

TOWN OF AWENDAW

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**Awendaw Town Council Monthly Meeting  
August 7, 2025, 7:30 P.M.  
Minutes**

1. Open meeting: **Mayor Green started the meeting at 7:30 PM.**
2. Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance: **Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited in unison.**
3. Civility Pledge: **Katharine Watkins, Town Administrator, read the Civility Pledge.**
4. Roll Call: Present: **Atty Mac McQuillin, Mayor Green, Council Persons: Brown, Frazier, Helms, Prause, and Ketchens. Absent: Councilman McNeal.**
5. Approval of the August Agenda: **Councilwoman Helms moved to approve the August Agenda; Councilman Frazier seconded it; all voted in favor.**
6. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes: **Councilwoman Helms moved to approve both the Previous June 5, 2025 – Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes and July 3, 2025 – Public Hearing and Regular Meeting; Councilman Frazier seconded it; all voted in favor.**
  - June 5, 2025 – Work Session and Regular Meeting
  - July 3, 2025 – Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
7. Approval of Previous Financial Statements: **Councilwoman Helms moved to approve the Previous Financial Statements; Councilman Frazier seconded it; all voted in favor.**
  - June 2025
8. Charleston County and Special Events
  - Awendaw Fire Department-**Chief Gadsden summarized the Preparedness Expo he attended. He said it was a collaborative effort, involving a meeting with the mayor, the town administrator of McClellanville, the sheriff's department, and other mayors. Other personnel, along with emergency management division personnel, discussed a collaborative effort for all involved to work together in response to natural disasters moving forward. The collaboration was long overdue. It was sparked by a request from one of our town officials to meet and discuss how we can better prepare for natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, and other severe weather events. Well, the conversation was very informative and necessary. We went through our two-hour meeting, and we came up with an idea to have representatives from both Awendaw and McClellanville, along with other communities within the two areas. Representatives from the North Charleston County area, along with the Charleston County Sheriff's Department, EMS, and my department, will work together. Before, during, and after every type of event. Uh and that way we can streamline our communications to EMD, and fulfill any necessary needs coming straight through our department through our emergency management division here locally uh or regionally and get so now, uh, with our team, our**

*task force, we have now come together to, uh, to work together to make sure that Charleston County meets all our needs in any given situation, whether it's a special event or an act of disaster. As you are all aware, our call volume has remained steady throughout the month, but it is now steadily increasing. We have back-to-back incidents, and we are stretched thin. I had a meeting with county officials today to discuss increasing staffing and improving our budget to support our capital needs. So, thank you for all that you've done. We greatly appreciate all you've done. The last thing they discussed was hosting a preparedness expo for the community, with collaborative efforts between the towns of McClellanville and Awendaw. And so, we are actively working to involve Berkeley Electric, along with some other sponsors, so that we can host an annual event, as we've never done this before.*

- Charleston County Sheriff's Office-Lt. Turner gave a summary of what happened in July.
  - *There were 13 accidents, none of which were major.*
  - *There were 13 disturbance calls, one drug call,*
  - *2 DUIs, two mental health calls, too many missing persons,*
  - *634 patrol requests, nine selective enforcements,*
  - *21 suspicious circumstances calls, one theft, one threat, and*
  - *147 traffic stops. And for some of those traffic stops, they've been mentioned in Steed Creek, which has had some problems along with See Wee Rd.*
  - *They had several enforcement actions, and they had about 15/20 tickets, and on See Wee Rd when we went out there.*
- Municipal Park Foundation Board-William Pepper-Alston gave a rough P&L. He stated that Ashley was out of town. However, he could inform the mayor and council that Awefest was not satisfactory. The Town rightly lost \$20,000 from the event. So, back to the drawing board; applications will be going out soon. The Municipal Park Foundation Board will have two openings. So, check with Ms. Watkins for a copy of the application.

