

**TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL
TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

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5:05 p.m.

The Town of Atlantic Beach Town Council meeting was held and recorded via teleconference at Atlantic Beach, South Carolina, on the 12th day of April, 2021.



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COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor Jake Evans, Chairman
Councilwoman Josephine Isom
Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore
Councilwoman Glenda Williams

ADMINISTRATION:

Benjamin Quattlebaum Jr., Town Manager
Cheryl Pereira, Town Clerk

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1 Call to Order:

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** This Town Council meeting is called to
3 order this Monday, April the 12th, year 2021 at
4 5:05 p.m. Roll call.

5 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans? Councilwoman
6 Josephine Isom?

7 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Here.

8 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

9 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Here.

10 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Glenda Williams? Mayor Jake
11 Evans?

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Here. Council, at this time, I seek a
13 motion to go into an executive session for
14 personnel and challenge to Ordinance Number
15 12-2020. Anybody have questions or comments?
16 Roll call?

17 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

18 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

19 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

20 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

21 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. The motion is granted. We can
23 now enter into our Executive Session.

24 Executive Session:

25 (Executive Session.)



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** Council, I seek a motion to come out
2 of our Executive Session into the General
3 Session portion of the meeting.

4 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I second the -- I mean so moved.

5 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Second.

6 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved ---

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** And there's a motion and a -- there's
8 a motion and a second to come out of Executive
9 Session into the General Session. If there's
10 no other questions or comments, roll call.

11 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

12 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** (No audible response.)

13 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

14 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

15 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

16 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Yea.

17 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion granted.

19 **General Session:**

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're out of our Executive Session and
21 now we're into the General Session of our
22 meeting. At this time, the meeting is called
23 to order. And I want to welcome everybody
24 online, all the citizens or landowners or
25 whoever is on the line. Welcome, and ask at



1 this time that you mute your phones and be in
2 listen only -- listen mode only for us please.
3 And if everybody would, we're gonna take just
4 a short moment of silence.

5 (Moment of Silence.)

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you. At this time, Council
7 members, we're down to ceremonial matters. Do
8 -- anyone have any ceremonial matters?

9 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I'd just like to say that I have
10 donated to the Town the -- the paper towel
11 holders for the bathrooms for the Community
12 Center, where you don't have to touch them, you
13 just wave your hand (inaudible). I donated
14 those to the Town for each one of the bathrooms
15 so therefore, hopefully they can be put up.

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** Well, thank you. That's something
17 definitely needed in this day and time. Don't
18 wanna be touching (inaudible).

19 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Thank you.

20 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** You're welcome.

21 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor ---

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** Anybody else, we have any ceremonial?

23 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- I just want to say for the
24 record that Councilman Lenearl Evans is not in
25 attendance this evening -- feeling ill.



1 Councilwoman Isom called me and having
2 difficulty getting access online to the General
3 Session.

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, so it's just myself and
5 Councilwoman Williams and Councilwoman Gore
6 and, of course, what -- Councilwoman Isom you
7 said so it's just me and Councilwoman Williams
8 and Councilwoman Gore. Okay.

9 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Right.

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** If there is no other -- I'm sorry?
11 Yes.

12 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. If there's no other ceremonial
14 matters, we're down to the approval of the
15 agenda. Council, seek a motion for the
16 approval of the agenda as it is outlined.

17 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** So moved ---

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved. Second ---

19 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Second.

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second on the
21 floor for approval of the agenda and, if
22 there's no other questions or comments, roll
23 call ---

24 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom ---

25 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?



1 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: (No audible response.)

2 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

3 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

4 CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

5 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yea.

6 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

7 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted. I hear
8 Councilwoman Isom back on the line. That was
9 just the roll call for the approval of the
10 agenda so that's where we are.

11 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Okay, thank you. I just had a
12 time -- they cut me off every time.

13 MAYOR EVANS: Yeah, welcome back.

14 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Okay. I've been trying ---

15 Old Business:

16 MAYOR EVANS: Okay we're ... Okay. We're down to
17 Old Business, Town Council meeting minutes,
18 minutes from Town Council meeting held on March
19 the 1st, 2021. Council, seek a motion for the
20 approval of those minutes.

21 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.

22 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Second ---

23 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Second.

24 MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and a second on the
25 floor for the approval of the Town Council



1 meeting minutes from the March 1st, 2021
2 meeting. If there are no other questions or
3 comments, roll call.

4 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

5 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

6 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

7 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

8 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

9 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Yea.

