



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

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
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 Councilmember Elliott, voted unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 4, 2026.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve the proposed agenda for August 18, 2026.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

A proclamation proclaiming September 14th – September 20th, 2026, as Diaper Need Awareness Week was acknowledged.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- James Austin of Gallery 537 spoke regarding the mural application review process for 537 East Dekalb and shared his comments about the proposal.
- Ronnie Fulmer of Truesdale Road spoke regarding his property located near Lyttleton Street and Railroad Avenue and a related rezoning request.
- David Galindo, a resident of Friendship Hill Farms, expressed concerns regarding homeownership matters; including the lack of planned neighborhood amenities, specifically the pool area promised to residents by the developer.

CONSENT ITEMS

Council unanimously approved the following consent items:

- **Quarterly Reports**
Building Department | Fire Department | Finance | Human Resource | Municipal Court | Planning Department | Police Department | Public Utilities | Tourism Marketing & Developments.



ORDINANCE #2026-014 2nd Reading (Carry Over)

Council on motion, by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Wilkes, voted unanimously to **carry over** an ordinance amending certain provision of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Camden pertaining to billboards and digital signs; and other matters related thereto.

Consideration of proposed Mural “More Than a Revolution” at Gallery 537, 537 East DeKalb Street.

Council on motion by Councilmember Elliott, seconded by Councilmember Wilkes, voted unanimously to **DENY** the approval of the mural at 537 East DeKalb Street.

COUNCIL/STAFF TOPICS

- City Manager Matt Dewitt noted Christmas in August was a success.
- Councilmember Phil Elliott suggests exploring an educational campaign encouraging residents to help keep the City’s parks, green spaces and other public spaces free of litter.
- Mayor Sheheen noted that the Palmetto Pride program would be a great source of assistance with the effort to a litter campaign.
- Mayor Sheheen along with Council congratulated Councilmember Wilkes on being named the Transportation Association of South Carolina’s 2026 Board Member of the Year.
- Mayor Sheheen asked staff to review the Legacy Bench Program and recommend an alternative way to recognize individuals who have made a lasting impact.
- Mayor Sheheen updated Council on plans to expand the Price House and African American Cultural Center following a meeting with staff and members of the Price House Commission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – none

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Mayor Vincent Sheheen

Attest:

City Clerk Brenda Davis