

# AGENDA

CITY OF CAMDEN

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

*June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 – 12:30 p.m.*

*Honorable Angel Fuentes, Council President*

*Honorable Sheila Davis, Vice-President*

*Honorable Marilyn Torres*

*Honorable Felisha Reyes*

*Honorable Shaneka Boucher*

*Honorable Chris Collins*

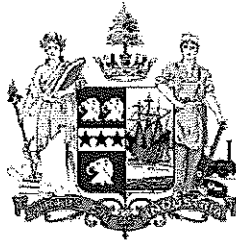
*Honorable Nohemi Soria-Perez*

*Honorable Victor Carstarphen, Mayor*

*Daniel S. Blackburn, City Attorney*

*Howard McCoach, Counsel to Council*

*Luis Pastoriza, Municipal Clerk*



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

## SPECIAL MEETING

FRIDAY, JUNE 2ND, 2023 – 12:30 NOON

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 Attorney

1. Resolution authorizing a closed session of the governing body to discuss pending litigation
2. Resolution authorizing the settlement of litigation

### 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.*

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DB:dh  
06-2-23

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF  
THE GOVERNING BODY TO DISCUSS  
PENDING LITIGATION**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, et seq. and, more particularly, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8) provides for the closing of a public session to discuss litigation matters; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Camden, that the governing body hereby authorizes a Closed Session of the governing body on Friday, June 2, 2023 at 12:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Second Floor, City Hall, Sixth and Market Streets in the City of Camden to discuss the matter(s) relating to pending litigation. described herein. Furthermore, all appropriate steps as outlined by The Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq. will be followed and that notes of this session will be kept and that contents and discussions of this meeting will be revealed to the public as soon as practicable.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Camden that, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10: 4-6 et seq., all requirements for the holding of a closed session will be complied with, including but not limited to, that notes will be taken of the closed session which will be kept and maintained and also that discussions of the closed session will be revealed to the public as soon as practicable.

**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: June 2, 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

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LUIS PASTORIZA  
Municipal Clerk

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DB:dh  
06-02-23

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION**

WHEREAS, there is now pending before the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, a class action lawsuit under Docket No. MDL No. 2:18-mm-2873 titled *In Re: Aqueous Film Forming Foams Product Liability Litigation* in which the City is seeking damages related to Per- and Polyfluorinated Substances (PFAS) in the City's water supply; and

WHEREAS, the certain identified Defendants are willing to enter into a partial settlement agreement with the City of Camden; and

WHEREAS, the City of Camden has incurred expenses in the amount of not less than Sixty-Five Million Dollars (\$65,000,000) to modify its water pumping stations to mitigate PFAS contamination; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Camden to settle the litigation in the aforesaid matter; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Camden to be named as a Class Representative; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Camden that the City of Camden is authorized to be named as a Class Representative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper Officers of the City of Camden are hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents to enter into the Settlement Agreement and any future such Settlement Agreements with additional Defendants related to PFAS litigation.

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