10 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion granted. We're down to
12 Item B. under Old Business and, Council, I
13 think if we're not in agreement, I guess you
14 guys need to let me know, that this is
15 something that we're still working on as far as
16 the structure. We did get quite a few
17 applications in, but as far -- the structure of
18 the board, there's still some loose ends I
19 think we need to tie up so we want to probably
20 table this. So Council, I seek a motion to
21 table Item B. under Old Business, appointment
22 of the historians. Seek a motion, Council, to
23 table.

24 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved ---

25 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** So moved. Second.



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second for the
2 table of the appointment for historians. If
3 there are no other questions or comments, roll
4 call.

5 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

6 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea (ph).

7 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

8 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

9 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

10 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Yea.

11 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion is granted.

13 **New Business:**

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to New Business, Item A. --
15 6.A., Resolution Number 2-2021, Fair Housing.
16 The approval of policy of nondiscrimination on
17 the basis of disability status. Ben, you want
18 to kinda give -- or background on this?

19 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes, Mayor, Council and residents
20 and public, April is National Fair Housing
21 Month nationally, and the Municipal Association
22 along with all the municipalities within the
23 State of South Carolina have been requested to
24 adopt a fair housing nondiscrimination
25 disability for fair housing and our -- the item



1 was posted in the news media on the 25th of
2 March as required that the Town of Atlantic
3 Beach is in support of fair housing, and this
4 is a resolution to support and adopt the
5 support of fair housing.

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. Council, seek a motion to adopt
7 Resolution Number 2-2021, Fair Housing.

8 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So ---

9 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** So moved.

10 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second on the
12 floor to adopt Resolution Number 2-2021 for
13 fair housing. If there are no other questions
14 or comments, roll call.

15 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

16 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

17 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

19 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

20 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Yea.

21 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion is granted. And we're
23 down to B., and this is Resolution Number
24 3-2021, and this is a resolution adopting the
25 Horry County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Ben,



1 you want to brief us on that as well?

2 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes, Mayor, Council and residents,
3 this is a -- the County is charged with putting
4 together all-hazard mitigation plan involving
5 all state of emergencies -- tornadoes,
6 hurricanes and any natural disasters for
7 municipalities in Horry County. We -- all
8 municipalities participated and provided
9 information to Horry County to put together
10 this emergency management plan, and they are
11 seeking the adoption and support of the
12 All-Hazard Mitigation Plan formerly (ph)
13 developed by the -- Horry County. So asking
14 all municipalities to participate in putting
15 the plan together to adopt support of the
16 County's total hazard mitigation plan.

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, thank you. Council, seek a
18 motion to adopt Resolution Number 3-2021, a
19 resolution adopting the Horry County All-Hazard
20 Mitigation Plan. Seek a motion to adopt
21 Resolution Number 3-2021.

22 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved ---

23 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** So moved.

24 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second.

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** And I've got a second so there's a



1 motion and a second to adopt Resolution Number
2 3-2021. If there are no other questions or
3 comments, roll call.

4 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

5 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

6 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

7 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

8 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

9 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Yea.

10 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion is granted.

12 **Manager's Report:**

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** And we're down to 7., the Town
14 Manager's Report.

15 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, Council and residents, first
16 and foremost, I would like to thank all of the
17 residents, Council and the community for their
18 outpouring of support for my successful surgery
19 that I had. I appreciate all the prayers,
20 well-wishes and concerns for my well-being. I
21 am still out of the office until -- I'm being
22 released by the doctor hopefully soon. I would
23 like to also, for the record, thank Cheryl
24 Pereira for her exceptional responsibility in
25 managing the office in my absence and



1 coordinating with me regularly to make services
2 to the residents of the community go unchanged.
3 I appreciate all of her efforts and her support
4 during this time, and I hope to be returned
5 physically shortly. And I thank everyone for
6 their prayers and well-wishes. Item Number A.,
7 I am pleased to announce under the leadership
8 of Chief Robinson and his staff that we have
9 successfully recruited two police officers --
10 both of them are uncertified at this time, but
11 in this market and demand for officers and
12 shortage nationally, they'll be commended for
13 their efforts in recruiting two uncertified
14 officers. One of the officers is -- has been
15 certified in the State of North Carolina and
16 has to go through a limited training to be
17 certified in the State of South Carolina. The
18 other candidate is an individual out of college
19 majoring in criminal justice. And I think we
20 have two candidates -- exceptional candidates
21 to go through the certification process for the
22 State of South Carolina. The one that was
23 certified in North Carolina should hopefully be
24 done in the next couple of weeks, and the other
25 will take a more extensive period to become



