

Camden City Council Meeting Minutes

1/17/2024

Regular Meeting

Camden City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers

All non-action items on the agenda (Call to Order, Salute of the Flag, Roll Call, Statement of Compliance and Notice of the Meeting) were presented to the public at the time of the meeting in accordance with all applicable laws, procedures and standards. No formal action was required by the City Council on any of the non-action items outlined above. Full copies of council actions (ordinances, resolutions) are available on the DocStar Document Management System and on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

A. Approval of Minutes

1 Council

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Motion

1st Davis, Sheila

2nd Collins, Chris

Comment(s)

Motion to Table

Vote Outcome

Approved

Walk-On?

MC Number

On Consent?

B. Communications

1 Finance

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Check Registers of the City of Camden for The Period of November 28th, 2023 to December 25th, 2023

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

1st Davis, Sheila

2nd Ramos, Janette

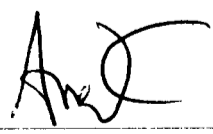
Comment(s)

Motion to Table


Walk-On?

MC Number

On Consent?



Council President/Presiding Officer



Municipal Clerk

2 Finance

Payroll Register Summary for the City of Camden for the Pay Periods of December 8th, 2023 and December 22nd, 2023

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

Motion to Table

1st Davis, Sheila

2nd Collins, Chris

Comment(s)

Walk-On?

MC Number

On Consent?

D. Ordinance First Reading

1 Council

Ordinance establishing Chapter 142 of the Camden City Code adopting a process to designate Arts and Cultural Districts in the City of Camden, New Jersey

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

Motion to Table

1st Davis, Sheila

2nd Ramos, Janette

Comment(s)

Walk-On?

MC Number

On Consent?

2 Council

Ordinance Amending MC-5419, Adopted On October 11, 2022 And Further Amending MC-5384 Adopted On May 10, 2022 Which Amended Chapter 578 Of The Camden City Code Concerning The Licensing Of Food Trucks To Now Increase The Number Of Food Truck Licenses

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

Motion to Table

1st Collins, Chris


2nd Davis, Sheila

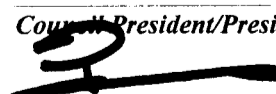
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Walk-On?

MC Number

On Consent?


 Council President/Presiding Officer


 Municipal Clerk

3 Administration

An Ordinance further amending and supplementing an ordinance entitled, An Ordinance fixing the salary ranges to be paid to certain officers and employees in the unclassified service of the City of Camden adopted December 23, 1982 (MC-1917)

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

Motion to Table

1st Collins, Chris

2nd Ramos, Janette

Comment(s)

Walk-On?

MC Number

On Consent?

4 City Attorney

Ordinance authorizing the City of Camden to execute a deed transferring a portion of the City's New Camden Cemetery (Block 1380, Lot 26) located at the corner of Mt. Ephraim and Ferry Avenue to the State of New Jersey for planned construction

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

Motion to Table

1st Soria-Perez, Nohemi G.

2nd Davis, Sheila

Comment(s)

Walk-On?

MC Number

On Consent?

F. Consent Agenda

1 Council

Resolution Designating Clarissa De La Cruz As The City Of Camden Employee Of The Month For January 2024

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

Motion to Table

1st Davis, Sheila

2nd Collins, Chris



Comment(s)

Walk-On?

MC Number

9275

On Consent?


Council President/Presiding Officer

Municipal Clerk

2 Council

Resolution recognizing and honoring Carmen L. Ramos for her thirty-seven years of service with City of Camden as well as her significant contribution to the City, its officials and the residents of the City of Camden

Motion
1st Davis, Sheila
2nd Collins, Chris
Comment(s)

Motion to Table

Council Vote
Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Janette Ramos - YES
Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES
Sheila Davis - YES
Chris Collins - YES
Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Walk-On? MC Number
9276
On Consent?

3 City Attorney

Resolution authorizing the City of Camden to extend the term of license agreement with Camden Community Partnership for the resurfacing of the Basketball Court in Farnham Park

Motion
1st Davis, Sheila
2nd Collins, Chris
Comment(s)

Motion to Table

Council Vote
Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Janette Ramos - YES
Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES
Sheila Davis - YES
Chris Collins - YES
Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Walk-On? MC Number
9277
On Consent?

4 City Attorney

Resolution awarding a contract to Conner Strong & Buckelew to provide Risk Management Consultation Services to the City of Camden

Motion
1st Davis, Sheila
2nd Collins, Chris
Comment(s)

Motion to Table

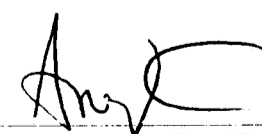
Council Vote
Falio Leyba Martinez - YES


Janette Ramos - YES
Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES
Sheila Davis - YES
Chris Collins - YES
Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Walk-On? MC Number
9278
On Consent?



