

# **TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

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**Monday, December 13, 2021**

**5:00 p.m.**

The Town of Atlantic Beach Town Council meeting was held and recorded at Atlantic Beach Community Center, 1010 32nd Avenue South, Atlantic Beach, South Carolina, on the 13th day of December, 2021.



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**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Mayor Jake Evans, Chairman  
Councilwoman Josephine Isom  
Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore

**ADMINISTRATION:**

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

**GUESTS:**

Carol Coleman  
Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments

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1 Call to Order:

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** This Town Council meeting is called to  
3 order this Monday, December 13th, year 2021 at  
4 5:00 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:** Mayor Jake Evans?

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** Here. Council, I seek a motion to go  
12 into Executive Session for litigation with  
13 Hubert Williams, demolition and personnel.

14 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second.

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second to go  
17 into Executive Session for litigation with  
18 Hubert Williams and personnel. Any other  
19 questions or comments? If not, roll call.

20 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

21 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

22 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

23 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

24 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. The motion is granted.



1 Executive Session:

2 (Executive Session.)

3 **MAYOR EVANS:** Council, I seek a motion to come out  
4 of Executive Session into the General Session.

5 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** So moved, Mr. Mayor.

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** Need a second.

7 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion a second to come out  
9 of the Executive Session into the General  
10 Session. Are there any other questions or  
11 comments? If not, roll call.

12 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

13 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

14 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

15 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

16 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. The motion is granted.

18 General Session:

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** I want to take out this time out to  
20 welcome the general public and ask at this time  
21 if you have any cell phones or pagers or any  
22 devices that might disturb the proceedings that  
23 you put those on silence for us, shut those off  
24 for us, at this time please. And, if you  
25 would, stand with us for a moment of silence.



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(Moment of Silence.)

**MAYOR EVANS:** Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison.)

**MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to ceremonial matters and I think we have a police officer that we should be swearing in tonight ---

**COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Adrienne, Ms. Turner ---

**MAYOR EVANS:** --- is that Ms. Adrienne Turner?

**COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yes, it is.

**MAYOR EVANS:** Alrighty.

(Inaudible background noise.)

**MAYOR EVANS:** When I say I, you state your name.  
(Inaudible.) So, I.

**OFFICER TURNER:** Adrienne Nicole Turner.

**MAYOR EVANS:** Do solemnly swear.

**OFFICER TURNER:** Do solemnly swear.

**MAYOR EVANS:** That I am duly qualified.

**OFFICER TURNER:** That I am duly qualified.

**MAYOR EVANS:** According to the Constitution of this state.

**OFFICER TURNER:** According to the Constitution of this state.

**MAYOR EVANS:** To exercise the duties of the office.

**OFFICER TURNER:** To exercise the duty of the office.

**MAYOR EVANS:** To which I have been appointed.



1 **OFFICER TURNER:** To which I have been appointed.

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** And that I will to the best of my  
3 ability -- I'm sorry. And that I will to the  
4 best of my ability.

5 **OFFICER TURNER:** And that I will to the best of my  
6 ability.

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** Discharge the duties thereof.

8 **OFFICER TURNER:** Discharge the duties thereof.

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** And preserve and protect.

10 **OFFICER TURNER:** And preserve and protect.

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** And defend the Constitution.

12 **OFFICER TURNER:** And defend the Constitution.

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Of this state and the United States.

14 **OFFICER TURNER:** Of this state and the United  
15 States.

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** So help me God.

17 **OFFICER TURNER:** So help me God.

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** As a police officer of the Town of  
19 Atlantic Beach.

20 **OFFICER TURNER:** As a police officer of the Town of  
21 Atlantic Beach.

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** I will equally, fairly and  
23 impartially.

24 **OFFICER TURNER:** I will equally, fairly and  
25 impartially.



1     **MAYOR EVANS:** To the best of my ability and skill.

2     **OFFICER TURNER:** To the best of my ability and  
3             skills.

4     **MAYOR EVANS:** Exercise the trust reposed in me.

5     **OFFICER TURNER:** Exercise the trust reposed in me.

6     **MAYOR EVANS:** And I will use my best endeavors.

7     **OFFICER TURNER:** And I will use my best endeavors.

8     **MAYOR EVANS:** To preserve the peace.

9     **OFFICER TURNER:** To preserve the peace.

10    **MAYOR EVANS:** And carry into effect.

11    **OFFICER TURNER:** And carry into effect.

12    **MAYOR EVANS:** According to the law.

13    **OFFICER TURNER:** According to the law.

14    **MAYOR EVANS:** The purposes for which I have been  
15             appointed.

16    **OFFICER TURNER:** The purposes for which I have been  
17             appointed.

18    **MAYOR EVANS:** So help me God.

19    **OFFICER TURNER:** So help me God.

20    **MAYOR EVANS:** Well ...

21    **OFFICER TURNER:** Thank you.

22                     **(Applause.)**

23                     **(Inaudible background noise.)**

24    **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, Council, we're down to the  
25             approval of the agenda and I seek a motion for



1 the approval of the agenda as it is outlined.

2 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

3 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second.

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second for the  
5 approval of the agenda. If there are no more  
6 questions or comments, roll call.

7 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

8 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

9 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

10 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

11 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. The motion's granted for the  
13 approval of the agenda.

14 **Old Business:**

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to Old Business, Town  
16 Council meeting minutes. Meeting minutes from  
17 Town Council meetings held on August 23rd,  
18 September 13th, October 4th and November 1st of  
19 2021, all for meeting -- seek a motion,  
20 Council.

21 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

22 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second.

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second to  
24 approve those minutes. Any other questions or  
25 comments? If not, roll call.





1 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

2 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

3 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

4 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

5 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. The motion is granted. We're  
7 down to Item B. under Old Business, Ordinance  
8 Number 8-2021. This is the amendment to  
9 Ordinance Number 1-2020, which is an ordinance  
10 establishing and adopting the operational  
11 procedures for the May '22 Atlantic Beach  
12 Memorial Day Black Pearl Cultural Heritage and  
13 Bike Festival, and this will be the second  
14 reading. And I do think there are some  
15 amendments that we need to make there before we  
16 approve this second reading, and I know that on  
17 the Monday of May 30th we want the closing time  
18 to be 4:00 p.m. I believe, if I'm correct,  
19 Council?