1 certified in the State of South Carolina. But
2 I'm pleased to report to the community that we
3 are successful in recruiting these two
4 officers. Item B., bids have been posted by
5 the Waccamaw COG for playground construction.
6 COG has authorized the drawdown of the first
7 funds for the revitalization of the playground
8 adjacent to the Community Center on 32nd
9 Avenue, and they're out for quotes and response
10 to requests for proposals for contractors to do
11 the design work for the playground. If
12 everyone recalls -- and if (inaudible) the
13 design format that they're looking at, a
14 modernized community playground, and hopefully
15 construction will start within the next
16 hopefully 45 to 60 days. Item C., I'd like to
17 update the Council and the public. I sent a
18 letter -- Item C. -- on the status of the
19 comprehensive development by the development
20 group out of Florida. At this time, the
21 Council is not entertaining the proposal, and
22 will make a determination whether -- if they
23 will hear any further proposal or presentation,
24 it will be done in public with full
25 participation by the community in person -- not



1 online but in person -- and when COVID
2 conditions allow and should Council agree to
3 hearing the -- their proposal, that's when it
4 will be heard by the general public. I sent a
5 letter dated April 9th giving a chronology of
6 all of the activities that were -- went on with
7 this development proposal that I've been
8 involved with over the -- over 16 months, and
9 the information was prematurely provided to the
10 community without -- Council has not been able
11 -- privy to the several proposals which were
12 scheduled to be presented on April the 5th. So
13 when -- when and should the Council decide that
14 they will do any further update on their
15 proposed plan, the public will be notified and
16 it will be duly posted. I'd like to -- at this
17 time, to turn over to -- the floor to Ken
18 McIver, Chairman of the Beautification
19 Committee, with an announcement on a proposal
20 for cleanup for 2021 -- May 2021. Mr. McIver?

21 **MR. McIVER:** I'm here, Mr. Manager. And I just want
22 to bring greetings to the Mayor and the
23 Council. Kenneth McIver, Chairman of the
24 Beautification Committee. And I'd just like to
25 propose to you that we have our annual town



1 cleanup the week of May 16th -- 17th, and the
2 exact date of those placements I think I'll
3 work out with the Town Manager as to when
4 exactly those can be placed. But on the 22nd,
5 we'd like to have our annual town cleanup
6 involving all the citizens of the community,
7 starting at 8:30 'til 12:30, after which time
8 we'd like to have a town cookout down toward
9 the oceanfront. We don't have our beloved Fox
10 that usually provides cooking for us so we're
11 gonna have to line some new sources for this
12 cookout, but we'd like to have that on May 22nd
13 between 8:30 and 12:30, asking all citizens to
14 come out and do your part for the
15 beautification of -- in the town. I will be in
16 contact with the Manager in terms of supplies
17 and those kind of things. I will also be in
18 contact with the Manager as to where the
19 placement of the bins will be, as we usually
20 have both on the west side and the east side,
21 so I'll be in contact with him. And I'll also
22 be in contact with the Manager in terms of
23 monitoring the dumpsters. We certainly want to
24 make sure that the dumpster is only for the use
25 of Town -- of the Town residents, and for



1 residential use and not commercial use.

2 (Inaudible background noise.)

3 MR. McIVER: I'm sorry?

4 (Inaudible background noise.)

5 MR. McIVER: And that's my report for right now.

6 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Thank you ---

7 MR. McIVER: Okay.

8 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: --- last time -- Mayor, not on the
9 agenda, but I'd just like to -- I just received
10 a call today. About a month ago, a couple of
11 residents in the town requested that I do what
12 I could to get COVID vaccines at -- here in the
13 Town of Atlantic Beach. I ran across a Dr.
14 Darby, who was looking to purchase property in
15 the Town of Atlantic Beach, and indicated to me
16 that he would possibly be able to bring the --
17 vaccination -- vaccine shots -- COVID vaccine
18 shots to residents of Atlantic Beach. I
19 received a call from him this morning. He is
20 -- just closed on a property in Atlantic Beach
21 and will become a resident, and indicated to me
22 that on May the 15th, he will be bringing a
23 mobile health van with the Johnson and Johnson
24 one-shot vaccine for any resident or
25 surrounding community individuals who would



1 like to have the vaccination done. May the
2 15th. The tentative time is between 11:00 and
3 4:00. He's going to send me more details, and
4 information will be distributed to the public
5 and the community. And appreciate him making
6 that offer to the residents of the Town of
7 Atlantic Beach. That's all I have, Mayor.

