

Town of Swansea  
Special Called Meeting  
October 9, 2024 at 6 PM  
Municipal Building Courtroom, 320 W. Third Street, Swansea, SC 29160

MINUTES

Attendance: Mayor Viola McDaniel, Mayor Pro Tem Linda Butler, Councilman Michael Luongo, Councilwoman Doris Simmons; Councilman Jerome Williams was absent.

Staff in Attendance: Town Administrator Chris Keefer, Interim Police Chief Ty McComas

Mayor McDaniel called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

A quorum was present (4 of 5). The meeting notice had been posted at Town Hall (front window), the Police Station notice board, and on the town's website and Facebook page.

Councilman Luongo called for a point of order and moved to amend the agenda to add "Ordinance Sec. 26.4 Town Administrator, Powers and Duties Generally" to the agenda. Councilwoman Butler seconded the motion. Mayor McDaniel declined to recognize Councilman Luongo, noting she could do this as the town follows Roberts' Rules of Order. Councilwoman Simmons and Councilman Luongo disagreed.

Town Administrator Keefer looked up and recited Ordinance Sec. 2.52 (Roberts' Rules of Order) and Sec 2.53 (Agenda and Proceedings of Council), the latter of which notes in subsection (c) that "Matters not on the agenda may be considered upon request of a member unless two members object." Mayor McDaniel again declined to recognize Councilman Luongo and said the matter could be added to the agenda of the next meeting. Mayor McDaniel then asked Ms. Keefer to address the next agenda item.

Ms. Keefer had provided Council and key staff a Town Administrator's Report dated 10/9/24. She summarized the first bullet item, which presented an update on the hiring of a new police chief. The search committee would like to call back Candidate C for a second interview, then make a new hiring recommendation to Council.

Mayor McDaniel made a motion to go into Executive Session for discussion of contractual matters and discussion of employment and personnel matters, pursuant to SC Code Section 30-4-70 (a) (1) and (2), respectively. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Councilman Luongo made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Butler. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Christine A. Keefer, Town Administrator*