## 9. Public Comments

- Desiree Fragoso – Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC)-**Not Here**
- Hannah Lynn Williams, The Blood Connection – Request to set up a Blood Drive at Town Hall-**Not Here**
- Dr. Aby Sene-Harper, Clemson University – Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge Survey and Research
  - *Dr. Aby Sene-Harper is part of a multidisciplinary research team from Clemson University, and they're focused on conservation area management.*
  - *Anything from the wildlife refuge to the national forest, Francis Marion National Forest, and other public lands.*
  - *Dr. Aby Sene-Harper is coming to the Town because they're conducting a research program to understand community perspectives on not just the social and ecological changes over time in the area, but also on the community's perspective on the engagement and management at Cape Romain, where refuge.*
  - *They hope to learn from the community's perceived importance of what is called outreach and participatory management, the community's willingness to participate, and their preferred strategies for outreach.*
  - *The long-term benefits to the surrounding communities, specifically this one, start by building a relationship or at least assisting and providing information to the wildlife refuge to be able to create a stronger relationship between the community and the sanctuary, but also about management strategies that are more tailored to the local needs of the communities as well.*
  - *There's no cost to the community; the survey at some point will be distributed, and they will be happy to share the results of the study over time once it progresses. Thank you. But what kind of survey is it? Online paper survey. It's going to be online, approximately 15 to 20 minutes. When will it be available for the public to it could be posted anytime next week for*

*sure and if we have anything well prior to posting it on the website since it wasn't a town sponsored survey I did ask the Clemson University to come forward to ask if it would be available if we could post it on our website and share it through our resources to help gather your community.*

- *Councilman Prause made a motion to put it on the website, and Councilwoman Helms seconded it. All in favor.*

- *Anita Alston-Gore – Concerns Related to Elected Officials - Anita Alston-Gore, a part of the settlement community of Awendaw, SC. She was born and raised in this community, and she stood to address the actions of Councilwoman Wendy Helms, who emailed her employer regarding an interaction during a town hall meeting.*

*This was in response to Councilwoman Helms' disturbing attempt to silence Ms. Gore by emailing her employer following a contentious exchange in the Awendaw Town Hall Meeting. Ms. Gore felt her actions were not rooted in ethics, concerned for the quorum, or any genuine sense of duty. They were personal, retaliatory, and vindictive. She felt Councilwoman Helms attempted to jeopardize her employment, her livelihood, and her professional standing because she was challenged. Ms. Gore said that she did not defer to authority because she dared to speak in a space where voices like hers were too often marginalized.*

*What Councilwoman Helms demonstrated was not leadership. It was both entitlement and unethical. She used her position and her privilege to cause harm. A resident of Awendaw who exercised her freedom of speech to speak back at a public meeting. Ms. Gore also filed a complaint with the South Carolina Ethics Commission concerning the behavior and actions of a public official.*

*This reflected a serious breach of public trust. Ms. Gore was not afraid of the tactics; she was not silenced; she was amplified. Every time there is an attempt to silence people like her and others in this community, the very unrighteousness and insecurity that make your leadership questionable are revealed. Ms. Gore speaks for the settlement community and the new residents that this council has ignored.*

*The opposition to the ordinances was opposed, the moratorium that you decided not to adhere to, every voice that's been punished, penalized, or the status quo challenged, For those who've been professionally targeted like Ms. Gore, gaslighted, pushed aside for simply speaking truth to power, you escaped No, legal consequences, but you will not escape accountability. The town of Awendaw and the YouTube viewers will be watching you and the council members. Ms. Gore also asked Councilman Prause, "How can you serve on council and then sue the town?" Ms. Gore's call to action is that all residents, new and old, the news media, the national activist network, and all ethical leadership bodies protect civic voices, democracy, demand accountability, and review the facts she had in her hand. She made copies and submitted one to the town.*

- *Allen Rioux: Allen Rioux stated that they elected council to do their jobs and that's what he heard during public comments for the last three or four months, and immediately following that was a series of comments that consisted of a steady stream of complaints and threats that were disguised as concerns.*
- *The online vitriol and personal attacks against citizens of this community are reprehensible, and he'd like to speak out against them. He sits in a quasi-public setting as a member of the BZA at which he was appointed. He couldn't imagine what it's like for the council to hear the complaints at each meeting. But these complaints have crossed the line and are no longer reasonable. He was not going to stand up and make any appeal for it to stop because it won't. But he did encourage the council to look beyond the naysayers.*