8 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Mr. Mayor, this is
9 Councilwoman Williams. Mr. Q., I would greatly
10 appreciate -- I greatly appreciate that. I
11 also want to add Ms. Brenda Deese. She has set
12 it up for the Town of Atlantic Beach to
13 participate in a walk-in clinic for vaccines as
14 well at the Myrtle Beach Mall located at 10177
15 North Kings Highway, beyond the Barefoot area,
16 and that will be Wednesday, April the 14th from
17 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Again, that's for any
18 residents of the Town of Atlantic Beach on
19 behalf of Ms. Brenda Deese. She has said -- to
20 participate in a walk-in clinic for vaccines at
21 the Myrtle Beach Mall Wednesday, April 14th
22 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. And again, that
23 was the -- last week when I spoke with her,
24 that was a Pfizer vaccine. She can make
25 corrections if it's different this time, but



1 they have been giving out the Pfizer vaccine at
2 the Myrtle Beach Mall.

3 Public Time:

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to Public Time now?

5 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes, sir. We have several public
6 comment cards that were received. In no
7 particular order, I'd like to open the floor to
8 Dr. Trey Young Cooper. Traci Young Cooper --
9 excuse me. Dr. Cooper? Okay, she's not here.
10 Mr. Leon Bailey? Mr. Bailey, are you on the
11 line ---

12 **MR. BAILEY:** Hello, Town Manager, how are you doing?

13 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

14 **MR. BAILEY:** Probably they need to put themselves on
15 mute, but that's not my phone but ... But what
16 ---

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** If you're not speaking, would you
18 please put your -- everybody who is not
19 speaking, would you please put your -- mute
20 your phone for us please? You can -- you go
21 ahead.

22 **MR. BAILEY:** I just wanted to take the time and I
23 just wanted to address the Council as well as
24 the Town Manager and the Mayor, and just wanted
25 to say that I think that -- and it was funny



1 'cause just a minute ago I heard that the --
2 somebody that was coming to the town and they
3 were willing to actually assist with, you know,
4 helping with the vaccines and bringing the
5 vaccines, and I think that's great. I love the
6 fact that existing constituents, or even new
7 constituents that want to join Atlantic Beach
8 are willing to help, and I think that's so
9 important that -- what -- that how we are just
10 wanting to help each other and that -- I just
11 wanted to communicate that being a constituent
12 of this town and knowing other constituents how
13 -- I think that many of us that would like to
14 assist the Council and the Town Manager and
15 wherever we can, as well as the Mayor, wherever
16 it be, if this was in development, or whatever
17 it is, I just think that we just need to work
18 on maybe getting a better line of communication
19 of where we can assist and use our subject
20 matter expertise to assist the Town, and then
21 we can all work in collaborative matters 'cause
22 I think I speak for the people on 101 -- the
23 neighbors -- like I'll be happy to join this or
24 to help out with these such-and-such efforts to
25 be able to better the Town in different,



1 various ways. I mean, this town has a unique
2 makeup of people that have very great expertise
3 and very great -- whether it's real estate,
4 whether it's as historians in the town,
5 understanding development, politics, grant
6 writers -- just so many people -- I just think
7 that we just need to tap into some of our
8 resources because everybody I've met in this
9 town has a deep love for Atlantic Beach and
10 what Atlantic Beach can be, but I just think we
11 gotta start utilizing our most precious
12 resources in the Black Pearl, which is each
13 other, and just maybe setting up a portal or
14 some type of communication so we can know how
15 we can help and what we can do and how we can
16 better be used to help you guys do your job
17 'cause I know you're with limited resources and
18 we can't just hold you accountable for what we
19 don't see if we are not being part of that
20 effort to help bring you to what we expect to
21 see in the town. So that is it. Thank you.

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

23 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Thank you.

24 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Thank you much, Bailey.

25 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Mr. Q.?



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** You have some more, Ben?

2 **CLERK:** Well -- Mr. Q., we have Jaye Divine. Ms.
3 Jaye Divine.

4 **MS. DIVINE:** Yes, this is Jaye Divine. Thank you
5 for recognizing ---

6 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** I'm sorry ---

7 **MS. DIVINE:** Can you hear me?

8 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- I apologize. I was on mute.
9 I was on mute. Sorry.

10 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Go ahead, Ms. Divine.

11 **MS. DIVINE:** Okay, no problem.

12 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Thank you.

13 **MS. DIVINE:** Oh, okay. Well, I just wanted to thank
14 the Council, the Mayor and all the constituents
15 that are on the line. I want to thank him --
16 Mr. Bailey's comments -- and tell him, you
17 know, that there are many of us who
18 wholeheartedly agree with his statement. I
19 also just had a nominee for the new Historical
20 Committee but since that issue was tabled, I
21 guess I should wait to do that on the occasion
22 that it actually is on the floor. Is that
23 correct?

