

TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 7, 2022

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 7th day of February, 2022.



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APPEARANCES

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor Jake Evans, Chairman
Councilman Edward Lamar Campbell
Councilwoman Josephine Isom
Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore
Councilman Jim DeWitt

ADMINISTRATION:

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

GUESTS:

Lou Conklin, Senior Planner
Horry County Planning & Zoning

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1 Call to Order:

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** This Town Council meeting is called to
3 order this Monday, February 7th, year 2022.
4 Roll call?

5 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

6 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Here.

7 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

8 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Here.

9 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

10 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Here.

11 **CLERK:** Councilman Jim DeWitt?

12 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Here.

13 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** Here. Council, I seek a motion to go
15 into Executive Session for legal and personnel.

16 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** So moved.

17 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second to go
19 into Executive Session for legal and personnel
20 items. Any other questions, comments? Roll
21 call.

22 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

23 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

24 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

25 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.



1 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

2 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

3 CLERK: Councilman Jim DeWitt?

4 COUNCILMAN DeWITT: Yea.

5 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

6 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted.

7 Executive Session:

8 (Executive Session.)

9 MAYOR EVANS: Council, I seek a motion to come out
10 of the Executive Session into the General
11 Session.

12 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.

13 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Second ---

14 COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Second.

15 MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and a second to come
16 out of the Executive Session into the regular
17 session. Any other questions or comments?
18 Roll call.

19 CLERK: Councilman Edward Campbell?

20 COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Yea.

21 CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

22 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

23 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

24 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

25 CLERK: Councilman Jim DeWitt?



1 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Yea.

2 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

4 **General Session:**

5 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're now in our General Session. I
6 want to take time out to welcome the general
7 public and apologize for the delay and ask at
8 this time, if you have any cell phones or
9 anything that might disturb the proceedings,
10 you to put those on silence for us, please, at
11 this time. And we're down to ceremonial
12 matters. Council, anybody have any ceremonial?

13 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Mr. Mayor, I'd like to say that
14 we went to the homeowners -- the Municipal
15 Association, two new Councilmen went to their
16 first class, A, last week and I think both of
17 them enjoyed and learned a lot, and I attended
18 the, Mayor, thing for you, I've got some notes
19 for you.

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you. Anybody else?

21 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** We've got some folks online she's
23 trying to get ready, to set up for, as well.

24 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, Council, we're down to approval



1 of the agenda. At this time, Council, seek a
2 motion for the approval of the agenda as it is
3 outlined.

4 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

5 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Second.

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second on the
7 floor for approval of the agenda. If there are
8 no other questions or comments, roll call.

9 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

10 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

11 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

12 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

13 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

14 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

15 **CLERK:** Councilman Jim DeWitt?

16 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Yea.

17 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

19 **Old Business:**

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to Old Business, Town
21 Council meeting minutes, minutes from the ---

22 **MALE SPEAKER:** Mr. Mayor, we couldn't hear what was
23 being said ---

24 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I think she was talking to the
25 Mayor. Weren't you talking to him earlier?



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** What ---

2 **MALE SPEAKER:** Ceremonial.

3 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Oh, about the ceremonial matters?

4 Oh, the ceremonial matters is that our new two
5 Councilmen, Councilman Campbell and Councilman
6 DeWitt, went to the Municipal Association for
7 their first class, Class A, last week, and I
8 attended the Municipal Association also. That
9 was it.

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** So, anybody else have anything? And
11 the approval of the agenda, what did we do? Is
12 the motion on the floor or what is it?

13 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** Approval of the agenda, that motion's
15 on the floor? Or I need to make ---

16 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, so that's done. Okay, the
18 motion's granted for approval of the agenda.
19 We're down to Town Council meeting minutes,
20 that's right. Town Council meeting minutes,
21 the minutes from Town Council meeting held on
22 January 10th, 2022, Council, seek a motion for
23 the approval of those minutes.

24 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

25 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second.



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second for the approval
2 of the Town Council meeting minutes from
3 January 10th. Any other questions or comments?
4 Roll call.