- **Allen Rioux said Coming soon, we're all going to have to make decisions about whether the council has done their job. So, he gave a preview of his evaluation.**
  - **The Council has set up a functional Planning Commission that's been streamlined and is working very well under effective leadership.**
  - **Council has set up a functional BZA that's been streamlined and is working very well.**
  - **Council has set up a Park Board that's functioning and is engaging in activities.**
  - **You have put fiscal controls in place and made efforts to improve the facilities, as well as staff accommodation and improvements.**
  - **You are on the verge of developing a Comprehensive Plan that will guide the community in the future.**
  - **You have created the first festival for the Town of Awendaw called Awefest, to which the town allocated \$20,000 at Councilwoman Helms' urging for the purpose of showcasing the town. The second part of that festival was to generate community support to develop funds for the town. As we just heard in the preliminary report, that didn't go so well. So where does that leave us? That part is our responsibility and needs to be funded. And if we can't fund it through community support, we're going to have to fund it through tax support.**
- **Response from William Pepper-Alston: As a member of the actual park board, there are other opportunities other than saying it's a tax thing. There are grants out there; there are plenty of resources that have not been used yet. He was not saying the council has done a bad job, but not a great job. Let's not go out here and toot our own horn when there are a lot of problems still happening in this community. Let's just be honest. So, the whole excuse for annexing was the tax and park, which sounds good. The reality is that the park board is still a developmental group. We just lost two other members. So, not everything's as peachy as you're making it seem.**
- **John Brubaker- Mr. Brubaker explained that when he and his wife, Gail, moved into their home 26 years ago, the town was coming together. He had several meetings with Mayor Alston, and one of the topics of those meetings was land use. As the town progressed, what he saw happening was not at all what Mayor Alston had expressed an interest in seeing at his home. But with this new council, he's seeing pretty much exactly what he heard Mayor Alston say to him that he would like to see happen in this community. Mr. Brubaker thanked the council for having the courage and commitment to follow the rules to make this town move forward in such a constructive way.**
- **Lynn Hodapp- First, I want to thank you all for the hard work that you put into the town of Awendaw and for taking it in the direction that the residents desire. The surveys taken by all the residents show that the majority of people in Awendaw want to keep it rural. Over the past two years, you guys have consistently held the vision for the people of the town of Awendaw through your ordinances and your decisions in trying to keep Awendaw rural. Also, this council has made decisions, and past ordinances show a strong commitment to the financial well-being of the town and the appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. Lynn Hodapp strongly supports your efforts and the decisions the council has made in the direction followed.**
- **Tyrone Venable -Stated that before we were together, after Hugo, the People were together. They helped each other. The problem he's seeing now is a new influx of people coming into the town. The subdivisions are starting to fill up their buildings as fast as they can. That's a problem because it's taking over and changing the whole prospect. We all must work together and figure it out. All festivals, everybody should be involved with everything, meetings, run-offs, septic tanks, and stuff for all these houses. They're going nowhere, but you know, right in the waterways. So, we all need to be part of that and show up for all these things and make sure everybody hears our voice. Unite in all towns and pay for your service.**

- Councilman Kent Prause Response to Public Comment - **Since Councilman Prause was called out by name by Ms. Gore, he asked the mayor to address this specific incident. He stated that he'd been a plaintiff in lawsuits against the Town on certain occasions. Some went to a verdict, some didn't. In my opinion, it was all for the better and helped the Town in the long run, all the way back from the provinces of Charleston. If anybody remembers, that would have had a golf course for community and commercial uses, and multi-family uses. In that case, the property now where the birds of prey are up until the most recent, which was as a result of the town performing an illegal annexation of forest to reach the Nebo church, and then subsequently the Nebo development tract, and I did that because the town broke the law. All five Supreme Court justices in that case. They ruled in the plaintiff's favor. Another person in this room was also a plaintiff. But they said the town did wrong. In fact, they used some pretty harsh words at the time. They said the town had unclean hands. That means they played very poorly. They had nefarious intent in what they did, and they willfully engaged in deceptive behavior. Those aren't my words. Those are the words of all five members from the South Carolina Supreme Court, including the Chief Justice Finney, the first black Supreme Court Chief Justice. So, I felt I had to respond to that. You don't like being maligned in that fashion and in that way. And that's the process. And I ran on a platform of having accountable government. And that's what I stand for. That's what I stood for when I ran, and I got elected. And that's what I pledge to implement this law of all that counts. Inclusivity, openness, and transparency.**
- Steve Woods- **He talked about the little Christmas Tree on Hwy 17 going towards Mt. Pleasant. There are at least two people in the community who have a very fond interest in the tree. There was a post on Facebook about that a week or so ago. Surprisingly, over 380 people responded and talked about that little tree and how much it improves their day as they travel. It's a beautiful tree, and it's the community's theme. If you want to go out there and hang a decoration on that tree, Mr. Woods is giving you permission to make people happy, man.**

