



AGENDA

CITY OF CAMDEN

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

April 14th, 2026 – 4:30 p.m.

Honorable Angel Fuentes, Council President

Honorable Arthur Barclay, Vice-President

Honorable Sheila Davis

Honorable Christopher Collins

Honorable Nohemi Soria-Perez

Honorable Jannette Ramos

Honorable Falio Leyba-Martinez

Honorable Victor Carstarphen, Mayor

Daniel S. Blackburn, City Attorney

Howard McCoach, Counsel to Council

Luis Pastoriza, Municipal Clerk



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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

CALL TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

NOTICE OF MEETING

PRESENTATION

Mayor's Presentation of the Introduced CY 2026 Budget

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

RESOLUTIONS

Department of Finance

- 1. Resolution Approving The CY 2026 Budget And Providing Notice Of The 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 APPROVING THE CY 2026 BUDGET
AND PROVIDING NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING**

2026 Municipal Budget of the City of Camden, County of Camden

BE IT RESOLVED that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Budget be published on the City Website on of April 14, 2026.

The City Council of the City of Camden does hereby approve the following as the 2026 Budget, for further review and consideration following the Public Hearing.

Current Fund		Anticipated
Summary of Revenues		2026
1. Surplus		41,410,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues		172,012,193.31
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes		3,900,000.00
4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes		32,414,102.89
b) Addition to Local School District Tax		
c) Minimum Library Tax		
Tot Amt to be Rsd by Taxes for Sup of Muni Bnd		32,414,102.89
Total General Revenues		249,736,296.20
Summary of Appropriations		2026 Budget
1. Operating Expenses:	Salaries & Wages	48,935,183.00
	Other Expenses	176,813,655.31
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations		13,740,832.00
3. Capital Improvements		405,000.00
4. Debt Service (Include for School Purposes)		3,103,388.00
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes		6,738,237.89
Total General Appropriations		249,736,296.20
Total Number of Employees		530

Water Utility Budget		Anticipated
Summary of Revenues		2026
1. Surplus		1,062,337.00
2. Miscellaneous Revenues		15,620,000.00
3. Deficit (General Budget)		
Total Revenues		16,682,337.00
Summary of Appropriations		2026 Budget
1. Operating Expenses:	Salaries & Wages	
	Other Expenses	15,029,623.00
2. Capital Improvements		
3. Debt Service		952,714.00
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations		
5. Surplus (General Budget)		700,000.00
Total Appropriations		16,682,337.00
Total Number of Employees		

Sewer Utility Budget		Anticipated
Summary of Revenues		2026
1. Surplus		1,385,976.00
2. Miscellaneous Revenues		10,290,000.00
3. Deficit (General Budget)		

Total Revenues		11,675,976.00
Summary of Appropriations		2026 Budget
1. Operating Expenses:	Salaries & Wages	
	Other Expenses	8,614,749.00
2. Capital Improvements		1,150,000.00
3. Debt Service		1,674,968.00
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations		236,259.00
5. Surplus (General Budget)		
Total Appropriations		11,675,976.00
Total Number of Employees		

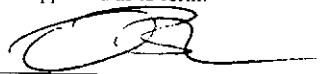
Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Camden, County of Camden, approved the Budget and Tax Resolution on April 14, 2026.

A hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at City Hall, 520 Market Street, Camden, NJ 08102 on May 12, 2026 at 5:00 PM at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the calendar year 2026 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: April 14, 2026

The above has been reviewed and approved as to form.



 DANIEL S. BLACKBURN
 City Attorney

 ANGEL FUENTES
 President, City Council

ATTEST: _____
 LUIS PASTORIZA
 Municipal Clerk

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TITLE OF ORDINANCE: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CY2026 BUDGET AND PROVIDING NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

FACTS/BACKGROUND:

- The budget shall be introduced in writing at a meeting of the governing body. Approval thereof shall constitute a first reading which may be by title.
- Upon the approval of the budget by the governing body, it shall fix the time and place for the holding of a public hearing upon the budget

AMOUNT OF PROPOSED CONTRACT or TOTAL COST OF PROPOSAL: N/A

IMPACT STATEMENT:

- What will happen if the City Council approves this legislation?
 - **The Budget for 2026 will be officially introduced**
- Why Should the City Council approve this legislation?
 - **A budget must be introduced before it is able to be adopted by the governing body**

SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS/ADVOCATES:

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