20 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Correct ---

21 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yes (ph).

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** And then for Friday, Saturday ---

23 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Sunday.

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** --- and Sunday, instead of 2:00 a.m.,  
25 we're allowing operations until 3:00 a.m.



1           instead of 2:00 a.m., is that correct, is both  
2           of them?

3           **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Correct.

4           **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, Council, I seek a motion of the  
5           second reading with those amendments.

6           **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, I just wanted to add that  
7           we need to be mindful of the variant -- of the  
8           Omicron variant and that we make sure that we  
9           revisit prior to, I'm suggesting around March,  
10          what the situation is nationally concerning the  
11          health and safety of residents and patrons to  
12          the event. I'm also recommending that -- at  
13          this time that we limit participation to  
14          vendors only and not have a major entertainment  
15          congregation of individuals as we've done in  
16          the past for the last -- prior Bike Fest for  
17          the safety -- health and safety so I want  
18          Council to be cognizant -- community that we  
19          monitor the situation and make a decision  
20          accordingly if necessary, make any  
21          modifications.

22          **MAYOR EVANS:** Gotcha.

23          **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Okay. Go ahead.

24          **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

25          **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second.



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, the motion has been seconded to  
2 -- for the second reading of Ordinance Number  
3 8-2021, which is the Bike Fest. Okay, if there  
4 are no other questions or comments, roll call.

5 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

6 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

7 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

8 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

9 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. The motion is granted. We're  
11 down to Item C. under Old Business, Town  
12 Manager request approval from Town Council for  
13 the purchase and financing of two, 2017 and  
14 2018, Ford Explorers, fully loaded, police  
15 vehicles not to exceed \$51,768.08, which is a  
16 ratification, guys ---

17 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** You're right, uh-huh ---

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** --- I think we've agreed to this so we  
19 just to make it formal. So I seek a motion.

20 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

21 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second.

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second to give  
23 the Town Manager the approval to purchase the  
24 two police vehicles. Any other questions or  
25 comments?



1 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes, Mayor, let me state for the  
2 record ---

3 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay.

4 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- I requested and was granted by  
5 full Council the approval to purchase two  
6 vehicles, 2017 and 2018, Ford Explorers.  
7 There's a national crisis and shortage of  
8 vehicles, specifically police vehicles  
9 nationally. We had the opportunity to acquire  
10 these two vehicles. As I indicated in the  
11 prior meeting, our current vehicles have some  
12 mechanical problems, major mechanical problems,  
13 and Council gave me the authorization and this  
14 is a ratification of that authorization. We  
15 purchased the vehicles to be financed, the  
16 first financing (inaudible) the Town of \$51,768  
17 (inaudible) the annual payment of \$12,000 --  
18 approximately \$12,000 a year which we will pay  
19 annually, the first payment will be in  
20 February, and I hope to pay off the vehicles  
21 prior to the four-year financing terms. Any  
22 questions?

23 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

24 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Thank you.

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, I made the motion. I need roll



1 call. Roll call.

2 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

3 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

4 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

5 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

6 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. The motion's granted.

8 **New Business:**

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to New Business, and Item  
10 A. under New Business is Ordinance Number 9-  
11 2021 and this is an ordinance to establish a  
12 flood damage prevention ordinance which is  
13 gonna be a first reading as well. So, Council,  
14 seek a motion.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** Need a second.

17 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second.

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second to adopt  
19 Ordinance Number 9-2021, an ordinance to  
20 establish the flood damage prevention ordinance  
21 and this is the first reading. If there are no  
22 other questions or comments, roll call. Oh,  
23 you wanted to -- okay.

24 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes. I requested the Director of  
25 Planning for the Waccamaw Regional Council of



1 Governments to come before the Council and  
2 public to explain the necessity for the flood  
3 manage -- flood damage prevention ordinance,  
4 and I will turn it over to Ms. Carol Coleman at  
5 this time.

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

7 **MS. COLEMAN:** Thank you so much for having me.  
8 Carol Coleman, Waccamaw Regional Council of  
9 Governments, and I did have conversations with  
10 Mr. Quattlebaum when I realized that nothing  
11 had happened in terms of adopting the new maps.  
12 You probably heard, it's been in the news, in  
13 the last few years that FEMA had done a new  
14 flood study for Coastal South Carolina, the Low  
15 Country -- real Low Country, low Low Country --  
16 so when I say that, I mean Beaufort County,  
17 Jasper County, Charleston County, down south of  
18 us. They passed theirs about two years ago and  
19 most of Horry County has passed theirs, and I  
20 was working with the Town of Surfside Beach to  
21 get theirs passed and realized this one hadn't  
22 gone through. Just to give you a little bit of  
23 an overview, you probably made out better than  
24 a lot of areas. Some properties have come out  
25 of the flood zones, or out of the BE zones,



1 which requires additional engineering designs  
2 when you're on the oceanfront or a couple rows  
3 off of it, so it will make it a little bit  
4 easier to build, you might not have to build up  
5 as high for your finished elevation as you  
6 would have before, think you gained about four  
7 feet (inaudible) on the whole if Surfside --  
8 Atlantic Beach, I apologize. I do want to take  
9 a moment, Mr. Mayor, if I could. Actually, the  
10 title reads as follows: an ordinance to amend  
11 Exhibit D to the Flood Damage Prevention  
12 Ordinance in order to adopt the Federal  
13 Emergency Management Agency's latest flood  
14 insurance study and accompanying flood  
15 insurance rate maps for the Town of Atlantic  
16 Beach, South Carolina. So the copy of the  
17 ordinance that I have given you that is labeled  
18 as Ordinance 9-2021 is almost verbatim the same  
19 as the ordinance that's in place right now,  
20 with the exception of the date, and we may want  
21 to talk about this just a bit to figure out  
22 which way to go from here. On page two and  
23 Section 4, you'll see an underlined date which  
24 is December 16th, 2021. That is the date by  
25 which FEMA wanted this adopted. So obviously,



1 with today being the 13th, we cannot get it  
2 adopted by the 16th, but I've been in touch  
3 pretty repeatedly with the Department of  
4 Natural Resources in Columbia, and we're hoping  
5 that it won't cause any suspension or anything  
6 else with regards to the Town of Atlantic Beach  
7 and that once we get the second reading in  
8 place and they have a copy that they can submit  
9 on to FEMA, there will be a seamless transition  
10 from the old map to the new maps. It comes  
11 into play if someone comes in to get permits.