## 10. Council Report

- Paul Brown – Request for the creation of an Heirs Property Task Force (Action Item)-**Yes, last month, Councilman Brown talked about what Mt. Pleasant has done to include consideration for settlement communities and heirs' property in their comprehensive plan. They had a task force, and he thought that was a great idea. Councilman Brown would like to keep the ball moving forward. He sees that he's on the agenda and it's an action item. He would like to figure out how the town can establish a task force. What would this task force do? One of the things is that the Task Force needs to figure out specifically, geographically, and exactly where these settlement communities are. Councilman Brown said the Task Force needs to come up with a to-do list of things that can be done to complement and consider these settlement communities. The Town's to-do list will not match Mt. Pleasant's, but Councilman Brown is learning that some special considerations need to be made for these communities. And he's coupling settlement communities with heirs' property. They're separate issues. probably I'm guessing most properties in Settlement communities are heirs properties, but you can have heirs properties outside of settlement communities heirs property that's a legal issue a legal deed type issue we had a workshop for people who have heirs properties to understand better what their recourse and how they can deal with it we can continue to do that. So, Councilman Brown would just like to understand better what the Town can do for settlement fees. How do we set up a task for building five to seven people have people can apply right like we've done other to me the settlement community you'll have to get this you know this absolutely property So I think that we must have to sit down together and for its more than just putting names on the list, but you have to know what you can have. Well, yeah, obviously, in this task force, we want some people who understand better than I do what their challenges and issues are, right in living in settlement communities. We need a cross-section of the overall community. other tasks force we've formed have not included the council. The task force gathers information and brings recommendations to the council. But you're right, and I think the way we put together a park task force, we put together a Comprehensive Plan task force, and people submitted applications. What unique experience do you have as an athlete**

**that you can bring to this task force? We should just kind of reinstall the lines. Okay. Can't you solve that tonight? Absolutely not. Like I said, I'm just trying to push this ball forward because I'm not going to stop talking about it. I'm glad you're talking about it. Okay. Because I'm in a seventh community. I know where you are. Is the whole road okay? Consists of your heirs. But yours isn't an heir's property because you worked to get that all straightened out. Exactly. But we don't get together. It's going to take some time. It's going to take some time. It's not going to happen overnight. Good. Yes, it is. So, you and I have a conversation. Okay. That's good. I like it.**

- Frank Frazier – **Deferred his comments for another meeting.**

## **11. Mayor's Report**

**Request for \$1,500.00 donation to Project Cool Breeze- Mayor Green and Councilwoman Helms attended the municipal association meeting. Mayor Green said it comes back to some things that were already discussed. So, it was interesting. The mayor's part was very good, She said they had a good time with knowledge.**

**Mayor Green was invited to the Plantersville group in Plantersville, South Carolina. that's right down the street from the Town for a joint meeting with housing being that you are white and I the advocates for affordable housing and they also address the idea and the Scott and Settlement Communities and that is one of the points that was discussed Yes, it's Plantersville and Conway section which spilled over to Pawleys Island and Williamsburg. So, we will have a Task force, and you will be there. Okay.**

