



# AGENDA

CITY OF CAMDEN

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

*February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.*

*Honorable Angel Fuentes, Council President*

*Honorable Sheila Davis, Vice-President*

*Honorable Marilyn Torres*

*Honorable Felisha Reyes*

*Honorable Shaneka Boucher*

*Honorable Chris Collins*

*Honorable Nohemi Soria-Perez*

*Honorable Victor Carstarphen, Mayor*

*Daniel S. Blackburn, City Attorney*

*Howard McCoach, Counsel to Council*

*Luis Pastoriza, Municipal Clerk*



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

## SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

CALL TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

NOTICE OF MEETING

### PUBLIC COMMENT

**\*Public comment for resolutions and/or any other concerns  
(Limited to 3 continuous minutes)**

### RESOLUTIONS

#### Office of City Council

1. **RESOLUTION INTRODUCING AND APPROVING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023  
BUDGET OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

### ADJOURNMENT

**Please note summary of Public Decorum rules below.**

#### Rule XVII: Decorum

*Any person who shall disturb the peace of the Council, make impertinent or slanderous remarks or conduct himself in a boisterous manner while addressing the Council shall be forthwith barred by the presiding officer from further audience before the Council, except that if the speaker shall submit to proper order under these rules, permission for him to continue may be granted by a majority vote of the Council.*

*City Council meetings shall be conducted in a courteous manner. Citizens and Council members will be allowed to state their positions in an atmosphere free of slander, threats of violence or the use of Council as a forum for politics. Sufficient warnings may be given by the Chair at any time during the remarks and, in the event that any individual shall violate the rules of decorum heretofore set forth, the Chairperson may then cut off comment or debate. At the discretion of the Chairperson, light signals may be used to display the commencement of the time for speaking and a warning light may be flashed to show that the appropriate time has passed. A red light will signal that there is no longer time.*

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCING AND APPROVING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 BUDGET OF  
THE CITY OF CAMDEN AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

WHEREAS, the City Budget has been presented for approval to the City Council of the City of Camden.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Camden that the following Statements of Revenues and Appropriations shall constitute, in summary, the Budget for the year 2023. The City Council does hereby approve the following as the budget for the City of Camden.

| 2023 Tax Levy  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| Appropriations within "CAPS" for Municipal Purposes                      | 100,626,006.00        |
| Appropriations excluded from "CAPS" Municipal Purposes                   | 98,872,396.06         |
| Reserve for Uncollected Taxes  | 6,116,855.00          |
| <b>TOTAL General Appropriations</b>                                      | <b>205,615,257.06</b> |
| Less Anticipated Revenue other than Current Property Tax                 | 175,951,763.27        |
| <b>Amount to be Raised in support of Municipal Budget – Property Tax</b> | <b>29,663,493.79</b>  |

| <u>Schedule of 2022 Budget Appropriations</u> | General        | Water         | Sewer        |
|---|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Budget Appropriations                         | 255,250,410.97 | 12,720,468.69 | 9,466,756.65 |
| Expenditures                                  | 165,863,685.41 | 12,678,052.76 | 8,580,866.58 |
| Reserved                                      | 28,767,661.88  |               | 793,770.52   |
| Canceled                                      | 40,619,063.68  | 42,415.93     | 92,119.55    |

| <u>Schedule of 2023 Revenue</u>    | General               | Water                | Sewer                |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Surplus Anticipated                | 17,675,000.00         | 1,389,795.13         | 1,519,182.96         |
| Miscellaneous Revenues             | 155,906,763.27        | 755,000.00           | 450,000.00           |
| Delinquent Taxes                   | 2,370,000             |                      |                      |
| Property Taxes – Water/Sewer Rents | 29,663,493.79         | 11,225,000.00        | 7,500,000.00         |
| Deficit – General Budget           |                       | 1,000,000.00         | 1,000,000.00         |
| <b>TOTAL Revenue</b>               | <b>205,615,257.06</b> | <b>14,369,795.13</b> | <b>10,469,182.96</b> |

| <u>Schedule of 2023 Appropriations</u> | General               | Water                | Sewer                |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Salaries                               | 48,192,500.00         |                      |                      |
| Other Expenses                         | 124,668,640.00        | 13,948,073.00        | 8,705,299.00         |
| Federal / State Grants                 | 7,917,981.27          |                      |                      |
| Deferred Charges & Other               | 13,309,627.02         | 20,468.69            | 586,279.65           |
| Water / Sewer Deficit                  | 2,000,000.00          |                      |                      |
| Capital Improvements                   | 300,000.00            |                      |                      |
| Debt                                   | 3,109,653.77          | 401,253.44           | 1,177,604.31         |
| Reserve for Uncollected Taxes          | 6,116,855.00          |                      |                      |
| <b>TOTAL Appropriations</b>            | <b>205,615,257.06</b> | <b>14,369,795.13</b> | <b>10,469,182.96</b> |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Budget be published in the Courier Post March 8, 2023 issue.


**Public Notice**

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by City Council of the City of Camden on February 28, 2023. A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at City Hall, 520 Market Street in the City of Camden, on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 5:00 PM at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2023 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27BBB-23, a true copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the State Commissioner of Community Affairs, who shall have ten (10) days from the receipt thereof to veto this Resolution. All notices of veto shall be filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Date: February 28, 2023

The above has been reviewed  
and approved as to form.

  
DANIEL S. BLACKBURN  
City Attorney

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ANGEL FUENTES  
President, City Council

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
LUIS PASTORIZA  
Municipal Clerk