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Excuse me, I want to make sure that  
13 the people online are hearing you.

14 **MS. COLEMAN:** Uh-huh.

15 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

16 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Denise ---

17 **MS. GIBSON:** Somewhat. Not really clearly but  
18 somewhat. We can hear somewhat, yes ---

19 **MS. COLEMAN:** Okay, is that ---

20 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Okay, how about now?

21 **MS. COLEMAN:** Can you hear me now?

22 **MS. GIBSON:** Yes, very much so now.

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

24 **MS. COLEMAN:** Okay. So, our goal date for adopting  
25 these is December 16th, which is Thursday. We





1 have first reading tonight but, in the State of  
2 South Carolina, I believe the municipal  
3 requirement is you can't have two readings  
4 within six days of each other so the earliest  
5 we can adopt the second reading would be next  
6 week. Like I said, I've been in touch with the  
7 Department of Natural Resources for South  
8 Carolina, they are FEMA's arm in South  
9 Carolina, and they're aware of what's going on  
10 and they just want to make sure we get the maps  
11 adopted. Some places haven't adopted them yet.  
12 I know Georgetown is appealing them in a number  
13 of ways. Horry County did the same thing. But  
14 most places have adopted them. I'm not sure  
15 any other municipalities are outstanding, but  
16 we can move forward with this. So, the first  
17 change in the ordinance that you've got in your  
18 packet is that date. Previously, the date I  
19 believe was 1989 or ... Get back here. In the  
20 ordinance as it's currently written was  
21 September 17th, 2003 (ph) so that was probably  
22 the last time the maps were changed in this  
23 area. And then if you'll turn over, everything  
24 else is the same until you get to page 19 and  
25 there are quite a number of changes under



1           accessory structures, that's because the  
2           language that was in the ordinance changed in  
3           the state model ordinance. So, they completely  
4           rewrote that section so I rewrote this section  
5           to reflect what's in the state model ordinance.  
6           Not all of this ordinance was written to match  
7           the state model ordinance, some places just use  
8           the state model ordinance and adapt it for the  
9           area where they're located. This one was  
10          written separately but it is consistent with  
11          the state model ordinance. So if you can adopt  
12          this ordinance as it's currently proposed with  
13          the accessory structures section changed as  
14          proposed, you will be in compliance. And once  
15          you adopt the second reading, the maps will  
16          automatically be enforced.

17       **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Okay.

18       **MS. COLEMAN:** So anyone coming in for permits after  
19          that date can use the new maps. And again,  
20          it's a benefit to them rather than a detriment.  
21          But the point of having this in place is so  
22          that you can have, number one, participate in  
23          the Flood Insurance Management Program with  
24          FEMA so, if you have a property along the ocean  
25          or within -- in the flood plains or flood



1 zones, then if something is -- were to happen  
2 and it's declared a national emergency or  
3 disaster area, then you are eligible to get  
4 FEMA funds. And then also if you have a CRS  
5 program, which is community rating system, this  
6 is part of that. And if you have a specific  
7 questions, I'll be glad to address them, and  
8 I'll make sure that I do send you copies of the  
9 maps before you look at this again.

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay.

11 **MS. COLEMAN:** But again, in discussing a proposed  
12 project in the area, we'd look at the maps to  
13 look at what the current requirements are in  
14 terms of how high they have to be from the  
15 finished elevation currently and how high they  
16 have to be after the new maps are adopted, and  
17 they came to about four feet to their favor.

18 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Ms. Coleman, I just spoke with  
19 Cheryl. The earliest we could do a second  
20 reading is the 21st of December, which is next  
21 Tuesday ---

22 **MS. COLEMAN:** Okay.

23 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- I was thinking whether we  
24 could do that -- a virtual?

25 **MS. COLEMAN:** You can do it virtually.



1 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Okay.

2 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: All right, we're looking at the  
3 21st -- I don't know if you want to suggest a  
4 time, Mayor, on the 21st -- that's a Tuesday --  
5 to do it virtually. There will only be this  
6 item and one other item on the agenda that  
7 needs a second reading. You want to  
8 (inaudible) you want to discuss ---

9 (Inaudible background noise.)

10 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: The earliest we can do it is on  
11 Tuesday, next Tuesday.

12 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Okay.

13 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: 10:00 o'clock?

14 MAYOR EVANS: That's fine with me.

15 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: 10:00 o'clock, Tuesday.

16 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: All right, Tuesday, the 21st at  
17 10:00 a.m.

18 (Inaudible background noise.)

19 MS. COLEMAN: Thank you.

20 MAYOR EVANS: Thank you. Okay, Council, I think  
21 there's a motion on the floor, seek the motion  
22 for Ordinance -- to adopt Ordinance Number 9-  
23 2021, first reading.

24 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.

25 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Second.



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and second, roll call.

2 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

3 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

4 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

5 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

6 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. The motion is granted. We're  
8 down to Item B. under Old Business, Ordinance  
9 Number 10- ---

10 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** New Business.

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** --- where I'm at? Oh, this is on C.,  
12 okay, all right. We're down to C. under New  
13 Business.

14 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** No, Ordinance -- B., yeah, B.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** We under New B.?

16 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yeah, New B.

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** Well, I thought I was on -- already  
18 started on -- Ordinance Number 10-2021?

19 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Uh-huh ---

20 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** It was.

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yeah, okay. Ordinance Number 10-2021,  
22 this is an ordinance to adopt the business  
23 license fees, business classification and  
24 collection procedures as mandated by South  
25 Carolina state law, and this is gonna be the



1 first reading as well. You can go ahead, Ben.

2 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes, Mayor, Council and public,

3 the State of South Carolina has passed a law

4 that all municipalities be on a uniform

5 business license fee collection cycle, which

6 runs from May of each year to April 30th. This

7 year, we started the process of transitioning

8 to state law and (inaudible) business license

9 to expire April 30th of 2022 and a full

10 business license year will start May 1st, 2022

11 to April 30th, 2023. Under the changes, major

12 changes, to the business license fee schedule

13 is that it will convert from a percentage

14 schedule to a flat dollar amount. The flat

15 dollar amounts are based on the categories or

16 the business' type. Each business will be

17 classified under the same guidelines in terms

18 of how we will classify a business, certain

19 businesses, whether it's retail, whether it's

20 alcoholic beverages sales, all of them will

21 have a code or a number and classification.