24 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** No, you should fill out an
25 application. You should still get an



1 application in for reviewing -- consideration.

2 **MS. DIVINE:** Yes, I made sure the applicant -- my
3 nominee had their application in, and I just
4 wanted to bring it to the Council and the
5 Manager's attention that I recommended this
6 person. But if that issue's not on the floor
7 at this time, then I'll bring her up later.
8 And then with regard to today's agenda, I had
9 a question about the resolution you introduced
10 -- the first one -- with regard to housing and
11 disability. Is that going to impact permitting
12 in the future? Is that going to impact new
13 construction in some capacity for, you know,
14 anyone that wants to build -- this -- these --
15 this resolution?

16 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** No, ma'am. All this is, they're
17 asking that if municipalities are in favor of
18 nondiscriminatory housing on the basis of race,
19 sex, national origin or any other class, that
20 the Town of Atlantic Beach is taking concerted
21 effort to say they do not support any type of
22 discrimination in housing practices. So it
23 does not impact any development or development
24 opportunities.

25 **MS. DIVINE:** Okay. Thank you, Mr. Manager.



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** All right.

2 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** You're welcome. Okay, I'm back on
3 the ... I think I passed over -- when I was
4 calling Ms. Deese and I was on mute, Ms. Deese?
5 Ms. Brenda Deese? Hearing no response,
6 Christopher Adams? Mr. Adams? Hearing no
7 response, Mr. James -- Jim Dewitt? Mr. Dewitt?

8 **MR. DEWITT:** Good evening, Mr. Manager. Good
9 evening, Council and Mr. Mayor. My name is Jim
10 Dewitt ---

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** Good evening.

12 **MR. DEWITT:** We have the -- can you hear me?

13 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Hello ---

14 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yes.

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yeah, we can hear you.

16 **MR. DEWITT:** Okay. So, we have a place on 31st
17 Avenue. It's already been addressed that the
18 proposal that the developers brought to the
19 Town has been -- it won't be addressed until
20 the Town Council can meet in person. I just
21 wanted to express my concerns with the proposal
22 as it has been presented, and just wanted to
23 express my concern that we are opposed to it as
24 it was presented, especially with a lot of the
25 language that it had within it. That's



1 something obviously that we can address at that
2 time in the future. Thank you.

3 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

4 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Mr. Q., this is Councilwoman
5 Williams. I want to go on the record for
6 Brenda Deese. I know there was -- actually,
7 when you called her name, she did inform me
8 that she wasn't going to be able to make the
9 call as scheduled, but I did need to announce
10 that she sent me information for the
11 announcement, which was the announcement that
12 involved the walk-in clinic for vaccines at
13 Myrtle Beach Mall. So I just wanted to go on
14 the record and put that in.

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you. Do we have any more
16 comment cards, public comment cards?

17 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Mr. Q.? Or Cheryl?

18 **CLERK:** Diane Hill?

19 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** I think Dianne ---

20 **MS. HILL:** Yes, I ---

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** Do we have any other public comment
22 cards?

23 **MS. HILL:** This is Diane Hill.

24 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Diane Hill. I keep putting it on
25 mute. I'm sorry.



1 **MS. HILL:** Can you hear me? Hello?

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yes, Ms. Diane, we can hear you.

3 **MS. HILL:** All right. This is Diane Hill. Thank
4 you for recognizing me. I did send my card in
5 last week and again this week. Thank you so
6 much for being patient. And also, the item
7 that I wish to comment on is not necessarily
8 being addressed tonight. I still would like to
9 comment related to it and, of course, my
10 comment is that I do object to the
11 Comprehensive Development Plan in its present
12 iteration, and one of the major reasons for
13 this objection is because that any development
14 plan for this beach will have a far-reaching
15 and forever impact. Let me say that again. It
16 will have a forever impact. Any properties
17 that leave the hands of its current owner will
18 never, ever be reclaimed by -- them or any of
19 their descendants. And I really believe before
20 we really get deep into development, we should
21 hear from every single individual on this beach
22 who owns a piece of property. We need more
23 than one conversation. We need a series of
24 conversations and moderators to hear what each
25 of us have as a vision for this beach, and



1 whose vision should prevail. Whose vision is
2 going to secure this for the future of our
3 descendants or children, et cetera? And that's
4 all I have to say. Thank you for your
5 patience.