5 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

6 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

7 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

8 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

9 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

10 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

11 **CLERK:** Councilman Jim DeWitt?

12 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Yea.

13 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. That motion is granted.

15 **New Business:**

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to New Business, down to A.
17 under New Business, Ordinance Number 1-2022,
18 and this is the 2022 Business License
19 Ordinance, first reading.

20 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Good evening, Mayor, Council and
21 public. This ordinance, in December of 2021,
22 under the new state law requirement for
23 business licenses that is going to be uniform
24 statewide in the State of South Carolina as
25 proposed by the State Legislature, in December,



1 we repealed our old ordinance, Business License
2 Ordinance, and should have replaced it with
3 this new ordinance that's before you this
4 evening starting May 1st, 2022. Our accountant
5 and -- had COVID and also a death in the
6 family, wasn't able to put together the
7 financial information for us to get this
8 approved. I'm requesting the adoption of the
9 new 2022 Business License Ordinance that you
10 have before you, and I would just like to
11 highlight some of the major changes from the
12 current Business License Ordinance. If you
13 turn to page two, all businesses will fall
14 under the North American classification system
15 as established by the Office of Management and
16 Budget, NAICS, and basically that the type of
17 business, all of them, will be categorized and
18 receive a license number and a code based on
19 the type of business they are -- retail,
20 alcohol sales, adult entertainment, things of
21 that nature -- and their classifications are
22 standardized throughout the State of South
23 Carolina so that's one of the major things that
24 is a change. If you turn over to page six,
25 delinquent taxes and partial payment, prior to



1 the enactment of the new State Legislature
2 requirement, Administration had the option to
3 allow for an extension of late penalty payments
4 under the old Business License Ordinance.
5 Under the new ordinance, if business licenses
6 are not paid within 30 days after May 1st, a 5
7 percent interest charge will be added onto the
8 unpaid balance until it's paid off and
9 penalties, if you read, cannot be waived.
10 That's a major change. Turn over to page
11 seven, licensee, the -- seven -- the applicant,
12 licensee, prior licensee, or person in control
13 of business license delinquent in payment to
14 the municipality for any taxes, these are the
15 -- one of the reasons that a license can be
16 denied, delinquent payments or unpaid municipal
17 taxes to the Town. The major difference in the
18 business license fee schedule are twofold.
19 One, the base amount -- those who have been in
20 business, based on the type of business, the
21 base fee was \$150 or \$100. Under the new
22 license ordinance, all businesses, with the
23 exception of adult entertainment and liquor,
24 the base fee is \$100 -- that's on page -- on
25 Attachment A-3. And rather than -- the



1 Attachment A-3. And it gives an example of the
2 contractor -- the base fee, after deduction of
3 \$2,000 of the gross income, is \$100. The
4 major, substantial difference, in the
5 calculation on business license fees is that
6 they are going from a percentage to a flat
7 dollar amount per \$1,000 after the deduction of
8 the \$2,000 minimum requirement. So every
9 \$1,000 after the deduction of \$2,000 will be
10 assessed at \$28 per \$1,000 as opposed to a
11 percentage. And those of you who have applied
12 for that percentage would either equal 3
13 percent or 2 percent depending on the type of
14 business that -- the license you are applying
15 for. Lastly, on -- turning to the final page,
16 A-5, as I indicated, the business license fees
17 for drinking places, bars, lounges, cabarets is
18 \$150 base fee after the \$2,000 deduction
19 minimum and \$40 per \$1,000. Same thing for
20 adult entertainment establishments and
21 independent contract sales of adult novelties,
22 videos and books. So, those are the major
23 changes to the Business License Ordinance.
24 This is the first reading. I'm requesting that
25 the second reading, even if we need to do it



1 just virtually, to have it approved within the
2 next seven days, or next Monday, just call me.
3 I want to get it -- the State is setting up the
4 business license portal and all businesses in
5 the town as well as statewide will be able to
6 apply for their business license through that
7 portal. And they are asking that all of the
8 municipalities upload their information in
9 their business listing so that by May 1st, each
10 business in the town can apply for their
11 license online so we are -- need to have --
12 once this is adopted by Council, have this
13 uploaded on the site and the portal, and
14 businesses can read the actual ordinance itself
15 as it applies to their various businesses. So,
16 I'll stop for any questions now on the business
17 license renewal.

