

THE TOWN OF SWANSEA
COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALL MEETING
6:00
8/16/2022

ATTENDANCE

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McDaniel at 6:00 P.M. at the Swansea Municipal Building Courtroom, 320 West Third Street, Swansea, SC 29160. All media notifications were sent and a posting at Town Hall, Police Department and the Town Website.

Mayor and Council had a 20 second silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor told council they were going to abide by the rules in the meeting by no one speaking more than twice on the same subject.

Councilman Luongo made a motion to postpone the approval of the second Reading of the Town of Swansea Budget 2022-2023. Councilwoman Simmons seconds the motion. Council wanted to sit down with the Town's Auditor to discuss the issue around the 3.3 million understated assets. Councilman Luongo additionally suggested that the Town approve the millage increase and hold off on the water rate increase until Council discussed the new contracts brought to their attention on Friday and the contracts could directly impact the budget. Councilwoman Simmons, interjected, she wanted to add to Luongo's motion regarding a vendor. Mayor stated what they were talking about had nothing to do with the Auditor.

Motion failed 2-2. Luongo (Yes);m Williams (No); Butler (abstain) with an explanation (She too wanted the auditor to come in before the budget; Simmons (Yes); McDaniel (No).

Councilman Luongo followed up after the vote to ask Councilwoman Butler, if she voted to wait for the town auditor. Councilwoman Butler agreed, she voted to wait for the auditor.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Councilman Luongo. Seconded by Councilman Williams. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,


Margaret Harvey