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you ---

7 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Ms. Hill, can I just say this.
8 I -- what you just said, I thank you so much
9 for being like that because that is my biggest
10 concern. That is my biggest worry (ph). We've
11 seen this before. We've had people come in
12 here and they try to fix it where they want a
13 piece of the say, how they want to do it, how
14 they want to take your property. We already
15 know that if you're wanting to develop your
16 property, please do it by all means, but let it
17 be you, not nobody coming and telling you that
18 we're gonna help you develop your property.
19 They're gonna have nothing going into
20 (inaudible). You've got everything and these
21 (inaudible). You don't have anything, they've
22 got everything. We've been through this -- I'm
23 so glad that that's where you are because
24 that's totally where I am. Totally where I am
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1 **MS. HILL:** Well, Jacqui, that's gotta be you
2 speaking. And, you know, I just been with you
3 for the last 30 years listening to every plan
4 that comes along ---

5 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

6 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yes, ma'am, thank you so much.
7 Ms. Hill, I swear I thought (inaudible) in my
8 head. I'm telling you, thank you, yes, this is
9 -- and I think Council's got -- Council is --
10 I (inaudible) too so therefore, they're going
11 to say -- well, there were numerous (inaudible)
12 and that I'm sorry that people even got to see
13 that 'cause I didn't want them thinking that we
14 as a Council -- we didn't have anything to do
15 with that, that came ---

16 **MS. HILL:** (Inaudible.)

17 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I know I didn't. I can't speak
18 for nobody else, but I definitely didn't.
19 Thank you.

20 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

21 **CLERK:** Mr. Q., we have ---

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** Anybody else ---

23 **CLERK:** --- we have Dr. Traci Young Cooper on line.

24 **DR. COOPER:** Yeah.

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay.



1 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: That's fine, uh-huh ---

2 (Inaudible background noise.)

3 MAYOR EVANS: Okay.

4 DR. COOPER: Thank you. Thank you so very much.
5 Mr. Quattlebaum, Mr. Mayor, do I have the floor
6 to read ---

7 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Yeah.

8 MAYOR EVANS: Yes, you do.

9 DR. COOPER: Thank you very much. I do apologize.
10 Mr. Quattlebaum, Mr. Mayor, members of Atlantic
11 Beach Town Council, a group of concerned
12 residents are appealing to you this afternoon
13 to express our collective disapproval of the
14 proposed Atlantic Beach, South Carolina
15 Redevelopment Public-Private Partnership, LLC.
16 As concerned residents, we have been alerted to
17 electronic and video documents pertaining to
18 Development Partners, Incorporated's Town
19 redesign. In our estimation, we feel the plan
20 is concerning for many reasons to include, but
21 not limited to, the following: We believe it
22 lacks transparency to our residents who were
23 overwhelmingly unaware of its
24 conceptualization. We believe it's not
25 representative of citizen, resident and



1 business leaders' input and vision in its
2 planning and design. And we believe it poses
3 potential short-term and long-term displacement
4 hardship during execution, and drastically
5 undermines the essence of Atlantic Beach as an
6 intimate, residential beach community. We are
7 asking that you deny and reject any
8 consideration of this plan current and future.
9 We seek your partnership with developing a
10 mutually beneficial path forward for the Town,
11 business owners and residents. And as you
12 continue charting the Town's vision and
13 redevelopment plan, we are asking that you will
14 keep residents, citizens and business leaders
15 routinely briefed on all of the aspects of
16 development -- exploratory or actual.
17 Additionally, and perhaps most importantly, we
18 ask that you establish a community-based,
19 strategic development and historic preservation
20 committee, and this committee and group should
21 be comprised of various Atlantic Beach
22 residents and stakeholders so that we work with
23 you, with you, collaboratively in constructing
24 and orchestrating Atlantic Beach's next phase
25 and design. Many of the stakeholders, we've



1 expressed this formally and informally to you,
2 and we are willing and ready to serve. We hope
3 that you will convene this committee quickly
4 and engage willing stakeholders desiring to
5 share their time, talents and respective
6 treasures for the Black Pearl, Atlantic Beach.
7 With kind regards, this includes Reverend Karen
8 Bennett; Mr. and Mrs. Knowledge and Jaye
9 Divine; S. Kathryn Allen, Esquire, and Maurice
10 Daniel; Mr. James Dewitt; Ms. Lynda Booker; Mr.
11 Jerry Leo Finney, Esquire; Dr. Noble P. Cooper,
12 Junior, and Dr. Traci Young Cooper; Mr. and
13 Mrs. Leon and Bernita Bailey; Ms. Elizabeth
14 Armstrong; Ms. Linda Cheatham and Mr. Glynes
15 Cheatham. Again, this is to Mr. Mayor, Mr.
16 Quattlebaum and all members of the Atlantic
17 Beach Town Council. We do appreciate your time
18 and consideration this evening.

