



# AGENDA

CITY OF CAMDEN

CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION  
MEETING

*January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 – 4:30 p.m.*

*Honorable Angel Fuentes  
Honorable Sheila Davis  
Honorable Christopher Collins  
Honorable Nohemi Soria-Perez  
Honorable Jannette Ramos  
Honorable Falio Leyba-Martinez  
Honorable Arthur Barclay*

*Honorable Victor Carstarphen, Mayor  
Daniel S. Blackburn, City Attorney*

*Howard McCoach, Counsel to Council*

*Luis Pastoriza, Municipal Clerk*



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

## REORGANIZATION MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2ND, 2024 – 4:30 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

CALL TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOMINATION OF PRESIDENT

NOMINATION OF VICE PRESIDENT

### ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

#### Office of City Council

1. *ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CODIFICATIONS AND REVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY CAMDEN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

### RESOLUTIONS

#### Office of City Council

1. *RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE COURIER POST AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023*
2. *RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE 2023 CALENDAR YEAR*

### PUBLIC COMMENT

## 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.*

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CODIFICATIONS AND REVISIONS OF  
THE ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN,  
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-182 and N.J.S.A. 40:49-4, The Office of the Municipal Clerk of the City of Camden has recorded all ordinances and resolutions adopted by the City Council of the City of Camden and has, from time to time prior to and up to December 31, 2023, with the advice and assistance of the Office of the City Attorney and Counsel to City Council, bound, compiled, issued supplements or codified all the ordinances and resolution, or true copies thereof, of the City of Camden which then remain in force and effect; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk has indexed the record books, compilation or codification of ordinances and resolutions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to law, this City Council desires to adopt the aforesaid codifications and revisions of the ordinances and resolution of the City of Camden; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Camden, as follows:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-182 and N.J.S.A. 40:49-4, the ordinances of the City of Camden of a general and permanent nature adopted by the City Council of the City of Camden, as revised, codified and consolidated into chapters and sections from time to time prior to, and up to, December 31, 2022, under the director of the Office of the Municipal Clerk, Office of the City Attorney, and Counsel to City Council by General Code Publishers Corp., 72 Hinchey Road Rochester, New York 14624-2991, and consisting of Chapters 1 through 577, together with an Appendix and a Disposition List, are hereby ratified, approved, adopted, ordained and enacted as the "Code of the City of Camden", hereinafter known and referred to as the "Code."

SECTION 2. Each section of this ordinance and the Code is an independent section, and the holding of any section of part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective for any cause shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other sections or parts thereof.

SECTION 3. Any portion of the Code not herein amended or supplemented shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistency only.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after its final passage as provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27BBB-23 and N.J.S.A. 40:69A-41, a true copy of this Ordinance shall be forwarded to the Mayor, who shall have ten (10) days from the receipt thereof to veto this Ordinance. Additionally, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27BBB-23, a true copy of this Ordinance shall be forwarded to the State Commissioner of Community Affairs, who shall have ten (10) days from the receipt thereof to veto this Ordinance, and the action by the Commissioner regarding this Ordinance shall supersede any action by the Mayor on the same Ordinance. All notices of veto shall be filed in the Office of the Municipal.

The above has been reviewed  
and approved as to form



DANIEL BLACKBURN  
City Attorney

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President, City Council

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VICTOR G. CARSTARPHEN  
Mayor

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



Camden City Council  
**RESOLUTION / ORDINANCE REQUEST FORM**

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DATE: November 29, 2023

**Council Meeting Date: January 2, 2024**

FROM: Councilperson

Angel Fuentes, President

Shaneka Boucher, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward

Sheila Davis, Vice President, At-Large

Christopher Collins, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward

Nohemi Soria-Perez, At-Large

Marilyn Torres, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward

Felisha Reyes-Morton, 4<sup>th</sup> Ward

**Action Requested:**

Ordinance Adopting the Codifications and Revisions of the Ordinances and Resolutions  
of the City of Camden, County of Camden, State of New Jersey

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\*\*\*\*Please attach any supporting documents