22 Under that, instead of the percentages that are

23 used, there will be flat dollar amounts per

24 thousand and what I'm told -- and the

25 calculation was done by the state was that it's



1 revenue neutral, meaning that it should not  
2 escalate anyone's business license paid -- fees  
3 paid substantially over what they're paying  
4 previously. So even though they're converting  
5 from a percentage to a dollar amount, and  
6 they've given us a spreadsheet on the  
7 calculation of our business licenses for the  
8 Town of Atlantic Beach, that it will convert to  
9 a dollar amount. A couple of other major  
10 modifications and changes other than the date,  
11 the fiscal year date, is that the option to  
12 waive late fees for nonpayment of business  
13 licenses at the annual renewal date, it is not  
14 optional, and the businesses throughout the  
15 state will have the ability to pay their  
16 business licenses online as well as through  
17 direct payments to the Town, which businesses  
18 have done in the past. With the first passage  
19 of the law, I thought that the County would be  
20 taking over collection of all business licenses  
21 -- that is not the case. It only allows  
22 businesses throughout the state to pay their  
23 business license online and it's optional. But  
24 I do not -- or the municipality does not have  
25 the ability to waive late fee penalties which



1           are the same (ph) five percent per month after  
2           30 days' nonpayment. So that's an overview of  
3           the business license fee ordinance. This is  
4           the first reading for adoption.

5           **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay.

6           **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Any questions?

7           **MAYOR EVANS:** Any questions, Council?

8           **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** On that five percent fee, after  
9           30 days, it goes up, they get a five percent  
10          fee. What happens after they don't pay it  
11          after that 30 days, would you add another five  
12          percent to it or ten percent ---

13          **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes, every 30 days, it will accrue  
14          five percent interest if not paid on time.

15          **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** And that just goes on and on and  
16          on? Because you can't stop nobody from  
17          operating no business ---

18          **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** (Inaudible) I'm trying to think.  
19          We have the authority not to issue a business  
20          license without payment of the business license  
21          fee. Whether I have the authority to shut a  
22          business down, I don't think so, but they have  
23          to renew and pay that penalty.

24          **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Uh-huh.

25          **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** And they will not be issued a





1 license ---

2 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Right.

3 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- operating illegally. Now,  
4 it's a legal question, I guess, for law  
5 enforcement. Any other questions, Mayor?

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** I don't.

7 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** I don't either.

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay ---

9 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Okay.

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** --- Council, seek a motion to adopt  
11 Ordinance Number 10-2021, and this is the new  
12 business license ordinance.

13 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

14 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second.

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second. If  
16 there are no other questions or comments, roll  
17 call.

18 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

19 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

20 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

21 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

22 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

24 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** And you said that this right  
25 here is the first reading, and the second



1 reading'll be done the same morning as the  
2 flood damage ---

3 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes, Council, correct.

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** Say that again.

5 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** I'm asking that this -- since it's  
6 requiring a second reading also, that these are  
7 the two items that are on the agenda for  
8 approval at our 21st -- December 21st virtual  
9 meeting, this one and the ---

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** For the second readings?

11 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes, sir.

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, gotcha.

13 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes, sir.

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. We're down to Item C., Town  
15 Manager request approval from Town Council to  
16 award Town of Atlantic Beach park improvements  
17 to Bliss Products, which is out of Chattanooga,  
18 Tennessee, in an amount not to exceed \$162,000.

19 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor and Council, we, as I  
20 indicated previously, required that we go out  
21 for bids. Originally, we thought we could  
22 select from the safe contract bidders list but  
23 were informed by Waccamaw COG, our  
24 representative on the grant, that we had to  
25 have sealed bids. Sealed bids were submitted



1 on November the 8th. We had three respondents,  
2 Churchich, C-H-U-R-C-H-I-C-H, Recreation and  
3 Design out of Beaufort, South Carolina entered  
4 a bid of \$151,300 but with no taxes so we  
5 couldn't compute the total value of their bid.  
6 Also, they have been designated non-responsive  
7 because we requested them to hold their price  
8 for 90 days. They only would hold their price  
9 for 30 days so they were excluded from bid  
10 consideration. The second bid was Great  
11 Southern Recreation out of Leland, North  
12 Carolina. They submitted two bids, one for a  
13 hundred and -- one design for \$164,583.40 and  
14 a bid for \$200,080.28. They are the highest  
15 bidder on both of their submittals and  
16 responses. Bliss Products out of Chattanooga,  
17 Tennessee submitted a bid for \$162,000 even.  
18 We are recommending awarding the bid to Bliss  
19 Products of Chattanooga, Tennessee. Want  
20 Council and the public to be aware, the entire  
21 grant was \$150,000. There are administrative  
22 overhead costs that we have to pay to the  
23 Waccamaw Regional which reduce that amount. We  
24 are required to match the grant of \$20,000. In  
25 reviewing the bid submissions, it appears that



1 the overage in the bid amount came from the  
2 fact that, in the scope of services, I included  
3 perimeter fencing around the playground area  
4 which -- approximately about 15 to \$17,000  
5 added to the cost. So, all of the bids  
6 exceeded the budgetary amount, but with the  
7 required match that the Town is required to do  
8 under the grant award, I'm asking the Town to  
9 approve the \$162,000, which will require an  
10 additional \$7,000 to the \$20,000 match that we  
11 have to provide to have this done. The only  
12 other option is to rebid them, exclude the  
13 fencing, (inaudible) out the fencing separately  
14 in a separate contract for the fencing. I am  
15 recommending that we increase our match award  
16 from \$20,000 to \$27,000 and award this bid to  
17 Bliss Products. Any questions?

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** Any questions, Council? Okay,  
19 Council, I seek the motion to give the Town  
20 Manager approval to award Bliss Products out of  
21 Chattanooga, Tennessee, not to exceed the  
22 amount of \$162,000.

23 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

24 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second the motion.

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second that



1 we're giving the Town Manager the approval to  
2 award the Town of Atlantic Beach park  
3 improvements to Bliss Products. If there are  
4 no other questions or comments, roll call.

5 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

6 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

7 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

8 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

9 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. The motion is granted.

11 **Manager's Report:**

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** And we're down to your report, Ben,  
13 Manager's Report.