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** How do they know -- how -- if
19 the business that I'm applying for is not here
20 on this paper ---

21 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** On that coding list?

22 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Right.

23 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Can you give me an example of one
24 that's probably not there?

25 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yes. So, maybe I want to wash



1 my dog, I want put a dog thing out here for a
2 kennel -- not a kennel, but just for use. Like
3 Petco, where I want to wash my dog and stuff
4 like that, you know, somebody wanting to put
5 something that's not on here, that's not on the
6 list, that's what I'm trying to get at. How
7 will you determine whether or not they could
8 put it here?

9 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** My understanding is that, as I
10 indicated, the NAICS, my understanding that
11 there is a coding system that you can go online
12 and post the type of business and they will
13 give you a classification of that business.
14 You see the codes in the rear, I think that's
15 what you're referring to ---

16 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** On A-5?

17 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Huh?

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** On A-5?

19 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Uh ...

20 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I'm just saying, like, if it's a
21 business that's not listed there and you really
22 don't know how to classify it, how will you --
23 we determine whether or not that business is
24 gonna be in the town if it's not on our ---

25 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Good question. I don't have the



1 answer to that. My understanding is that NAICS
2 does a classification for all type businesses,
3 and I think there's some type of listing or
4 coding system for all type businesses. But
5 that's a good question and I'll try to give you
6 clarification.

7 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So if it's not there, then it'll
8 always come to you to -- to approve it?

9 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** No, I'm hoping that they will be
10 able to post it online when people apply for
11 their business license, but we'll have the
12 information in the office too from the
13 classifications. Good question.

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** Anybody else?

15 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Any others?

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, Council, seek a motion to adopt
17 Ordinance Number 1-2022, the 2022 Business
18 License Ordinance, first reading.

19 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

20 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second.

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second on the
22 floor to adopt Ordinance Number 1-2022. Any
23 other questions or comments? Roll call.

24 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

25 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.



1 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

2 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

3 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

4 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

5 **CLERK:** Councilman Jim DeWitt?

6 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Yea.

7 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. The motion's granted. We're
9 down to B. Ordinance Number 2-2022, and this is
10 an ordinance amending Ordinance Number 10-2007
11 to increase the schedule of planning and zoning
12 fees.

13 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, Council and public, the
14 Town of Atlantic Beach has not had any
15 modifications to its fee -- planning and zoning
16 fee schedule since 2007. I requested our
17 building official to look at surrounding
18 municipalities for comparable rates that they
19 charge for their permitting fees for building,
20 residential and commercial, and he reported
21 back to me that the Town of Atlantic Beach has
22 been charging for plan review a base fee of
23 \$100 for residential and \$475 for commercial
24 for review of plans for approval. He reported
25 back that other municipalities comparable fee



1 schedule for site plan review, the plan review
2 schedule shall be half the permit fee so, for
3 example, in lieu of the residential flat fee of
4 \$100 for review, using the number \$1,000, the
5 review fee -- if the permitting fee, all of the
6 fees total \$1,000, 50 percent of that will be
7 a \$500 review fee. Is everyone clear? It is
8 -- brings us in line with other municipalities
9 and what they're charging in regards to our fee
10 schedule. And as I indicated, the fee schedule
11 has not been updated or increased since 2007.
12 All right, any questions?

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** No, we don't have any, Ben. Okay,
14 Council, seek a motion to adopt Ordinance
15 Number 2-2022, this is an ordinance amending
16 Ordinance Number 10-2007, to increase the
17 schedule of planning and zoning fees.

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

19 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, there's a motion and a second,
21 it's on the floor, to adopt Ordinance Number 2-
22 2022. Any other questions or comments? Roll
23 call.