Council President/Presiding Officer


Municipal Clerk

5 City Attorney

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Resolution awarding a contract to DSI Medical to provide Drug and Alcohol testing

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

Motion to Table

Walk-On?

MC Number

1st Davis, Sheila

9279

2nd Collins, Chris

On Consent?

Comment(s)

6 City Attorney

Council Vote

Resolution authorizing the assignment of tax sale certificates sold at less than face value and rescinding Resolution MC-23:9243

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

Motion to Table

Walk-On?

MC Number

1st Davis, Sheila

9280

2nd Collins, Chris

On Consent?

Comment(s) Falio-Leyba recused from voting on this item

8 Administration

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Resolution supporting Branch Village V LLC's application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, New Jersey Affordable Housing Trust Program

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

Motion to Table

Walk-On?

MC Number

1st Davis, Sheila

9281

2nd Collins, Chris

On Consent?

Comment(s)


Council President/Presiding Officer


Municipal Clerk

9 Administration

Resolution authorizing the re-appointment of Timothy Cunningham, Business Administrator as a commissioner to the Municipal Insurance Fun Commission

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

Motion to Table

1st Davis, Sheila

2nd Collins, Chris

Comment(s)

Walk-On?

MC Number

9282

On Consent?

10 Administration

Resolution authorizing the designation of Timothy J. Cunningham as the Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O) for calendar year 2024

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

Motion to Table

1st Davis, Sheila

2nd Collins, Chris

Comment(s)

Walk-On?

MC Number

9283

On Consent?

11 Administration

Resolution authorizing amendment No. 2 to contract No. 10-22-173 with Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc.

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

Motion to Table

1st Davis, Sheila

2nd Collins, Chris


Comment(s)

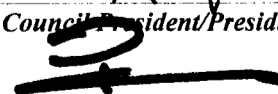
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MC Number

9284

On Consent?



Council President/Presiding Officer


Municipal Clerk

12 Administration

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Resolution authorizing the release of funds to Dana L. Butler

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

Motion to Table

1st Davis, Sheila

2nd Collins, Chris

Comment(s)

Walk-On?

MC Number

9285

On Consent?

13 Administration

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Resolution authorizing the purchase of a Pierce Pumper 7000 from Fire & Safety Services

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

Motion to Table

1st Davis, Sheila

2nd Collins, Chris

Comment(s)

Walk-On?

MC Number

9286

On Consent?

14 Administration

Council Vote

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Resolution authorizing a contract to Community First Fund to provide management services for the City of Camden's Camden Strong Revolving Loan Fund Program

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

Motion to Table

1st Davis, Sheila

2nd Collins, Chris


Comment(s) Falio Leyba recused himself from voting on this item


Walk-On?

MC Number

9287

On Consent?


 Council President/Presiding Officer


 Municipal Clerk

15 Administration

Resolution authorizing contracts with certain approved state contract vendors for year 2024

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

Motion to Table

1st Davis, Sheila

2nd Collins, Chris

Comment(s)

Walk-On?

MC Number

9288

On Consent?

16 Administration

Resolution authorizing a contract to NW Financial Group, LLC for underwriting services of UEZ'S Camden Strong Macro Capital Improvement Program 2

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

Motion to Table

1st Davis, Sheila

2nd Collins, Chris

Comment(s)

Walk-On?

MC Number

9289

On Consent?

17 Finance

Resolution approving Cash Management Plan for 2024

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

Motion to Table

1st Davis, Sheila

2nd Collins, Chris


Comment(s)


Walk-On?

MC Number

9290

On Consent?



Council President/Presiding Officer


Municipal Clerk

18 Finance

18.Resolution authorizing the issuance of acceptance of a fee schedule for the Bureau of Revenue Collection per various statues listed in N.J.S.A. titles 40 and 54

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

Motion to Table

1st Davis, Sheila

2nd Collins, Chris

Comment(s)

Walk-On?

MC Number

9291

On Consent?

19 Finance

Resolution authorizing the cancellation of liens/taxes and to transfer credits to various lien holders, property owners, and mortgage companies for various properties

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

Motion to Table

1st Davis, Sheila

2nd Collins, Chris

Comment(s)

Walk-On?

MC Number

9292

On Consent?

20 Finance

Resolution authorizing the tax collector to hold an electronic tax sale (online) for tax year 2023 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.2(a), on March 18th, 2024

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

Motion to Table

1st Davis, Sheila

2nd Collins, Chris


Comment(s)


Walk-On?

MC Number

9293

On Consent?