**We had a joint meeting with the fire department and the sheriff. C, the captain, and I could be aligned with him, but he already discussed that. We also had a joint meeting with Charleston County, and that was successful. They're talking about grants and all that for low-income families. We have also had a meeting with the new library, which the county is looking at, and it's right down the street from us. It used to be that I forgot his name, but he used to harvest pigs, and it's 55 acres. But they want to consider doing a DMV and have versus going into my pleasant to pay the tax bill. The office, along with a library, is not a problem, as fast as the DMV or the other tax officers that they anticipated, and all of this is just in the plans.**

**Mayor Green said she and the Administrator attended the back-to-school Monday, which was very successful, with other students in attendance. Now I'm asking the council for this.**

**Rep. Gilliard asked for support and donations to help with window units, and our budget was only \$1,000. She wants to ask for \$1,500 for a home in need because we have a bunch of our citizens, and I took some of the air conditioners myself to some of the elderly citizens who did not have air conditioning.**

**Councilman Ketchens made a motion for Operation Project Cool Breeze to receive \$1,500; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Frazier. All was in favor.**

## **12. Administrator Report**

**Update on Town Hall Improvements -Charleston County review. we're still in that lag time. Once we have Charleston County review approved, we'll have the permits and start, but I don't have an exact ETA on that.**

**Status update on the Town Audit - The status update on the audit includes the draft report for the fiscal year 2022 audit, which will be available on August 15th. I'm anticipating that they will be making their full report at the September town council meeting.**

**Upcoming Vacancies on the Board of Zoning Appeals, Municipal Park Foundation Board, and Planning Commission. Town Administrator Watkins noted that there are vacancies on all the town's boards and commissions, some of which are for reappointment and some to fill unexpired terms. All the vacancies are posted on the town's website for review along with the applications. The vacancies are scheduled to be filled at the September Town Council meeting.**

### 13. Town Activities

- 14. Approval of Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-19: Annexation Ordinance using 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-101 (6280 Rudder Lane).** *Councilwoman Helms made a motion to accept the Approval of the Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-19: Annexation Ordinance using the 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-101 (6280 Rudder Lane), and it was seconded by Councilman Frazier. All in favor except Mayor Green. No Vote.*
- 15. Approval of Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-20: Annexation Ordinance using 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-093 (6255 Rudder Lane).** *Councilwoman Helm made a motion to accept the Approval of the Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-20: Annexation Ordinance using the 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-093 (6255 Rudder Lane), and it was seconded by Councilman Frazier. All in favor except Mayor Green. No Vote.*
- 16. Approval of Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-21: Annexation Ordinance using 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-055 (6123 Jibe Court).** *Councilwoman Helms made a motion to accept the Approval of Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-21: Annexation Ordinance using the 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-055 (6123 Jibe Court), and it was seconded by Councilman Frazier. All in favor except Mayor Green. No Vote.*
- 17. Approval of Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-22: Annexation Ordinance using 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-054 (6079 Jibe Court).** *Councilwoman Helms made a motion to accept the Approval of Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-22: Annexation Ordinance using the 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-054 (6079 Jibe Court), and it was seconded by Councilman Frazier. All in favor except Mayor Green. No Vote.*
- 18. Approval of Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-23: Annexation Ordinance using 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-052 (6037 Jibe Court).** *Councilwoman Helms made a motion to accept the Approval of Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-23: Annexation Ordinance using the 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-052 (6037 Jibe Court), and it was seconded by Councilman Frazier. All in favor except Mayor Green. No Vote.*
- 19. Approval of Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-24: An ordinance repealing and replacing section 150.01 of the Town Code for the Town of Awendaw, South Carolina; to adopt the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update as the Town's official Comprehensive Plan, and to supersede all prior Comprehensive Plans.** *Councilwoman Helms made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-24: An ordinance repealing and replacing section 150.01 of the Town Code for the Town of Awendaw, South Carolina; to adopt the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update as the Town's official Comprehensive Plan, and to supersede all prior Comprehensive Plans; Councilman Frazier seconded.*