14 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes, Council, residents and public,  
15 on November the 1st, Morant Properties, LLC out  
16 of New York came before the Council and the  
17 public and made a presentation on a development  
18 proposal on four lots, I think on the  
19 waterfront between 30th Avenue and 31st Avenue.  
20 After the presentation, the developer indicated  
21 that on -- based on the presentation presented  
22 to the public would require the developer to  
23 request variances or, in some cases, special  
24 exceptions to their proposal. Subsequent to  
25 the developer getting feedback from the



1 community and the public, they modified their  
2 proposal and indicated that they would be  
3 submitting under the zoning requirements as  
4 stipulated in the Land Management Ordinance in  
5 terms of its height limitation, which is 12  
6 stories, and other requirements and setbacks,  
7 that they would comply with our current zoning  
8 ordinance as approved in the Land Management  
9 Ordinance. For that reason, they did not -- or  
10 based on a legal opinion and our consultant,  
11 Ms. Coleman, that they did not have to go  
12 before the Planning Commission for approval and  
13 they have -- subsequently we have met --  
14 myself, (inaudible), Ms. Coleman -- met with  
15 the developer to get a presentation on the  
16 scope of their development project and whether  
17 it indeed complied with the zoning requirements  
18 that are existing now. They represented to us  
19 at that time that they would be submitting  
20 documentation based on the zoning requirements  
21 as stipulated in the Land Management Ordinance.  
22 To date, we have not received any proposals or  
23 designs or preliminary requests from the  
24 developer. In our conversation, it was  
25 indicated that the process -- minimum for the



1 developer to get the required approvals for  
2 storm water, traffic and other environmental  
3 approvals will take a minimum of six months, if  
4 not longer, to get all the approvals in place.  
5 So, we have not been forwarded specific  
6 designs, requirements, and have not received  
7 any notification or any documentation of their  
8 proposed plan. Any questions?

9 (Inaudible background noise.)

10 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Item B., I'm going to ask -- first  
11 of all, would like to make a couple of  
12 announcements, we're gaining an officer but I'm  
13 sad to say we're losing an officer. Officer  
14 Ballentine, is he still here?

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yes, he's back -- behind you.

16 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Officer Ballentine is leaving us,  
17 got a big-time promotion in the county,  
18 couldn't match the money, so he's leaving us,  
19 but want to thank him for his service to the  
20 Town. Through his actions and service over --  
21 how many years you been?

22 **OFFICER BALLENTINE:** Almost three.

23 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Almost three years, assisting us  
24 in winning five awards that the Town of  
25 Atlantic Beach has secured. I want to



1 personally thank him, wish him well in his new  
2 endeavor, hoping that we could hold on to you  
3 but we understand that you're moving on and --  
4 (inaudible). Congratulations and thank you for  
5 your service to the Town of Atlantic Beach.

6 **OFFICER BALLENTINE:** Thank you, Council.

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

8 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Thank you.

9 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** At this time -- annually, I ask  
10 the Chief of Police, Chief Robinson, to give  
11 the Council and the public a report on crime in  
12 the Town of Atlantic Beach. And at this time,  
13 I'm going to turn it over to him to make a  
14 brief presentation around the kind of crimes  
15 and responses that we're experiencing here in  
16 the Town of Atlantic Beach for this calendar  
17 year. Chief?

18 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** Good afternoon.

19 **IN UNISON:** Good afternoon.

20 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** First, before I start with  
21 that, I don't think I've properly introduced  
22 Officer Turner to everybody and then  
23 (inaudible) be -- swear her in. Adrienne  
24 Turner, come forward. She has been eight weeks  
25 and a half, she was in driving, doing traffic





1 stops and other stuff. She did pretty good on  
2 everything and no hiccups. A lot of people  
3 that go up there don't come back ---

4 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

5 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** --- think she kind of  
6 averaged about 80 -- scored eighties on her  
7 tests, was in pretty good shape, at least made  
8 70 (inaudible). We're very proud of her. Just  
9 make sure we support her because it's her first  
10 law enforcement job, I want to make sure we  
11 support her out there. I think she'll make a  
12 great officer so, you know, I just (inaudible)  
13 Officer Turner ---

14 **(Applause.)**

15 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** And just a little side note,  
16 she's the first officer that has a Class A  
17 uniform, that we will be going to eventually  
18 when we have Council meetings, court, funerals.  
19 I know you all see us in the BDUs, the khakis  
20 and stuff, but we're going to professional --  
21 professional look when we go to court, funerals  
22 and Council meetings so she's the first one  
23 that had it on even before me ---

24 **(Applause.)**

25 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** Now, (inaudible) our status:



1 2021, for the numbers, it was a pretty good  
2 year far as our crime has (ph) went down a  
3 whole lot, but some of the -- and it went down  
4 because of the vehicles, we needed (inaudible)  
5 vehicles to do a lot of stuff in town because  
6 COVID prevented us from doing a lot of stuff  
7 too. Just to hit on (inaudible), back in 2020  
8 we had a high number of narcotics activities.  
9 It was -- we had at least 14 cases. For 2021,  
10 it went down to one. I wouldn't say all the  
11 narcotics are out of Atlantic Beach, but I  
12 think they're learning to hide it (inaudible)  
13 because my officers are out there, everybody,  
14 trying to locate them. So that's always a good  
15 status, especially with narcotics and drugs.  
16 Like I said, you'll never get rid of, only can  
17 minimize it. So right now, we are minimizing  
18 that to the best of our ability. One of the  
19 biggest things that we do, harp on, in town,  
20 the property checks. In 2020, we did 137  
21 property checks throughout the year, this year  
22 we were down to 69 and a lot of that was due  
23 with our issues with our vehicles. I know you  
24 all heard earlier that the Council allowed us  
25 to purchase two new vehicles so our property



1 checks will go back up to the numbers that  
2 we're used to seeing in 2021. There are a lot  
3 of different stats that we -- we keep track of,  
4 we have to turn these in to SLED and we turn  
5 them into the FBI, that's how we get grants and  
6 stuff for the Department and Town. A lot of  
7 stuff went down, even our domestics and  
8 assaults went down this year. I know a lot of  
9 it's to do with COVID, a lot of people are  
10 staying home, which I thought -- it kinda  
11 scared me because I thought the domestics and  
12 assaults will go up but if you're around  
13 somebody more at the house, there's gonna be  
14 checks and balances, but for us, it stayed down  
15 this year so that's good (inaudible). Our  
16 traffic, I'm losing one of my main traffic  
17 guys. If -- anybody that knows him, knows he  
18 loves (inaudible) traffic. I hate that he's  
19 leaving because he's our big DUI traffic guy  
20 and, like Mr. Q. said, the reason why we got a  
21 lot of awards, the DUI awards, because -- he's  
22 a great officer and I hate I'm losing him but  
23 I've got a couple more that's pretty much gonna  
24 step in his place and fill that gap. I wish  
25 him the best in everything he's gonna do



1 forward. Council, if there's any stats that  
2 you would like to know about because we've got  
3 about almost a hundred different stats, so is  
4 there any stats that you would like to know  
5 about?

