

TOWN OF SWANSEA
COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 23, 2025
6:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Viola McDaniel
Councilman Michael Luongo
Councilwoman Doris Simmons
Councilman Jerome Williams

ABSENT

Pro Tem Linda Butler

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Viola McDaniel at the Town of Swansea Municipal Court Room, 320 West Third Street, Swansea South Carolina 29160.

Councilman Luongo asked the Mayor to make a motion to amend the agenda by adding the First Reading of revision to Chapter 17 for Law Enforcement. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Simmons. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

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

The Mayor stated the town had a quorum for the Regular Meeting. Thereafter, Council had a twenty second moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor asked if there was a consideration to approve the minutes of May 5, 2025, Special Call Meeting; May 29, 2025, Public Hearing and May 29, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Councilman Luongo made a motion to approve all the minutes of the Special Call Meeting, Public Hearing Meeting and the Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Simmons. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

Councilman Luongo presented a motion to approve the First Reading of revised Chapter 17 Law Enforcement Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Simmons. Motion passed unanimously

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Chris Keefer presented her May monthly report to Council. They were going to resume working on the General Fund and Enterprise Fund budgets for FY26 based on probable terms of a proposed Long-term Agreement with Joint Municipal.

They will continue working on Draft Budgets for the proposed Capital Improvement and Hospitality Tax Budgets. The objective is to meet the 8/30/2025 target date for the FY26 Budgets. They need to have two budget workshops between now and July 21, 2025.

Chris recommended that Council approve the extension of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Preparation schedule.

Councilwoman Simmons made a motion to approve the extended Budget schedule as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Luongo.

Roll Call: Councils Luongo (Yes), Williams (Yes), Simmons (Yes) and Mayor McDaniel (Abstain) 3/1. **Motion Passed**

Chris had three public information sessions about the new Local Hospitality Tax that were held June 11th and June 23, 2025. She provided information packets that contained the approved Ordinance, Remittance form and other materials distributed to twenty known foods service businesses.

The new Local Hospitality Tax takes effect July 1, with the first payments due to the town by August 20, 2025.

MASC Risk Management Personnel met with the Town of Swansea staff to discuss the town's results on two self-assessments and our ongoing progress on the Work Smart program.

BOOKKEEPERS REPORT

Timothy Hillian presented his monthly financial report to Council. He shared the following: Year to Month on Water, Sanitation and Sewer, the statement of Cash and Debt by department, the Revenue and Expense report May 2025, and the financials on the budget.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Charlton shared his monthly activities report with Council. He partnered with PULL for the back-to-school festival, in the Police department parking lot scheduled for July 26, 2025 at @ 10.00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. They are accepting school supplies donations at town hall, Bishop at the Mill and Kozy Kitchen for the kids.

PULL will be having the 7th Annual PULL WALK at 9:00 A.M. at the football field. They will have a second event after the walk at 2725 Pine Plain Road from 11 to 3:00 with a Bouncy house, face painting, games and vendors. The event will take place in September 2025.

The Police department sold the 2014 Ford Taurus (one of four vehicles with mechanical issues) on govdeals.com at \$2050.00.

SLED came in and did a CJIS audit where they found 38 findings of Non-Compliance.

Five of the compliance issues were from policies they did not have nor have ever been in place, at the police department. He has cleared 4 of the 5 and working on the last one.

The other compliance issues are because they do not have an IT person.

The Mayor asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Councilman Luongo made the motion to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

The Mayor inquired if there was a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilman Luongo made a motion to come out of Executive Session and it was Seconded by Councilman Williams. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

The Mayor stated, there were no actions taken while in Executive Session. Therefore, the Mayor asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Councilman Williams presented a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Councilman Luongo. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

Respectively Submitted,

Margaret Harvey
Clerk Treasurer
7:28