*Councilwoman Helms made a point of discussion: so, we did receive a letter from SCELPA (South Carolina Environmental Law Project), and I am fine with approving the Comp Plan as is. However, I think this is really good verbiage that we should send to the Planning Commission for their consideration to make an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. Councilwoman Helms clarified with the Town Attorney, Mac McQuillen, if she needs to read the language in the letter. Town Attorney McQuillen confirmed that it is fine not to read the language of the letter. Mayor Green asked for clarification on the item discussed. Councilman Prause asked Town Attorney McQuillen if this language in the letter needs to be sent to the Planning Commission or if it can be adopted tonight. Town Attorney McQuillen advised that the safest course of action would be to send it to the Planning Commission for review. The Council can still adopt the Comprehensive Plan and subsequently amend the plan through another ordinance. Councilman Prause also inquired if the approval of the comprehensive plan tonight would jeopardize the moratorium in place. Town Attorney McQuillen stated it would not jeopardize the moratorium. Town Attorney McQuillen and Town Administrator Watkins noted that the amendment to the Comprehensive Plan would be its own subsequent ordinance and require its own Public*

Hearing.

Mayor Green called for a vote; all voted in favor. Ordinance 2025-24 passed second reading and was adopted.

- 20. Approval of First Reading of Ordinance 2025-25: Annexation Ordinance using 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-059 (6136 Caravelle Court).** Councilwoman Helms made a motion to accept the Approval of the First Reading of Ordinance 2025-25: Annexation Ordinance using the 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-059 (6136 Caravelle Court), and it was seconded by Councilman Frazier. All in favor except Mayor Green. No Vote.
- 21. Approval of First Reading of Ordinance 2025-26: Annexation Ordinance using 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-058 (6148 Caravelle Court).** Councilwoman Helms made a motion to accept the Approval of the First Reading of Ordinance 2025-26: Annexation Ordinance using the 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-058 (6148 Caravelle Court), and it was seconded by Councilman Frazier. All in favor except Mayor Green. No Vote.
- 22. Approval of First Reading of Ordinance 2025-27: Annexation Ordinance using 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-092 (1068 Mainsail Court).** Councilwoman Helms made a motion to accept the Approval of the First Reading of Ordinance 2025-27: Annexation Ordinance using the 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-092 (1068 Mainsail Court), and it was seconded by Councilman Frazier. All in favor except Mayor Green. No Vote.
- 23. Approval of First Reading of Ordinance 2025-28: Annexation Ordinance using 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-086 (1075 Mainsail Court).** Councilwoman Helms made a motion to accept the Approval of the First Reading of Ordinance 2025-28: Annexation Ordinance using the 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-086 (1075 Mainsail Court), and it was seconded by Councilman Frazier. All in favor except Mayor Green. No Vote.
- 24. Approval of First Reading of Ordinance 2025-29: Annexation Ordinance using 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-087 (1069 Mainsail Court).** Councilwoman Helms made a motion to accept the Approval of the First Reading of Ordinance 2025-29: Annexation Ordinance using the 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-087 (1069 Mainsail Court), and it was seconded by Councilman Frazier. All in favor except Mayor Green. No Vote.
- 25. Approval of First Reading of Ordinance 2025-30: Annexation Ordinance using 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-088 (1063 Mainsail Court).** Councilwoman Helms made a motion to accept the Approval of the First Reading of Ordinance 2025-30: Annexation Ordinance using the 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-088 (1063 Mainsail Court), and it was seconded by Councilman Frazier. All in favor except Mayor Green. No Vote.
- 26. Approval of First Reading of Ordinance 2025-31: Annexation Ordinance using 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-089 (1055 Mainsail Court).** Councilwoman Helms made a motion to accept the Approval of the First Reading of Ordinance 2025-31: Annexation Ordinance using the 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-089 (1055 Mainsail Court), and it was seconded by Councilman Frazier. All in favor except Mayor Green. No Vote.
- 27. Approval of First Reading of Ordinance 2025-32: Annexation Ordinance using 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-091 (1048 Mainsail Court).** Councilwoman Helms made a motion to accept the Approval of the First Reading of Ordinance 2025-32: Annexation Ordinance using the 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-091 (1048 Mainsail Court), and it was seconded by Councilman Frazier. All in favor except Mayor Green. No Vote.
- 28. Approval of First Reading of Ordinance 2025-33: Annexation Ordinance using 100 Percent Petition**

**Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-002 (6320 Come About Way).** Councilwoman Helms made a motion to accept the Approval of the First Reading of Ordinance 2025-33: Annexation Ordinance using the 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-002 (6320 Come About Way), and it was seconded by Councilman Frazier. All in favor except Mayor Green. No Vote.

