

Town of Swansea
Special Called Meeting
February 12, 2025 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, Councilman Jerome Williams

Staff in Attendance: Town Administrator Chris Keefer, Attorney Joseph Dickey

Mayor McDaniel called the meeting to order at 6:03 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.

In stating the purpose of the meeting, Mayor McDaniel asked for clarification from Mr. Dickey as to whether Council would be adding a new section to Procurement Section 27.4 or amending the existing section. Mr. Dickey clarified that the proposed language was adding a new section to Chapter 27, Procurement. He suggested that Council amend the agenda, if desired.

A motion was made by Councilman Luongo to amend the agenda to read "First Reading to Amend Section 27 of the Town's Code of Ordinances." The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams; the motion carried unanimously.

In discussion, Councilman Luongo asked that Council be provided drafts of new or amended ordinances in advance so Council has adequate time to review them. Mr. Dickey advised that because this was first reading, any changes desired by Council could be made in preparation for the second reading.

In explaining the amendment, Mr. Dickey explained that the draft before Council was a simple amendment to the existing procurement ordinance adding common language about single source vendors. He explained that this language presents no known conflicts, and provides another option for procurement.

Councilman Luongo asked if this language allows both the Mayor and Council to negotiate. Mr. Dickey explained that by the Town's Council form of government, it would be Council that negotiated on behalf of the Town.

Mayor McDaniel suggested that Council review the draft amendment before second reading at Council's regular meeting on February 24.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Butler to accept first reading of the amendment to Section 27 of the Town's Code of Ordinances. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams; the motion carried unanimously.

With no other business before Council, a motion was made by Councilman Luongo to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams; the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine A. Keefer, Town Administrator
2/18/25