Council President/Presiding Officer


Municipal Clerk

21 Finance

Resolution authorizing refunds to various lien holders, property owners, and mortgage companies for various properties

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

Motion to Table

1st Davis, Sheila

2nd Collins, Chris

Comment(s)

Walk-On?

MC Number

9294

On Consent?

22 Finance

Resolution setting 2024 interest rates for delinquent taxes, assessments, and other municipal liens or charges

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

Motion to Table

1st Davis, Sheila

2nd Collins, Chris

Comment(s)

Walk-On?

MC Number

9295

On Consent?

23 Finance

Resolution authorizing the cancellation of small balances

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

Motion to Table

1st Davis, Sheila

2nd Collins, Chris

Comment(s)

Walk-On?

MC Number

9296

On Consent?


Council President/Presiding Officer


Municipal Clerk

24 Finance

Resolution authorizing the transfer of recording and cancellation fees

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

Motion to Table

1st Davis, Sheila

2nd Collins, Chris

Comment(s)

Walk-On?

MC Number

9297

On Consent?

25 Finance

Resolution authorizing the use of American Rescue Plan-State & local fiscal recovery funds in the amount of \$40,500 for the purchase of five cameras to monitor illegal dumping

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

Motion to Table

1st Davis, Sheila

2nd Collins, Chris

Comment(s)

Walk-On?

MC Number

9298

On Consent?

26 Municipal Clerk

Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a \$10,500.00 grant from round 23 of Camden County's Historic Preservation Funding and Execution of a shared services agreement with Camden County

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

Motion to Table

1st Davis, Sheila

2nd Collins, Chris

Comment(s)

Walk-On?

MC Number

9299

On Consent?

G. Resolution


Council President/Presiding Officer


Municipal Clerk

7 Administration

Resolution authorizing a contract to Telesystems for broadband internet circuit and service

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

1st Davis, Sheila

2nd Collins, Chris

Comment(s)

Motion to Table

Walk-On?

MC Number

9300

On Consent?

27 Finance

Resolution approving Temporary budget for 2024

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

1st Davis, Sheila

2nd Leyba Martinez, Falio

Comment(s)

Motion to Table

Walk-On?

MC Number

9301

On Consent?

28 Council

Resolution referring the establishment of Chapter 142 of the City of Camden Code adopting a process to designate Arts and Cultural Districts in the City of Camden to the Planning Board for informational purposes only

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

1st Davis, Sheila

2nd Collins, Chris

Comment(s)


Motion to Table

Walk-On?

MC Number

9302

On Consent?


Council President/Presiding Officer


Municipal Clerk

29 Administration

Resolution in Support of Kipp Cooper Norcross Academy's application for a grant from Local Initiatives Support Corporation's NFL Grassroots Program Supporting the Construction of a Multi-Use Athletic Field

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

Motion to Table

1st Collins, Chris

2nd Davis, Sheila

Comment(s)

Walk-On?

MC Number

9303

On Consent?

30 Council

Resolution recognizing Sujeirys Fernandez on the inaugural opening of Sujeiry's gourmet restaurant at 3156 River Road in the City of Camden and offering sincere congratulations, best wishes and future success

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

Motion to Table

1st Ramos, Janette

2nd Leyba Martinez, Falio

Comment(s)

Walk-On?

MC Number

9304

On Consent?

31 Administration

Resolution re-appointing ward 4 councilwoman Jannette Ramos to the Planning Board as a Class III member for a term of one year, ending on January 16th, 2025

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

Motion to Table

1st Collins, Chris

2nd Soria-Perez, Nohemi G.

Comment(s)

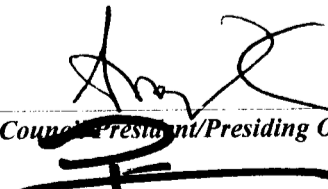
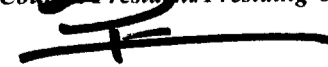
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MC Number

9305

On Consent?

H. Adjournment of Meeting


Council President/Presiding Officer

Municipal Clerk

Council

Council Vote

Falio Leyba Martinez - YES

Janette Ramos - YES

Nohemi G. Soria-Perez - YES

Sheila Davis - YES

Chris Collins - YES

Angel Fuentes - YES

Vote Outcome

Approved

Motion

1st Collins, Chris

2nd Davis, Sheila

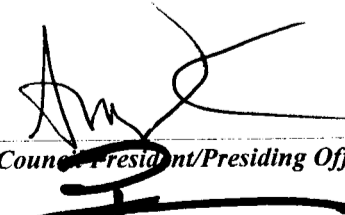
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Council President/Presiding Officer


Municipal Clerk