

TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 9, 2023

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 9th day of January, 2023, and transcribed by Amanda Godfrey, Court Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of South Carolina.



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APPEARANCES

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor Jake Evans, Chairman
Councilman Edward Lamar Campbell
Mayor Pro Tem Josephine Isom
Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore

ADMINISTRATION:

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

GUESTS:

Gary Bailey, Love Bailey & Associates, LLC

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1 Call to Order:

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** This Town Council meeting is called to
3 order this Monday, January 9th, year 2023 at
4 5:00 p.m. Roll call.

5 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

6 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Here.

7 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro Tem Josephine Isom?

8 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Here.

9 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

10 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Here.

11 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Here. Council, seek a motion to go
13 into Executive Session for several items here,
14 Lot #9 Ocean Boulevard public easement,
15 approval to contract for building inspector
16 services not to exceed \$30,000 annually, status
17 of demolition and debris removal from the 300
18 30th Avenue South, Off The Hook, and also
19 personnel matters. Council, seek a motion to
20 go into Executive Session for these items.

21 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** So moved ---

22 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

23 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Second.

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second to go into
25 Executive Session for the items listed. Any



1 other questions or comments? Roll call.

2 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

3 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

4 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro Tem Josephine Isom?

5 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Yea.

6 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

7 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

8 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

10 **Executive Session:**

11 **(Executive Session.)**

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

14 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

15 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Second.

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second on the
17 floor to come out of Executive Session into the
18 General Session. Any other questions or
19 comments? Roll call.

20 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

21 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

22 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro Tem Josephine Isom?

23 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Yea.

24 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

25 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.



1 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

3 **General Session:**

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** I want to take this time out to
5 welcome the general public and ask at this time
6 if you have any pagers or cell phones that
7 might disturb the proceedings, would you
8 silence those for us at this time please. And
9 if you would, stand for a moment of silence.

10 **(Moment of Silence.)**

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

12 **(Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison.)**

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to ceremonial matters, and
14 we do have the swearing in of a police officer,
15 and this is also Law Enforcement Appreciation
16 Day. So, if you guys would, give the Town of
17 Atlantic Beach and its Police Department a nice
18 hand.

19 **(Applause.)**

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** And we do have a swearing in of a
21 police officer, Mr. Valentine?

22 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

23 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** Good afternoon. Happy New
24 Year's to anyone I haven't seen so far this
25 year. I'm glad to welcome an officer that you



1 all might already know their name -- for
2 Officer Valentine to -- a great addition to the
3 Police Department first time around, hoping to
4 be a great addition this time around. We're
5 glad to have him here, to start out a new year
6 with some more officers. We're trying to make
7 sure the Town will be very secure 24/7 and get
8 very close to that so I'll turn it over to you,
9 Mayor.

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** You ready? Alrighty then. This ain't
11 your first rodeo ---

12 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** So, I.

14 **OFFICER VALENTINE:** I, Andrew Valentine.

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** Do solemnly swear.

16 **OFFICER VALENTINE:** Do solemnly swear.

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

18 **OFFICER VALENTINE:** That I am duly qualified.

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** According to the Constitution of this
20 State.

21 **OFFICER VALENTINE:** According to the Constitution of
22 this State.

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

24 **OFFICER VALENTINE:** To exercise the duties of this
25 office.



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** To which I have -- to which I have
2 been appointed.

3 **OFFICER VALENTINE:** To which I have been appointed.

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** And that I will.

5 **OFFICER VALENTINE:** And that I will.

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** To the best of my ability.

7 **OFFICER VALENTINE:** To the best of my ability.

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

9 **OFFICER VALENTINE:** Discharge the duties thereof.

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

11 **OFFICER VALENTINE:** Preserve and protect.

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** And defend the Constitution of this
13 State.

14 **OFFICER VALENTINE:** And defend the Constitution of
15 this State.

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** And of the United States.

17 **OFFICER VALENTINE:** And of the United States.

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

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

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** As a police officer of the Town of
21 Atlantic Beach.

22 **OFFICER VALENTINE:** As a police officer of the Town
23 of Atlantic Beach.

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** I will equally, fairly and
25 impartially.



1 **OFFICER VALENTINE:** I will equally, fairly and
2 impartially

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

4 **OFFICER VALENTINE:** To the best of my ability and
5 skill.

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

7 **OFFICER VALENTINE:** Exercise the trust reposed in
8 me.

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

10 **OFFICER VALENTINE:** And I will use my best
11 endeavors.

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

13 **OFFICER VALENTINE:** To preserve the peace.

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** And carry into effect accordingly.

15 **OFFICER VALENTINE:** And carry into effect
16 accordingly.

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** The law for the purposes for which I
18 have been appointed.

19 **OFFICER VALENTINE:** The law for the purposes for
20 which I have been appointed.