6 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Not me ---

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** No ---

8 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** --- I just want to know whether  
9 or not Mr. Bellamy, lieutenant is gonna be the  
10 corporal. Will he be taking his place? That's  
11 all I want to know ---

12 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

13 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** --- there's a process where  
14 we (inaudible) the process of experience and  
15 work ability, so I can't really say who's gonna  
16 be next in line for that position but, like I  
17 said, it's a process ---

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** You can hear, the people in the  
19 town is ringing his name -- Bellamy. It really  
20 -- he has been by, people have called -- I had  
21 three people call me and they're just so amazed  
22 at how he's been doing (inaudible) so I don't  
23 know if they have anything to do with the  
24 positions, but I'm just letting you know.

25 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** Well, that's all --



1 (Inaudible background noise.)

2 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** --- so that's always good to  
3 hear. I will keep that in mind when we  
4 (inaudible) promotions ---

5 **MAYOR EVANS:** All right, thank ---

6 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** Any questions from anybody?  
7 Anybody that -- wants to know anything about  
8 (inaudible). Anything about the Police  
9 Department.

10 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Still having people fly (inaudible)  
11 so fast until you (inaudible) and it's gone.

12 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** We're really on 29th, when  
13 we go out there and sit, nobody comes down the  
14 road, and I really, truly believe they're doing  
15 it ---

16 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** They -- they're going through  
17 there, hanging out, so they come whenever --  
18 when they know ---

19 (Inaudible background noise.)

20 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** --- most people do, they  
21 know when the police are out there when they  
22 (inaudible) so we are working with the Council,  
23 the Town Manager, we are looking at getting  
24 cameras in the town, maybe that's gonna be  
25 something a little bit farther down the line



1 but that's something we are looking at.  
2 Hopefully, if we get some grants, we can get to  
3 that point. Get some more officers, that'll  
4 help out a whole lot too.

5 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Speed bumps would work good too

6 ---

7 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** We tried to get speed bumps  
8 but DOT would not put them ---

9 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** They won't approve it?

10 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** No, they won't approve it in  
11 our town. I think I that's what me and Mr.  
12 Quattlebaum talked about, almost two years ago  
13 we tried to look at and they -- they wouldn't  
14 approve it. We -- we'll figure out ---

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yeah, 'cause I think some of those  
16 folks out of the Beautification Committee  
17 brought that up too, that they wouldn't approve  
18 those, the speed bumps anyway.

19 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Uh-huh.

20 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** Any other questions? Got  
21 one more thing, this Friday, we are having our  
22 yearly Christmas party. I say party, but we're  
23 not gonna congregate inside because we're still  
24 protocol for COVID, but we will be doing our,  
25 as far as, giveaway for the kids in Atlantic



1 Beach. Anybody that would like to donate while  
2 we're here, you can get in touch with my clerk  
3 and she'll set that up, but we will be doing  
4 that this Friday -- I think it's the 17th and  
5 I think it starts at 5:00?

6 **MALE SPEAKER:** 5:00, yes.

7 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** 5:00 p.m. this Friday so ---

8 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So, what are you gonna -- just,  
9 they drive up and get their stuff ---

10 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** Yeah, I mean, I wouldn't say  
11 drive, I would say park, because we -- we don't  
12 ---

13 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Right.

14 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** --- but we're doing  
15 (inaudible) so they could -- they can park in  
16 the parking lots and walk up there, we'll be  
17 giving out stuff. We will try to -- we do that  
18 in partnership with Chick-Fil-A so Chick-Fil-A  
19 will be on the scene Friday to help us out. I  
20 can't really name all the people that donate,  
21 a lot of them don't want to be noticed, they  
22 want to be silent, but we did have a lot of  
23 places donate this year to us which we are  
24 grateful for that so ... Any other questions?  
25 I know you all are ready to go. Any other



1           questions? (Inaudible.)

2       **MAYOR EVANS:** Thanks, Chief.

3       **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor and Council, the last thing  
4           I have on the agenda is a status update on the  
5           infrastructure grant application. As you  
6           recall, we hired the engineering firm, KHAFRA,  
7           out of Atlanta, Georgia and they have done  
8           outstanding work thus far in putting together  
9           cost estimates for our infrastructure needs  
10          throughout the town, as you recall from the  
11          presentation, totaled about 32 million dollars.  
12          Since we initiated the contract, they have  
13          gotten us positioned to submit for FEMA funding  
14          in April I think of 2022 and, subsequent to  
15          that, I received a contact from the Warren (ph)  
16          Group which represents the Horry County  
17          municipalities in pursuit of capital  
18          infrastructure grant funding for the entire  
19          county. In the six years that I've been here,  
20          it's the first time that the County has reached  
21          out to our municipality to include and request  
22          what our infrastructure needs are for our  
23          municipality. With KHAFRA's assistance and  
24          having them on board and their technical  
25          capability and capacity, we were able to submit





1 to the County an itemized, detailed budget  
2 projecting the cost estimates for  
3 infrastructure needs for the entire Town of  
4 Atlantic Beach to the tune of 32 million  
5 dollars. I have not heard back from the County  
6 on how much of that 32 million dollar request  
7 that they are going to submit in their overall  
8 application for infrastructure funding just  
9 approved by Congress, but I will be following  
10 up. And in the past, did not have the ability  
11 and the technical expertise to put together the  
12 kind of financial budget estimates and  
13 engineering cost assessments that are needed to  
14 apply for these funds. So KHAFFRA has done an  
15 exceptional job in -- pull together and  
16 identifying those needs, and even going beyond  
17 the scope of our contractual agreement to  
18 pursue any type funding, whether it's Community  
19 Development BLOC Grant funds or any other type  
20 funds that we (inaudible) to this town. I'm  
21 happy to report that I'm pleased with the  
22 progress that we're making and the commitment  
23 we've made to KHAFFRA to secure infrastructure  
24 grant funds for the Town. I will keep the Town  
25 posted on -- all the applications were



