THE OLANTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, October 13, 2026, 6:30 P.M.
Town of Olanta Community Center
215 Main St, Olanta, SC 29114

PRESENT:
Michael W. Welch, Mayor
Levi Mims
Jason Floyd

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, a notice of the regular meeting of the Olanta Town Council was posted on the door of the Olanta Town Hall. A notice of the regular meeting was also provided to members of the public requesting copies.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor Welch called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for their attendance. Mayor Welch gave the invocation. Mayor Welch led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA–THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026, TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the agenda as presented for October 13, 2026, regular town council meeting. Council Member Mims made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Floyd seconded the motion. The agenda for the October 13, 2026, meeting was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA–THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026, TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the agenda as presented for October 8, 2026, regular town council meeting. Council Member Floyd made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Mims seconded the motion. The agenda for the October 8, 2026, meeting was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. **ORDINANCE 20261008-02 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS (SECOND READING)**

Mayor Welch read Ordinance 2026-10-08-02: Council heard a reading of an ordinance implementing South Carolina Act 213 of 2026 (H. 3556) and returning municipal general elections to November of odd-numbered years, beginning November 2, 2027. The ordinance was described as voiding the prior ordinance attempting to move elections to even-numbered years. The proposal retained at-large elections, nonpartisan plurality voting, four-year staggered terms, and a $50 candidate filing fee; it specified an August 1–15 filing period, election notices, and commencement of terms. Municipal early voting was described as occurring at the Florence County voter registration and elections facility rather than Town Hall. Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the resolution as read. Council Member Mims made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Floyd seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

B. **FLOOD ORDINANCE (SECOND READING)**

Mayor Welch read the resolution Council considered an amendment to Chapter 7, Flood Damage Prevention, to align the Town ordinance and incorporated flood-hazard maps with FEMA and Florence County requirements. The corrected Exhibit A, Section 7-7, referenced the March 25, 2025 flood insurance study/maps in place of December 16, 2014 maps in an earlier version. The ordinance included severability, repeal of conflicting provisions, and effectiveness upon adoption. Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the resolution as read. Council Member Floyd made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Mims seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Welch asked for a motion to adjourn. Council Member Mims made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Floyd seconded the motion. There was no opposition to the vote, and the meeting was adjourned.