24 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

25 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.



1 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

2 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

3 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

4 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

5 **CLERK:** Councilman Jim DeWitt?

6 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Yea.

7 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

9 **Manager's Report:**

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to the Manager's Report.

11 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, Council and public, I
12 informed -- is Mr. Thomas here? Oh, here he
13 is. I put him on the agenda to give Council
14 and the public an update on -- at our last
15 meeting, as you know, we made contact with --
16 the Beautification Committee of North Myrtle
17 Beach assisted in doing some planting, and I'll
18 let him come and give Council and the public an
19 update on what has been completed up to this
20 point. I thank them for their work and effort.

21 **MR. THOMAS:** Good evening, Council people.

22 **IN UNISON:** Good evening.

23 **MR. THOMAS:** And citizens of Atlantic Beach. What
24 we're doing -- I would like to first give a
25 shout out to the Beautification Committee, the



1 ladies and also Ken that's not here tonight,
2 and Jacqui Gore for helping us dig the holes --
3 'cause you was out there -- and Lawrence. What
4 we have done so far, we have planted 85 plants
5 and we have a lot more to go, but what held us
6 up was the weather so we had to back off it for
7 a while but we will start again if we have
8 enough time to remove the plants from North
9 Myrtle Beach. Also have to give a shout out to
10 the ladies of the Beautification Committee and
11 Historic Society of North Myrtle Beach for
12 helping us plant the plants. Right now, we're
13 trying to get a grant that's suppose to go in
14 by March, this March. Even the ladies that are
15 not in town in our Beautification Committee is
16 still helping us with the letters and sending
17 us specs and stuff on what we want to do for
18 the Town. So right now, I'm learning a lot
19 because this is something new. I thought that
20 you would just write a letter and the grants go
21 through, but that's crazy. You've got all
22 these -- well, with our -- I don't know about
23 other grants, but what we had to do is put in
24 all the -- put in what we need, the plants what
25 we need, if we needed a building, so I'm



1 learning from that. But that's what we're
2 doing now. But we will start planting again
3 when the weather breaks.

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

5 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Well, did you tell anybody where
6 the plants was at so they might want to go by
7 and see, for everybody who doesn't know they're
8 down there at the cul-de-sac, did everybody
9 know that the plants are there, down at 30th
10 and cul-de-sac?

11 **MR. THOMAS:** All the plants are being planted in the
12 center of 30th Street and the cul-de-sac. We
13 also have signs there that tell you that
14 they're all native plants, what kind they are
15 and also a sign about the dunes, that's all
16 we've got there now. And the signs that say,
17 welcome to Atlantic Beach (inaudible).

18 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Thank you. At this time, I would
19 like to bring Ms. Lou Conklin to the podium.
20 Ms. Denise Gibson took the initiative and
21 outreach to Horry County Planning Department
22 and Zoning to initiate this potential grant
23 opportunity, but I'll let Ms. Conklin give the
24 Council and public an overview of what this
25 grant proposal will do for the Town at this



1 time. Ms. Conklin?

2 **MS. CONKLIN:** Mayor and Council and the public, what
3 it is, it's called the Underrepresented
4 Community Grant. This grant, if the Town
5 receives it, will get a historic survey of the
6 county -- or of the town, which means that
7 somebody will come through and they will assess
8 each and every structure that's here. In the
9 2007 Horry County historic survey of the whole
10 county, Atlantic Beach was deemed to be
11 eligible for a National Register historic
12 district, that was from 17 to the oceanfront.
13 So, the State Historic Preservation Office has
14 written a letter of support for this grant.
15 Once this is done, the grant must culminate in
16 a nomination to the National Register. That
17 can be part of that area, that could be the
18 whole area. The State Historic Preservation
19 Office said it was eligible under two criteria.
20 The first one was (A) because it was a black
21 community and the second one because it was
22 cultural. What happens if you're on the
23 National Register is it's in honor only, it
24 does not mean that you have to open anything to
25 the public, it does not mean you have to keep