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

22 **OFFICER VALENTINE:** So help me God.

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** Welcome back.

24 **OFFICER VALENTINE:** Thank you, sir.

25 **(Applause.)**



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** Council, we're down to the approval of
2 the agenda, seek a motion for the approval of
3 the agenda as it is outlined.

4 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

5 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Second.

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second for the approval
7 of the agenda. If there are no other
8 questions, roll call.

9 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

10 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

11 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro Tem Josephine Isom?

12 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Yea.

13 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

14 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

15 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

17 **Old Business:**

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to Old Business and Town
19 Council meeting minutes, the minutes from Town
20 Council meeting held on December 5th of 2022.
21 Council, seek a motion to -- for the approval
22 of those minutes.

23 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** So moved, Mayor.

24 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Second.

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



1 approval of the Town Council meeting minutes
2 from December 5th, 2022. Is there any other
3 questions or comments? Roll call.

4 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

5 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

6 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro Tem Josephine Isom?

7 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Yea.

8 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

9 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

10 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. The motion's granted. We're
12 down to Item B. under Old Business and this is
13 Ordinance Number 6-2022, and this is the
14 amendment to Ordinance Number 8-2021 and this
15 is the ordinance establishing and adopting the
16 operational procedures for the 2023 Atlantic
17 Beach Memorial Day Black Pearl Cultural
18 Heritage and Bike Festival, and this will be
19 the second reading. So, Council, seek a
20 motion.

21 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

22 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Second.

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second on the
24 floor to adopt Ordinance Number 6-2022, and
25 this is the operational -- Bike Fest



1 operational procedures and this is the second
2 reading. If there are no other questions or
3 comments ---

4 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, just for the public, this
5 is the second reading and basically being
6 proposed for Bike Fest 2023, the same fee
7 schedule that was in effect for 2022 and all of
8 the other requirements and -- for vendor
9 participation have remained the same for 2023.
10 So, it's just been updated, and in 2022 the fee
11 schedule was reduced I think for food vendors,
12 \$875 to \$675, and \$650 for retail. So those
13 are the basic modifications to 2023 and the
14 dates are set for Memorial Day weekend 2023.

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** Any questions, Council? Okay, the
16 motion's already made and seconded. Roll call.

17 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

18 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

19 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro Tem Josephine Isom?

20 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Yea.

21 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

22 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

23 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. The motion's granted. We're
25 down to C. under Old Business, this is the



1 municipal election update, January 17th, 2023.
2 Mr. Montgomery?

3 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** Thank you, Mr. Mayor. As most of
4 you all know, we will have elections January
5 17th to fill one Council seat. There are three
6 people running -- John David, Michael Isom and
7 Lendale Evans. The election will be held
8 (inaudible) and if you have any questions,
9 direct your questions to me, Kenneth McIver or
10 Ms. Gore. We're the members of the Election
11 Commission, we conduct this election. People
12 have asked me in the past because it's
13 confusing to people because we have the County
14 (inaudible) this is the local municipal
15 election. So, good luck to the candidates, I
16 think most of them -- we've met most of them
17 (inaudible) having our different activities so
18 may the best candidate win. Are there
19 questions? Any questions? Thank you, Mr.
20 Mayor.

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

22 **New Business:**

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** Council, we're down to New Business.
24 Item A. under New Business, Ordinance 1-2023,
25 and this is an amendment to Ordinance Number 3-



1 2022 and an ordinance to adopt International
2 Building Codes.

3 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

4 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

5 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes, Mayor, Council and public, I
6 think every two years the ordinances,
7 International Building Codes, I think we
8 adopted 2000 -- I can't remember the year, '20,
9 last year, and we were informed by our building
10 officials that the codes would be updated, and
11 this brings the Town in compliance with the
12 current International Building Codes and the
13 citation of the codes are indicated in the --
14 in your agenda packet in terms of updates to
15 the International Codes so this will bring the
16 Town of Atlantic Beach into compliance with the
17 current International Building Codes.

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** So, Council, seek a motion to adopt
19 Ordinance Number 1-2023.

20 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

21 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Second.

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second on the
23 floor to adopt Ordinance Number 1-2023. Any
24 other questions or comments? Roll call.

25 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?



1 COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Yea.

2 CLERK: Mayor Pro Tem Josephine Isom?

3 MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM: Yea.

4 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

5 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

6 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

7 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The motion's granted. Still
8 under A. in New Business is Ordinance Number 1-
9 2021 and this is the International Property
10 Maintenance Code to Chapter 1.

11 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor and Council, this is the
12 International Property Maintenance Code being
13 updated in 2021, will bring us current under
14 property maintenance for the Town of Atlantic
15 Beach.

16 MAYOR EVANS: Okay, Council, seek a motion.

17 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.

18 (Inaudible background noise.)

