

Town of Swansea
Council
Regular Meeting
December 1, 2025
6:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Doris W. Simmons
Pro Tem Michael Luongo
Councilwoman Melissa Williams
Councilwoman Angie Alley

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Doris Simmons at 6:00 P.M. at the Swansea Municipal Building Courtroom, 320 West Third Street, Swansea, S.C. 29160.

All media notifications were sent, and the agenda was posted at the town Hall, the police department, the town's website, and the Mayor's Facebook page.

The Mayor stated that the town had a quorum for the meeting. The invocation was presented by Rev. Lucius Smith, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor asked for consideration of approving the minutes of August 25, 2025, September 4, 2025, September 22, 2025, September 29, 2025, October 13, 2025, and October 27, 2025.

Councilman Luongo stated he was missing the October 13th and October 27th minutes and put a motion to table until the next meeting. Councilwoman Angie Alley seconded the motion. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

A motion was put on the floor to approve the minutes of August 25, 2025, September 4, 2025, September 22, 2025, and September 29, 2025 by Councilman Luongo and seconded by Councilwoman Alley. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Mayor Simmons inquired if there was a motion to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem. Councilwoman Alley nominated Councilman Michael Luongo as Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion. The vote was three for yes, and one abstained. **Motion Passed.**

The mayor asked whether there was a motion to reappoint the Law Firm of Haynsworth, Sinkler Boyd.

The Town Attorney stated that contracts have to be discussed in Executive Session. The Mayor inquired if it could be tabled until the next meeting. Councilman Luongo made a motion to table the reappointment until the next meeting for discussion in the Executive Session. Councilwoman Alley seconded the motion. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

The Mayor presented to Council the Town of Swansea Holiday Schedule for 2026.

Councilman Luongo made the motion to accept the Holiday Schedule as presented to Council. Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Alley wanted to amend the motion on the Holiday Schedule by removing Confederate Day. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Williams. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

The Mayor asked if there was a motion to accept the 2026 Town of Swansea Council Meeting dates. Councilwoman Alley presented the motion to accept the Council Meeting dates. The motion was seconded by Councilman Luongo, with any necessary changes to be made within the year. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Joel Gordon of Kozy Kitchen gave a presentation to the town. He congratulated everyone elected to the Council. He likes seeing the fresh faces and, hopefully, some good leadership. He is starting to see a lot of that energy starting to come out—the Christmas decorations on the light poles. Alex, Angie, and Mary worked on putting everything up, helping with Helping Hands in the park, and cleaning it up. They did a fantastic job. These are some of the energies they are starting to see.

The parade and the tree lighting. A program is being put together afterward called the Meet Me Downtown initiative to bring attention to the businesses that are here in downtown Swansea. To walk through or drive through the town to see the companies. Several businesses will open late, with special programs to highlight the business community.

There is an interest in forming a Merchants Association in town. They want to build the business community as a united group. They also want to work with the town council to develop the town's business and to encourage people to come into town.

They would work with Helping Hands and the Pull Organization to improve things. A get-together on Wednesday, December 10th, at 7:00 at Kozy Kitchen. They are inviting every business owner or manager to submit a concept to advance the initiative. He had Flyers available for the attendees.

Wade Cucleasure of the Babcock Center, who works with adults with long-term disabilities. They have a mobile Coffee Trailer initiative of the Babcock Center, which provides meaningful, community-based employment and training opportunities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They want to be a part of the Christmas Parade and the business initiative in any way they can. They can help people get their businesses up and running and support people with disabilities in the community.

Permelia Luongo the Chairperson of the Planning Commission, with dedicated members Suzanne Hackett, Rae Watson, and Tom Daughtery.

The Planning Commission was established in November 2022. All members have completed all the required Municipal Association training, as well as the continuing education courses for Planning and Zoning officials offered by the Central Midlands Council of Governments. They have participated in multiple workshops at the town hall through the Central Midlands Council of Governments.

They meet on the last Thursday of each month; however, they are considering changing the schedule and will notify Council when the changes are made.

In the coming weeks, they will be reviewing two projects, Elm Creek apartments, and a possible family to be annexed into the town.

The Planning Commission has one request for the Mayor and Council. They would like to request a joint meeting between the Planning Commission and the Town of Swansea Council to discuss and establish a shared vision for Swansea's future. As part of the Planning Commission's responsibility to support and advance the comprehensive planning process, this collaborative discussion is a necessary step.

So, they believe a joint meeting will ensure alignment, clarity, and a unified direction as they continue to do this critical work?

JOINT WATER REPORT

Jay Nicholson was not in attendance for a report; however, on December 10, 2025, information was passed on to the Mayor that a Joint Municipal Water Meeting is scheduled for the Businesses of the Town of Swansea from 3 to 5 p.m. in the conference room at town hall regarding Joint Water and Sewer.

Another meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2025, for the public and residents from 6 to 8 at the Freshman Academy. The information shared would pertain to the transition of Swansea Water to Joint Water.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

Timothy Hillian shared his monthly financials. The statement of Cash and Debt. The Town's credit card, two loans, and balances.

He had the Revenue and Expenses Report as of 10/3/2025. He summarized the additional financial information on the General Fund, Police, Water, Sewers, and the budget.

The Mayor asked if there was a motion to go into Executive Session. Councilman Luongo made a motion to go into Executive Session and seconded by Councilwoman Alley. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

The Mayor asked if there was a motion to come out of Executive Session. A motion was presented by Councilwoman Alley and seconded by Councilwoman Williams. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

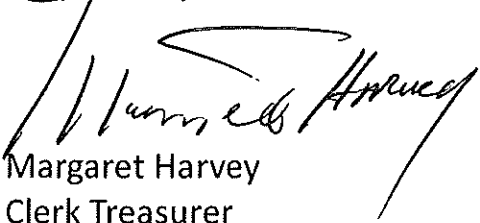
The Mayor asked whether any actions had arisen from the Executive Session. Councilman Luongo presented a motion for the First Reading of Ordinance 19-10 of the Lexington County Storm Water Management Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Williams. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

The Mayor shared some other information as New Business to move forward to discuss the following:

Changing of Locks, Hiring of Code Enforcement officer, Credit Card transfer and authorization, Sanitation increase, Verizon Plan, phones, tablets, and Internet. Social media, a Rebranding slogan ("We believe in Swansea"), and a trademark.

The Mayor indicated there was no other business to discuss and asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Councilman Luongo presented a motion to adjourn, followed by a second by Councilwoman Williams. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Respectively Submitted,



Margaret Harvey
Clerk Treasurer