1 your house in repair, you may even tear the
2 building down. The only exception to that
3 would be -- is if you had accepted funds from
4 the federal government, they could be in the
5 form of grants or it could be in the form of
6 tax breaks. If the Town is designated as a
7 national historic -- whatever portion of it,
8 whether part of it is a historic district or
9 even individual buildings in the end if they
10 went on, that would allow certain grant
11 opportunities to open up, starting up with even
12 Horry County. So with Horry County, if you fix
13 your building up and it is a historic building,
14 you can apply to the County and we will freeze
15 your taxes for 15 years, that would mean you
16 came in front of the Historic Preservation
17 Commission and they have certain guidelines and
18 you'd go by those guidelines and then they
19 would freeze your taxes. That's kinda it in a
20 nutshell. I am open to questions.

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** Ben, didn't I give you and all the
22 Council members that register already, when I
23 passed them out in the Council meeting?

24 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Register ---

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** It was a thick -- a register, there's,



1 oh, probably 100 and something pages.

2 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Were we supposed to be already
3 deemed ---

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** That's -- Atlantic Beach was already
5 in there.

6 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** Because, yeah, I'm under the
8 impression that we already were.

9 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Correct me if I'm wrong, in 1980 -
10 --

11 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

12 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- in 1980, I was told that it
13 was -- and I'm not an expert on the ---

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** Well, just look and I'll find --
15 'cause I gave -- I know I gave you and
16 Josephine one. Let's just look at that and
17 make sure we're not mistaken before we move any
18 further with that because I know it's there.

19 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** Do you all have any other questions
21 for her?

22 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** My question is, is there
23 anything that we need to do?

24 **MS. CONKLIN:** Not at this time. The grant should be
25 -- either was applied for this afternoon or



1 will be applied for tomorrow morning.

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. Well, thank you.

3 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

4 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, Council and public, I just
5 want to give an overview on the other grant
6 opportunities that we're pursuing. As you're
7 aware, KHAFRA Engineering, which we approved
8 back in November, the engineering firm working
9 with us to apply for potential infrastructure
10 historic funding opportunities for the Town of
11 Atlantic Beach. As of today, their initial
12 work has resulted in the following bids being
13 submitted: FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant,
14 hazard support study money to develop the full
15 engineering studies for the BRIC, B-R-I-C,
16 Grant. Submission of the BRIC Grant has two
17 requirements, and we are working to meet the
18 first. The project has to be fully engineered
19 and shovel-ready, meaning the planning process
20 and all of the evaluation, cost estimates and
21 things have to be done prior to receiving grant
22 funding for actual shovel-ready projects. The
23 second requirement, it has to have full
24 community element to be successful. The Hazard
25 Mitigation Study Grant will help Atlantic Beach



1 get into that level of readiness. And in
2 cooperation with the Horry County Planning --
3 well, we just talked about the -- and the
4 representative. Today, at -- the request for
5 funding was submitted to South Carolina, and I
6 have the information. This was the Department
7 -- Ways and Means Committee, it came to our
8 attention that the Department of Transportation
9 has some discretionary money -- just found out
10 this weekend. We worked -- Ms. Gibson, Maurice
11 Daniels and KHAFRA, Mr. Bates and his staff --
12 worked this weekend to try to get a letter of
13 request that we heard that these discretionary
14 funds were being allocated to the
15 municipalities. The turnaround, we found out,
16 is tomorrow, and we had to get the letter in
17 today, and we're asking for -- this request --
18 are for infrastructure improvements to Highway
19 17, sidewalks, streetscapes, and the public
20 access that are on the beachfront. So, it's
21 short notice but we need the support of Council
22 and would like to -- because they are going to
23 be making the decision very shortly.
24 Representative Cliburn, to contact them and
25 encourage them to support our request for this



1 discretionary funding, and I have a letter here
2 that I will share with Council and asking to
3 submit in support of the grant application.
4 The team and I will be meeting with the
5 Department of Transportation this week to
6 explore the RAISE, R-A-I-S-E, Grant, which was
7 just released last week, to determine which
8 transportation-based infrastructure projects
9 can be submitted for funding. KHAFRA and the
10 team review each opportunity individually,
11 completes preliminary engineering work and
12 makes a determination on how to best pursue the
13 opportunity on behalf of the Town. I am
14 working regularly with the team and will
15 continue to keep the Council and the citizens
16 updated. Any questions?