1 submitted, and also Ms. Denise Gibson  
2 approached me and spoke with the Mayor also  
3 about some additional grant funding that would  
4 make some benefits and I think she's gonna make  
5 a presentation maybe this evening so I'll let  
6 her give you the details and the scope of what  
7 that grant entails, historical landmark  
8 improvements on our beach access and  
9 waterfront, but I'll allow her if she is ready  
10 at this meeting to give you an overview of that  
11 grant application. So, we have now the  
12 capacity to apply and present credible  
13 proposals for funding for the Town of Atlantic  
14 Beach. Any questions, Mayor?

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** I don't. Thanks, Ben.

16 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** With that, thank you.

17 **Public Time:**

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, Council, we're down to public  
19 comments and I think most of them are online.  
20 I do see two here, I see Ms. Lance and Ms.  
21 Booker, I think I've got one for each one of  
22 those. So, if either one of you want to be the  
23 first one, it's your time. Doesn't make any  
24 difference. Are these the only two present  
25 that we've got comment cards for?



1 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** (Inaudible.)

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yes, okay.

3 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yeah, that's it that's here ---

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** That's here, okay.

5 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

6 **MS. LANCE:** Gloria Lance, 710 29th Avenue South here  
7 at Atlantic Beach. Mayor and Councilwoman  
8 Gore, in my former days as a school teacher, I  
9 would've had you all over there against the  
10 wall because you guys kept talking and talking.  
11 Don't do that. Okay.

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Did you hear what we said?

13 **MS. LANCE:** I didn't need to.

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, well, good.

15 **MS. LANCE:** I didn't need to. So just to move  
16 forward here, on the Council's agenda that we  
17 initially had, (inaudible) we had the mayor pro  
18 tem on there and it's not on this agenda. So,  
19 I spoke to the Town Manager today 'cause you  
20 all know that I've been requesting why we don't  
21 have a Town mayor pro tem. And so, I  
22 understand that you all will be setting that  
23 for the upcoming meeting in January, is that  
24 correct?

25 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yes, ma'am.



1 **MS. LANCE:** Okay. So, public time, Mayor, is always  
2 at the bottom of -- has been ---

3 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

4 **MS. LANCE:** --- but previous to that, we would open  
5 (inaudible) public time was at the beginning,  
6 and the reason why we ---

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** Wait a minute.

8 **MS. LANCE:** --- that we did it was that you could  
9 hear what the public comments would be prior to  
10 your first or second reading or your third  
11 reading ---

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. Let me interrupt for one second  
13 if you don't mind, can I? Now, I've been here  
14 as a Council member since 2002?

15 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** '02 'cause I came in ---

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** 2002?

17 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yeah.

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** So, ever since I've been here, the  
19 comments have been at the end of the meeting.

20 **MS. LANCE:** When I was on Council, it was always at  
21 the beginning of the meeting ---

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** How long ago has it been?

23 **MS. LANCE:** Oh, it's been years ago ---

24 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

25 **MS. LANCE:** --- been at the top of the meeting so



1 we'll hear the ---

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. Well, wait a minute. Now,  
3 Cheryl, how long you been here?

4 **CLERK:** Can't remember ---

5 **MAYOR EVANS:** How many years, 30?

6 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** So, it's been -- so you don't know,  
8 you can't remember whether it's been ---

9 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** When I worked for a town, it was  
10 always in this order, they was always at the  
11 bottom.

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay.

13 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I don't know about ---

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** I mean, that's fine. I mean that's --  
15 all I remember is being ---

16 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

17 **MS. LANCE:** Just listen to the citizens before you  
18 make the further readings (ph), and I state  
19 that in reference to like the flood zone. If  
20 of you all couldn't have been, you know, you  
21 all didn't, but we know -- I know that the maps  
22 -- the federal maps are gonna be coming out  
23 December the 16th -- this is what you just  
24 heard a moment ago -- so you have to have those  
25 in (inaudible) it's indicated because you don't



1 want to be in noncompliance. When you're in  
2 noncompliance as a board, your citizens,  
3 homeowners, who have flood insurance, it will  
4 not help them if the Town is not in compliance  
5 so that's something of a major situation to  
6 (ph) consider. Bike Fest, I'm so happy to hear  
7 from the Town Manager that (inaudible) consider  
8 in reference to the COVID, that is a major  
9 thing, COVID-19 and now the Omicron. 800,000  
10 people have died from that, and we all know  
11 it's still climbing so we need to be able to  
12 consider (inaudible) to Bike Fest how we can,  
13 you know, if the Council can look at that and  
14 reconsider because it's not going down. So,  
15 thank you for your time.

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you. Ms. Lynda Booker.

17 **MS. BOOKER:** Good evening.

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Good evening.

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** Hi.

20 **MS. BOOKER:** Good evening, (inaudible). Ms. Booker,  
21 29th Avenue South. I have a lot of things I  
22 want to talk about, I'll be brief. I wanted to  
23 bring you a little bit up to date on our  
24 Beautification Committee. We are done with the  
25 trash cans and benches, and we had some issues



1 (inaudible) in there because the ones that were  
2 originally provided were damaged, they came in  
3 damaged, so the company replaced them at no  
4 charge to us so (inaudible) the gentlemen to  
5 reinstall them. So, we're done with that.  
6 We're working on the (inaudible). We decided  
7 to call it Pearl Diamond (ph), and so we're  
8 working on that now and hopefully, by the first  
9 of the year, we'll have something to show you,  
10 a rendering or something to show you as to how  
11 we would like for it to look. So, we're moving  
12 forward, and the snafus that we're running into  
13 -- and I had a conversation with Mr. Q. today  
14 -- and I do want to thank the Council, I want  
15 to thank Mr. Town Manager, for assisting us with  
16 the trash cans and the benches and the street  
17 signs. We had -- we have some snafus, some  
18 things we need to work out. We have three  
19 businesses -- well, we have three areas in the  
20 town, one is the tire shop, the other is the  
21 house on 32nd Avenue with a car sitting up on  
22 the milk crates and the -- and then one on 31st  
23 Avenue that they keep putting kitchen furniture  
24 out in front of the -- they'll move it and then  
25 they'll bring back the table and chairs. So,