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you very much. To address that,
20 I'm glad to hear where everybody's coming from
21 on this, but we have met and Town Council
22 members, we were pretty much blindsided by this
23 article just as you were. When I think I first
24 read the article, right away, called the other
25 Council members and the Town Manager because I



1 knew that they would be just as shocked as I
2 was to read such an article and this big plan
3 is put together and we not have any knowledge
4 whatsoever about it. And that is your honest
5 truth. Any time there is gonna a major
6 development plan here in Atlantic Beach, you as
7 citizens and property owners will likely see --
8 there'll be several meetings before anything is
9 finalized that we are going anywhere. And for
10 somebody to pretty much blindsided us like we
11 were done with this kinda makes us kind of
12 skeptical about doing anything at all with them
13 because, like I said -- I think speak for
14 Council members as well -- this is just
15 something that we got blindsided with as well.
16 And like I said, it's definitely not what
17 happened.

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** And ---

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** Any other Council members, or do we
20 have any more -- I'm sorry, you go ahead.

21 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I would like to say --
22 Councilwoman Gore. I would like to say I would
23 never, ever sell the Town out, the Town people,
24 and I'm not gonna even say my (inaudible) like
25 that. We're all for Atlantic Beach. I would



1 never sell out the Town of Atlantic Beach.
2 We've seen it happen before so therefore ---

3 (Inaudible background noise.)

4 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** --- nothing about it. So I'm
5 glad that you all feel the same way that we as
6 a government do. Thank you, all.

7 (Inaudible background noise.)

8 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Yeah, Mr. Mayor, this is
9 Councilwoman Glenda Williams, and I am going to
10 say the same thing that, you know, the -- of
11 course, I was blindsided by the article when
12 you sent it over to me. And in reading the
13 article, there is a lot of misleading
14 situations in the article, and I know that
15 we're discussing something that we said that we
16 wouldn't even move forward with but because the
17 other people and the citizens and the
18 stakeholders in the town, I just feel that they
19 should know that everyone was blindsided. But
20 for the article to say that, you know, Town
21 leaders -- leadership was in agreement, then we
22 absolutely know that was incorrect. And so,
23 I'm with you, Mr. Mayor, if someone's gonna
24 come in and try to gain a relationship through
25 -- with -- already creating mistrust, then it



1 would be hard to even, you know, go forth in
2 trying to deal with that company 'cause they
3 set the tone and (inaudible) the Town's
4 (inaudible) incorrectly within itself. Another
5 thing is that I would hope that everyone would
6 at least trust the Council and Mayor enough to
7 know that we would never sign on anything to,
8 you know, to sell any of the owners or
9 stakeholders or just the people within itself
10 out. I mean we took an oath and our oath is
11 that we, you know, we represent everyone in the
12 highest regards of representing them when it
13 comes to things such as this. I also agree --
14 while I'm on this, I also agree with Mr.
15 Bailey, you know, there is a lot of things that
16 we have that could possibly could go on in
17 town, or things that we can work on that we
18 need to inform the citizens more so of to get
19 a helping hand or build an informative
20 community or still -- not community,
21 committees. And also people will fill in those
22 particular areas that need it. So I too concur
23 with everybody getting together, building a
24 united team together, where it can also build
25 our community even more. So I just wanted to



1 come in and say I too agree with Councilwoman
2 Gore and especially you, Mr. Mayor, saying that
3 we were blindsided because that's exactly what
4 has happened. In my mind -- I'm speaking
5 directly for me now -- in my mind, I didn't
6 even see or think we were going any further
7 with the situation, not even, you know,
8 entertaining the situation any further, you
9 know, this is the way it's already been
10 presented to us. So this is Councilwoman
11 Glenda Williams speaking that I, you know, in
12 no shape, form or fashion knew anything about
13 it, and I was just as blindsided as anyone
14 else. Thank you.

15 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Thank you.

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you. Is that it, Council
17 members. And we didn't have any public times
18 speakers that were -- for public time?

19 **CLERK:** Do you have a William J. Adams, Junior?

20 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** I do.

21 **MR. ADAMS:** Yes, this is William James Adams,
22 Junior, speaking.

23 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

24 **MR. ADAMS:** Okay, good evening. I'd like to express
25 my disapproval of the whole project. And one



1 thing I've learned from Ms. James (ph), coming
2 down to the area, Atlantic Beach, learning how
3 prominent it was with the -- a lot of my
4 people, and it was beautiful to me. It is
5 beautiful to me. And it is kinda like me
6 seeing gentrification all over again. I
7 witnessed it, I experienced it, and it's not
8 something that I'll, you know, (inaudible) in
9 any way, shape, form or fashion. And somebody
10 told me a long time ago if it walks like a
11 duck, talks like a duck, it's a duck. And in
12 that poster that I've seen, it said something
13 -- and it kept on (inaudible) it out, which was
14 -- which (inaudible) gentrification, that was
15 what it was saying, unlike gentrification. And
16 like I said, it is. And I'd like to just
17 express that. Thank you.