17 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Do we need make a motion to
18 support this?

19 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Well, you can and -- or I have a
20 draft letter of support that each of the
21 Council persons could sign, and they're
22 encouraging our Council persons to contact the
23 state representatives to encourage them to
24 support our grant application. It's got a
25 listing, but this is a letter, if signed -- if



1 you agree to sign, we'll send along with the
2 application. All right, thank you.

3 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

4 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** That's all I have.

5 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay.

6 **Public Time:**

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, we're down to Public Time,
8 Cheryl, didn't we have someone on the phone
9 with a card or ...

10 **CLERK:** Diane Hill.

11 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Ms. Hill, are you there?

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Diane ---

13 **MS. HILL:** I am.

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** You can go ahead.

15 **MS. HILL:** Oh, I thank you so much. Mr. Mayor,
16 Council and -- Mr. Mayor (inaudible) and Town
17 Council, thank you so much for granting my
18 right to be here, and I have a request and then
19 I will be (inaudible). My request is that the
20 (inaudible) right-of-way at the end of 29th
21 Avenue, that's at Ocean Inn (ph), be clearly
22 marked and designated as a public place so that
23 there is no mistaking the fact that this is
24 indeed public property and not private
25 property. (Inaudible) some kind of resolution



1 or (inaudible) on this by our next Town Council
2 meeting because we followed you around
3 (inaudible) for March or thereabout. So, those
4 are my requests (inaudible) is what's the
5 proper way to ask? I know that -- are we going
6 (inaudible) my part, should I put it in
7 writing, who do I ask, how do I (inaudible)?

8 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor?

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** Go ahead ---

10 **MS. HILL:** And I (inaudible), Mr. Mayor (inaudible)
11 Mr. Town Manager and Town Council, how do we
12 get this done?

13 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes, Ms. Hill, we are already
14 pursuing and researching how 29th Avenue can be
15 designated formally as public access. Our
16 research to this point has found that the
17 property designated on all of the public maps
18 that we researched that that property is
19 privately owned, but at the same time we are --
20 I've been told historically that there was an
21 access there. I'm having a survey submitted to
22 me on the property to determine officially
23 whether there is a right-of-way designated
24 there. I hope to have in the time frame that
25 you said by the next meeting some information



1 and clarification on that, the status of it.

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** And just to piggyback on that ---

3 **MS. HILL:** Well, I would say that those of us who've
4 been (inaudible) how the hotel there, and they
5 recognize it, the public (inaudible) sometimes
6 on the property, they were using the public
7 access as their driveway, but it was recognized
8 that that was public property they did not own
9 so I (inaudible) since that time or it was
10 before that time that it became questionable --
11 a question as to whether or not it was public
12 property or not (inaudible) to the ocean
13 (inaudible) somebody's property (inaudible).

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yes, you're correct, and I think the
15 Town Manager and the Council members as well
16 are all aware that that is the street access
17 and, of course, it was kinda occupied there by
18 the Daniels' motel one time, but we're gonna be
19 following up with Ben on that to make sure he
20 follows through 'cause that's something that
21 we're concerned about as well.

22 **MS. HILL:** Thank you so much.

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** You're quite welcome. Council, you
24 have anything else? Seek a motion to adjourn.

25 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.



1 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Second.
2 MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and a second to
3 adjourn. Roll call.
4 CLERK: Councilman Edward Campbell?
5 COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Yea.
6 CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?
7 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.
8 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?
9 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.
10 CLERK: Councilman Jim DeWitt?
11 COUNCILMAN DeWITT: Yea.
12 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?
13 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted. Meeting
14 adjourned at 6:55 p.m.
15 (There being nothing further, the meeting was
16 adjourned.)

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