

CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers - City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Vincent Sheheen
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
Attorney Lawrence Flynn
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 Wilkes, voted to amend the minutes to replace the word read with “reviewed” as it relates to Ordinance #2025-014. The amended change shall read as follow “as discussed is to have a copy of the 2024 International Property Maintenance Code book on hand and reviewed in its entirety before approval”. Council unanimously approved the regular meeting minutes of May 6, 2025, as amended.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Council unanimously approved the proposed agenda after voting to amend agenda move item number XV and XVII before item numbers XIV and XVI (reversal order) as motioned by Councilmember Elliott and seconded by Councilmember Wilkes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- Employee of the month of May – Jennifer Scuteri– Rev War Center

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- **Michael Alexander**, city resident spoke on behalf of all concerned residents of the racetrack community on the following items:
 - Improvements to Boykin Park area
 - Tree limbs and bushes overlap public walkways
 - Repair of potholes throughout community
 - Household items pickup
 - Restroom facilities in Boykin Park

PRESENTATION

Donny Supplee made a presentation regarding United Way's updated and summary version of surveys that they conducted as part of their priority setting for their vision for 2027. Mr. Supplee presentation provided a clear picture of United Way's work and the success the city has helped them achieved. He also included pointers on how United Way and the City can work together to achieve greater success in our community.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council unanimously approved the following consent items:

- 2025 Historic Preservation Awards as follow:
 - Mark "Nick" Nickelson -1218 Mill Street – Renovation to a non-designated historic property.
 - Seth & Veronica Howell – 313 Green Street- John S. Lindsey Historic Landscape Preservation Award
 - Center Square LLC (B. Colson's) – Adaptive Re-Use of an Historic Property
 - Glen and Joan Inabinet – Education Excellence Award
 - Rob & Karen Brown – Community Impact Award
- Approval of appointment of Lisa Riente to the Parks and Trees Commission with term set to expire on May 31, 2028.
- Approval of the City Manager entering into agreement between KCSD and City regarding the property conveyance for the water tower and substation construction and assistance with the connector road.

ORDINANCE #2025-012 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Elliott, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance amending Title III, Chapter 34 of the City of Camden Code of Ordinances pertaining to the City of Camden Police Department; and other matters related thereto.

ORDINANCE #2025-013 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve ordinance amending Title VII, Chapter 70 and 71, of the City of Camden Code of Ordinances pertaining to the City of Camden Traffic Code; deleting Title VII, Chapters 72, 74, and 75 in their entirety, deleting section 131.05 if Title XIII; and other matters related thereto, as amended.

ORDINANCE #2025-015 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Mayor Sheheen, seconded by Councilmember Davis made a motion to remove the provision in reference to the sound meter. Councilmember Davis the motion. Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Wilkes, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance of the City of Camden, South Carolina amending and restating Title IX, Chapter 96 of the City's Code of Ordinances: and other matters related thereto, as amended. (Noise)

ORDINANCE #2025-016 1st Reading (Carried over to next meeting due to lack of quorum/signed recusal statements from Mayor Sheheen and Councilmember Davis)

Ordinance authorizing certain Economic Development Incentives; approving the execution and delivery of an Inducement Agreement; and other matters relating thereto. (826 Broad Street and 826A Broad Street).

ORDINANCE #2025-017 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Wilkes, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance providing for the recovery of cost to provide emergency services and fire protection the adoption of fees and charges by the users thereof, and other matters related thereto

PUBLIC HEARING – (NO PUBLIC COMMENTS)

Public Hearing was held to receive public comments concerning the enactment of an ordinance imposing certain service and user fees for emergency services and planning and zoning services.

BUDGET ORDINANCE #2025-018 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Elliott, seconded by Councilmember Wilkes, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance approving the operating and capital budget for the City of Camden, South Carolina for fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2026; authorizing and implementing a schedule of rates and charges; and other matters related thereto.

PUBLIC HEARING – (NO PUBLIC COMMENTS)

Public Hearing was held to receive public comments concerning approval of the operating and capital budget for the City of Camden, South Carolina for fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2026; authorizing and implementing a schedule of rates and charges; and other matters related thereto.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 6:30 pm to discuss a personnel matter related to employment within the City Administrative Department and discussion on possible appointment to the Planning Commission.

REGULAR SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Wilkes, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 7:08 pm.

Possible Actions after Executive Session

1. Employment in City Administrative Department (NO ACTION TAKEN)
2. Planning Commission appointment (NO ACTION TAKEN)

Council/Staff Topics – None

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting in honor and memory of Derrick Nathaniel Greene at 7:29 pm.

Mayor Vincent Sheheen

Attest:

City Clerk Brenda Davis