18 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Thank you.

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you. Is that it? Cheryl, do we
20 have any more public comment cards?

21 **CLERK:** No. I know there were a few people who was
22 -- were not there when Mr. Q. called their
23 names so I think that is it.

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay.

25 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** I think I went through everything.



1 I think I (inaudible) everything, Cheryl.
2 Cheryl, I think you called everybody else ---

3 **CLERK:** Okay, all right.

4 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- that I missed.

5 **CLERK:** Okay, thank you. All right.

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay.

7 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** All right, Mr. Mayor, I
8 would like to say something and, if I'm in
9 error, please stop me while I'm saying it. But
10 I would like to say -- this is Councilwoman
11 Williams so if I'm in error, just shut me down.
12 (Inaudible) while we have a lot of the people
13 on the line, I would like to say this. In
14 reference to the Town having to send Paul Curry
15 an agenda every time we meet, who is not a
16 citizen or a stakeholder in anything in the
17 Town of Atlantic Beach, again, this request has
18 been made a couple months ago. I am requesting
19 that we no longer do it. I am also requesting
20 for the fact there is a lot of our community
21 members the majority of the time that do not
22 know when meetings or the schedule -- monthly
23 meeting has changed. There are not things that
24 goes out in mail to our own people, the
25 stakeholders, or to our people -- that's within



1 the town. Most of the time they have to get
2 the information through hearsay or another
3 community member. It is not fair to be sending
4 an agenda to someone who's not a citizen of the
5 Town of Atlantic Beach prior to even notifying
6 the ones that are citizens of the Town of
7 Atlantic Beach -- also, the stakeholders. So
8 I am going to -- I am Councilwoman Glenda
9 Williams. I'm putting this forth, Mr. Mayor,
10 and whether you all -- however you all agree,
11 I would like the Town members and the people
12 that's on this line to know I wholeheartedly
13 disagree with the Town sending someone that's
14 always in the town, always videoing, whatever,
15 towards our own community, sending information
16 whereby our own community is not getting the
17 information. It is a form of unification just
18 as Mr. Bailey said. We need to -- even if
19 there is someone that's willing to make sure
20 all our people in the town get agendas, or even
21 just get notification of when we're having a
22 meeting or of a meeting change, that's what we
23 should be focused on. We -- what's now --
24 start looking out for our own. You have our --
25 people who are just driving through a



1 neighborhood and shot down for no reason, but
2 yet there's a man that's driving through the
3 neighborhoods, always videoing people, taking
4 pictures of people, putting the information on
5 these websites or social media, and nothing is
6 happening. We have to take a stand. And my
7 stance is, we no longer -- no matter what --
8 however we have to do it, we no longer be
9 forced to be sending out agendas to someone
10 that should not be getting it. That's what I'm
11 saying and I'm putting it on record. Thank
12 you.

13 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Thank you.

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** Ben, let me address this though. Now,
15 I know normally our meetings are the first
16 Monday of every month. This situation that
17 we're in right now with the meeting we're
18 having today was pushed back because of nothing
19 other than personal reasons. So this meeting
20 didn't occur on the first Monday of this month.
21 We're having it now -- and the reason we're
22 having it now is not what I'm after -- but the
23 public should have been made aware that the
24 meeting had been changed to today. So in most
25 cases, everybody that's on the line, or the



1 general public, so how did we find out -- how
2 did we let the citizens know that this -- the
3 meeting had been changed to today's date? And
4 we probably didn't do a whole lot to make sure
5 they knew that the meeting had been changed to
6 a different date, which we should monitor and,
7 any time we change a meeting off of its regular
8 time and date of the first Monday of every
9 month and those meeting scheduled, any time it
10 doesn't take place, we need to have a better
11 system of informing the public that it's not
12 going to take place. On top of what Glenda's
13 actually expressing concerns about.

14 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes, sir, we will. We will.

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. Is there any other Council
16 member's comments or ... Is that it? Okay, if
17 that's it, Council, I seek a motion to adjourn.

18 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** So moved.

19 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Second ---

20 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second to
22 adjourn. Roll call.

23 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

24 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

25 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?



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COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yea.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted. The meeting is
adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

**(There being nothing further, the meeting was
adjourned.)**