1           those seven apartments, I think Mr. Sketers  
2           manages them, and they keep doing that, they'll  
3           take them away and then they'll bring them  
4           back. So, Mr. Q. has informed me that he  
5           doesn't have anything definitive in his  
6           ordinance that says they cannot do that, so I  
7           asked him today if he would work with you to  
8           develop a policy so that we can -- or just  
9           modify something that we have so that the guy  
10          with the tire shop will stop trashing the front  
11          of the building and the back of the building.  
12          There are people who live over there and those  
13          people are complaining. There are people that  
14          are building new dwellings over there and  
15          they're complaining, and they should because,  
16          first of all, he doesn't have a large dumpster  
17          and he has two businesses over there, and he  
18          should have a dumpster large enough to  
19          accommodate the trash from both businesses.  
20          But he's defiant, he'll take the card table,  
21          chairs away, and the bucket seats away, and  
22          then he'll bring them back after a couple of  
23          weeks, he just keeps doing this over and over  
24          again, so we need to -- we need to cleanup our  
25          town. And so, we talked about that. And the





1 other thing that we wanted to talk about was  
2 we're applying for this 32 million dollars for  
3 infrastructure and to put our town into the  
4 21st century, and I would hate to see that  
5 money come and we lose our town because  
6 somebody's gonna erect 176 condos up there and  
7 we can very easily just lose our charter if  
8 people decide they want to vote and they will  
9 outvote us. So, I would like for us to have a  
10 workshop with the Planning Commission open to  
11 the citizens, open to everybody, so that we can  
12 go back through the Land Management Plan which  
13 seldom -- I think a lot of people did not  
14 understand how we were sitting -- like sitting  
15 ducks for that to even happen. So, we can go  
16 back through that, we don't have to modify  
17 everything, we just need to modify a few things  
18 to make sure that we tighten up areas so that  
19 other people won't say, well, they did it,  
20 they're not modifying the plan so we're gonna  
21 use the same ordinance and we're gonna come in  
22 and do it. And so, we need to stop that and,  
23 if we're not gonna stop it with a moratorium on  
24 new commercial building, we need to stop it  
25 through our Planning Commission and hopefully



1 the Council will approve it. And the last  
2 thing is, I do want to thank Mr. (inaudible)  
3 for cleaning up a lot of the lots because a lot  
4 of the lots have cleaned up, but we have a lot  
5 left (inaudible) so ... That's it, that's all  
6 I have to say. Is that okay with everybody?

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

8 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yes, ma'am, thank you.

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** So now, to those online. You want to  
10 start -- I'll start with Ms. Denise Gibson.

11 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** And just let me say ---

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Hold one second.

13 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** --- by Ms. Booker saying that, I  
14 don't know if we have (inaudible) that problem,  
15 the wolves or foxes or coyotes, but everybody  
16 please be aware that they are still here, we  
17 see them, like last night, the night before  
18 last, they're just actually just going through  
19 the town, so everybody please be, you know,  
20 aware of your surroundings 'cause they are  
21 still in the town real bad and definitely about  
22 coming -- coming over by your house from --  
23 they come across there so they're all over. So  
24 just be aware, they are still in the town.

25 **MS. LANCE:** (Inaudible) Department of Transportation



1 (inaudible).

2 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I may be in town. No, I -- the  
3 29th?

4 **MS. LANCE:** Of December.

5 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I won't be in town.

6 **MS. LANCE:** You won't be here?

7 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I will not be in town. I'll be  
8 out for the holidays ---

9 **MS. LANCE:** Animals that's coming from that  
10 (inaudible) and it's overgrown (inaudible)  
11 overgrowing onto the properties on 29th.

12 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** That's where they're coming  
13 'cause there was a fox den in there, I don't  
14 think it's ever -- that's -- right. But they  
15 are -- I just want everybody to make sure they  
16 -- because they are not running from you, they  
17 don't -- they ain't scared of you, huh-uh ---

18 **MS. LANCE:** (Inaudible.)

19 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yeah, they aren't scared of you  
20 so just, everybody, be aware of that. Okay.

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, Ms. Gibson, can you hear us?

22 **MS. GIBSON:** Yes, Mr. Mayor, thank you very much for  
23 the opportunity. I -- pretty much that comment  
24 card was put in for us to read out the letter  
25 that was sent to the Council -- to you and the



1 Council regarding our concerns over the  
2 development. I want to acknowledge that you  
3 have already acknowledged that, and I want to  
4 thank the Council for their leadership, Mr.  
5 Quattlebaum for his update on the report, and  
6 for your response to appropriate people with  
7 regard to that letter.

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you very much.

9 **MS. GIBSON:** Thank you.

10 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Thank you, Ms. Gibson.

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, next we have here is Jay Divine.  
12 Ms. Jay or Knowledge listening?

13 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I don't think they're on there.  
14 Are they, Denise?

15 **MS. GIBSON:** I don't see them on here, no.

16 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I don't think they're on there.

17 **MS. GIBSON:** I don't see them on.

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Okay.

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, well, who else do we have? I  
20 think that's it.

21 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** That's it.

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, Council, seek a motion to  
23 adjourn.

24 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** Before you close, we do have

25 ---



1 (Inaudible background noise.)

2 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: And can we acknowledge her  
3 family, her dad and their family's here ---

4 POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON: I'm sorry.

5 MAYOR EVANS: Yeah.

6 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yeah, that's her family, baby --  
7 -

8 (Inaudible background noise.)

9 OFFICER TURNER: All right so, right here, my dad  
10 and my son, my dad is Freddy Turner and my son,  
11 Ashton Turner, my cousin, Anna Wilson, my best  
12 friend (inaudible) and then ---

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: And maybe we'll get another  
15 recruit out of you all.

16 (Inaudible background noise.)

17 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved ---

18 MAYOR EVANS: All right, Council, seek a motion to  
19 adjourn.

20 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.

21 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Second.

22 MAYOR EVANS: Motion and a second to adjourn. Roll  
23 call.

24 CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

25 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.



1 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

2 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

3 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion granted. This meeting's  
5 adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

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

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