.

Councilmember Davis recognized the following:

- Hickory Top Polo Classic held on April 25, 2026, was a success.
- The Camden-Kershaw Branch NAACP chapter was acknowledged for being in attendance and applauded them for hosting a vibrant 40th Freedom Fund Banquet.

Councilmember Elliott recognized the following:

- The success of the 24 hours of Lemons event that was held downtown Camden on April 24, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Elliott, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 5:45 pm to discuss the following:

- Discussion on contractual matters related to downtown hotel development.

REGULAR SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Elliott, unanimously agreed to re-enter regular session at 6:05 p.m. No action was taken.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Mayor Vincent Sheheen (via phone)

Councilmember William Wilkes

Attest:

City Clerk Brenda Davis