

TOWN OF SWANSEA
COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALL MEETING
JULY 21, 2025
6:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Pro Tem Linda Butler
Councilman Michael Luongo
Councilwoman Doris Simmons
Councilman Jerome Williams

ABSENT

Mayor Viola McDaniel

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Pro Tem Linda Butler at the Municipal Court Room, 320 West Third Street, Swansea, SC 29160.

All media notifications were sent out, and the agenda was posted at the town hall, the police department, and the town's website.

The Pro Tem stated the town had a quorum for the meeting; therefore, the Council had a 20-second moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The Town Administrator, Chris Keefer, reviewed the Budget in Workshop No. 5 General Fund and Enterprise Fund Budget with Council.

The General Fund included some Fiscal year-end numbers. The Millage chart showed the Millage cap for the last three years. They needed to draft a resolution to increase the cap on the Millage by 4.4 or leave it blank to fill in and finalize.

The SRO Grant was approved for \$85,000 for the police department.

The Service Billing is on 788 water customers out of that 209 customers are with Sanitation. The budget shows a 15% increase in residential and commercial rates.

The current Residential rate is \$17.94, increasing to \$20.63, and an additional amount of \$2.69. Whereas the Commercial rates, which are at \$18.34, would increase to \$21.09, up by \$2.75.

Chris responded to one of the Council's questions from the last meeting. Why are the Attorney fees so high? Attorney fees are variable, as they are based on the provision of service on various projects outside of the retainer fee. The lawsuits, phone calls, and the current project with Joint Municipal Water are possibly being recorded incorrectly.

The Enterprise Fund has been updated, which has increased the budget revenue.

Councilwoman Butler asked Chris to check other municipalities and see how much their Council members were being paid.

Councilman Luongo made a motion to go into Executive Session. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

Pro Tem asked Council if there was a motion to come out of Executive Session. A motion presented by Williams and seconded by Luongo. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

Pro Tem said there were no actions taken while in Executive Session. Therefore, asked if it was a motion to adjourn.

A motion was presented by Councilwoman Simmons and seconded by Councilman Luongo. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

Respectively Submitted,

Margaret Harvey