*Angel Fuentes/nfb*

*11/29/23*

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Signature of Councilperson

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Date

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01/02/24

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE COURIER-POST NEWSPAPER  
AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN  
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024

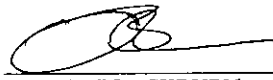
WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:53-1 and N.J.S.A. 40:69-36k, the City Council of the City of Camden desires to designate the official newspaper for the public of all advertisements and notices required by law to be published by the City of Camden; and

WHEREAS, the City Council understands the Courier-Post Newspaper does qualify as a legal newspaper and meets all requirements as to publication and circulation under State law; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Camden that the Courier-Post Newspaper is hereby designated as the official newspaper for the publication of all advertisements and notices required by law to be published by the City of Camden up to and until the date of the Annual Organization Meeting of City Council in January 2024, pursuant to State law.

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

The above has been reviewed  
and approved as to form



DANIEL BLACKBURN  
City Attorney

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President of City Council

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



Camden City Council  
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DATE: November 29, 2023

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FROM: Councilperson

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Angel Fuentes, President    | <input type="checkbox"/> Shaneka Boucher, 1 <sup>st</sup> Ward      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sheila Davis, Vice President, At-Large | <input type="checkbox"/> Christopher Collins, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nohemi Soria-Perez, At-Large           | <input type="checkbox"/> Marilyn Torres, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward       |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Felisha Reyes-Morton, 4 <sup>th</sup> Ward |

**Action Requested:**

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE COURIER-POST NEWSPAPER  
AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN  
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024

\*\*\*\*Please attach any supporting documents

*Angel Fuentes/mfb*

11/29/2023

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Signature of Councilperson

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Date

FUENTES  
01/02/24

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RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS  
FOR THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has adopted legislation known as the "Open Public Meetings Act", N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, under N.J.S.A. 10:4-18, the State has mandated that the governing body post a schedule of the regular meetings and pre-meeting conference of said governing body to be held during the succeeding year; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-18, the governing body of the City of Camden has set forth a list of dates for its regular public meetings and its pre-meeting conferences, a copy of which is appended to this Resolution and made a part hereof; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Camden that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, as adopted by the State of New Jersey, the City of Camden does hereby authorize the publication of the list of the regular meetings and pre-meeting conferences for the calendar year 2024. A copy of this Resolution and the schedule of meetings shall be mailed to at least two (2) newspapers circulating in the jurisdiction and shall be posted in the Office of the Municipal Clerk in a prominent place.

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

Dated: January 2, 2024

The above has been reviewed  
and approved as to form



DANIEL S. BLACKBURN  
City Attorney

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President, City Council

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



The Council of the City of Camden shall meet regularly on the following dates at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, Second Floor, City Hall, Camden, New Jersey, during the **Calendar Year 2024**.

<b>PRE-MEETING CONFERENCES (Caucus)</b>	<b>PUBLIC MEETING</b>
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays, unless otherwise indicated</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, unless otherwise indicated</i>
<b>January 2, 2024</b>	<b>January 9, 2024</b>
<b>February 6, 2024</b>	<b>February 13, 2024</b>
<b>March 5, 2024</b>	<b>March 12, 2024</b>
<b>April 2, 2024</b>	<b>April 9, 2024</b>
<b>May 7, 2024</b>	<b>May 14, 2024</b>
<b>June 6, 2024 *Thursday</b>	<b>June 11, 2024</b>
<b>July 2, 2024</b>	<b>July 9, 2024</b>
<b>August 6, 2024</b>	<b>August 13, 2024</b>
<b>September 3, 2024</b>	<b>September 10, 2024</b>
<b>October 1, 2024</b>	<b>October 8, 2024</b>
<b>November 7, 2024 *Thursday</b>	<b>November 14, 2024 *Thursday</b>
<b>December 3, 2024</b>	<b>December 10, 2024</b>

*The Pre-Meeting Conference shall be open to the public, however, there shall be no public participation at the Pre-Meeting Conference.*

*The Council of the City of Camden shall also meet during the first week of January, 2024 to hold its Annual Organization Meeting.*

*Should there be any changes in the dates of these meetings, the Administrative Code shall be followed and a Resolution will be adopted and within the prescribed time.*