**29. Approval of First Reading of Ordinance 2025-34: Annexation Ordinance using 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-029 (6329 Come About Way).** Councilwoman Helms made a motion to accept the Approval of the First Reading of Ordinance 2025-34: Annexation Ordinance using the 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-029 (6329 Come About Way), and it was seconded by Councilman Frazier. All in favor except Mayor Green. No Vote.

**30. Approval of First Reading of Ordinance 2025-35: Annexation Ordinance using 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-030 (6321 Come About Way).** Councilwoman Helms made a motion to accept the Approval of the First Reading of Ordinance 2025-35: Annexation Ordinance using the 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-030 (6321 Come About Way), and it was seconded by Councilman Frazier. All in favor except Mayor Green. No Vote.

**31. Approval of First Reading of Ordinance 2025-36: Annexation Ordinance using 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-031 (6313 Come About Way).** Councilwoman Helms made a motion to accept the Approval of the First Reading of Ordinance 2025-36: Annexation Ordinance using the 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-031 (6313 Come About Way), and it was seconded by Councilman Frazier. All in favor except Mayor Green. No Vote.

**32. Approval of First Reading of Ordinance 2025-37: Annexation Ordinance using 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-032 (6309 Come About Way).** Councilwoman Helms made a motion to accept the Approval of the First Reading of Ordinance 2025-37: Annexation Ordinance using the 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-032 (6309 Come About Way), and it was seconded by Councilman Frazier. All in favor except Mayor Green. No Vote.

**33. Approval of First Reading of Ordinance 2025-38: Annexation Ordinance using 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-082 (6225 Rudder Ln).** Councilwoman Helms made a motion to accept the Approval of the First Reading of Ordinance 2025-38: Annexation Ordinance using the 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-082 (6225 Rudder Ln), and it was seconded by Councilman Frazier. All in favor except Mayor Green. No Vote.

**34. Approval of First Reading of Ordinance 2025-39: Annexation Ordinance using 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-102 (6268 Rudder Ln).** Councilwoman Helms made a motion to accept the Approval of the First Reading of Ordinance 2025-39: Annexation Ordinance using the 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-00-00-102 (6268 Rudder Ln), and it was seconded by Councilman Frazier. All in favor except Mayor Green. No Vote.

**35. Approval of First Reading of Ordinance 2025-40: Annexation Ordinance using 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-0-00-051 (6021 Jibe Ct).** Councilwoman Helms made a motion to accept the Approval of the First Reading of Ordinance 2025-40: Annexation Ordinance using the 100 Percent Petition Method of Tax Map Number 664-0-00-051 (6021 Jibe Ct), and it was seconded by Councilman Frazier. All in favor except Mayor Green. No Vote.

**36. Resolution 2025-04: A resolution to adopt the updated Employee Handbook for the Town of Awendaw, South Carolina.** After a detailed discussion, Councilman Prause made a motion to defer the resolution to adopt the updated Employee Handbook for the Town of Awendaw, South Carolina, until September, and Councilman Brown seconded it. All was in favor.

**37. Executive Session for the stated purpose of personnel matters (S.C. Code Section 30-4-70(a1))**

**concerning the Planning Manager position. Upon returning to open session, the Council may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session.**

*Councilwoman Helms made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:34 PM for the stated purpose of personnel matters (S.C. Code Section 30-4-70(a1)) concerning the Planning Manager position. Upon returning to open session, the Council may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session. It was seconded by Councilman Frazier.*

*Councilwoman Helms made a motion to come out of the Executive Session at 9:04 PM, which was seconded by Councilman Prause. No meeting notes, minutes, or decisions were made. Councilwoman Helms made a motion for the Council to move forward with making the final interview and making an offer to the Planning Manager, which Councilman Frazier seconded. All voted in favor.*

**38. Adjournment:** *Councilwoman Helms made a motion for adjournment, and Councilman Frazier seconded it. All voted in favor. The Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.*