19 MAYOR EVANS: Okay, then you have the Town Council
20 Meeting Schedule there as well that you want to
21 kind of go through, I mean that was the next
22 thing on the agenda anyway ---

23 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Yes.

24 MAYOR EVANS: Okay.

25 (Inaudible background noise.)



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** Ordinance Number 1-2023, the amendment
2 to Ordinance Number 3-2022, and that's an
3 ordinance to adopt International Building
4 Codes.

5 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay.

7 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Second.

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, motion and a second to adopt
9 Ordinance Number 1-2023. Any other questions
10 or comments -- oh, we've already voted on it,
11 okay. Just put that on it for the record,
12 gotcha.

13 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

14 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

15 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro Tem Josephine Isom?

16 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Yea.

17 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

19 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

21 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** Item B., Town Council Meeting Schedule
23 for 2023.

24 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Council ---

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** Huh?



1 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Need a motion first.

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, Council, I seek a motion to
3 adopt the Council Meeting Schedule for 2023.

4 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

5 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Second.

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, there's a motion and a second on
7 the floor to adopt the Town Council Meeting
8 Schedule for 2023. Questions, comments?

9 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yeah, Mayor, Council and public,
10 this is the annual schedule for proposed
11 Council Meetings for 2023, has been custom,
12 meetings are held the first Monday of each
13 month unless there is a holiday on the first
14 Monday of the month then it moves to the second
15 Monday, and this schedule identifies those
16 changes, it does not fall on the first Monday
17 of each month for 2023, January through
18 December.

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, there's a motion and second on
20 the floor. Roll call.

21 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

22 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

23 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro Tem Josephine Isom?

24 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Yea.

25 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?



1 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

2 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

3 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. The motion's granted. We're
4 down to C. under New Business, and this is the
5 year 2021-22 Audit Report, Gary Bailey and
6 Associates.

7 **MR. BAILEY:** How are you all doing?

8 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Fine.

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** Doing good.

10 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

11 **MR. BAILEY:** Okay. So this year, I thought what I
12 would provide you -- it's right there in front
13 of the audit package -- we did a -- just a
14 three-year kinda current year ending 6/30/2022
15 and then show you how '21 and '20 looked just
16 to kinda give you an idea 'cause coming through
17 COVID and how that may have affected your
18 finances over the last few years and then, of
19 course, '22 had some changes as well so I
20 thought that you may get more value and then
21 would see how all three years looked. So on
22 that first page there -- and by the way then as
23 far as the audit came out, we didn't have any
24 troubles there. Ben does a good job, you know,
25 outsource with the Town and all of that



1 (inaudible) and Cheryl there so as far as your
2 staff, everything was fine. We had all the
3 backup (inaudible) so we didn't have any
4 trouble as far as doing the audit itself, we
5 didn't have any major journal entries or
6 changes so why that's important is when you're
7 looking at these finances throughout the year,
8 you don't want us to come in as the auditors
9 and make a ton of changes and then that makes
10 the financials you look at during the year not
11 really mean anything 'cause we've changed
12 everything so -- but that being said,
13 everything's in good order as far as operations
14 on the financial side. But you'll see here,
15 '22 revenue is significantly higher than
16 previous years. Of course, '20 was our first
17 year with COVID, that last quarter, sort of
18 shut everything down, and you can see what your
19 revenue was, around \$750,000. Then '21, we
20 still had a good bit -- a lot of COVID in
21 there, and '22 is starting to get back to
22 normal. But I noticed -- you can see '22
23 revenue is at \$1.4 Million. There was also
24 another big change, if you look at the license
25 and permits, that's mainly -- just license,



1 you'll see that it's significantly higher than
2 last year, 342 versus 790. Some of that, of
3 course, is people -- businesses improving
4 scenario, but that's not everything, your
5 property -- I'm sorry -- your business license
6 traditionally had been July 1st through June
7 30th, if I remember correctly -- yeah, and then
8 the State -- the State changed everyone's to
9 May 1st through April 30th so what happened is
10 in '22, you were capturing some of the business
11 licenses right at the end of the year then you
12 caught some of them again towards the end of
13 the year because that change -- I know -- it's
14 sort of like -- we were talking at our office,
15 it's sort of like when you're getting paid
16 twice a week every once in a while that month
17 comes along and you get three paychecks in a
18 month, that's kind of what you had last year.
19 So, next year I would expect the business
20 licenses to get closer to that 350 number that
21 you're used to, maybe 400. So what that really
22 did thought is it really helped on your cash
23 funds, and you'll see that. So really, the
24 biggest changes is that huge increase in
25 license -- in the business license and the, of



1 course, your all's annual Bike Fest is back --
2 again, this being '22, they hadn't had the last
3 two years, and that brought in 76,000. And
4 then, of course, you can see your hospitality
5 is -- has -- tax has improved, that -- the
6 economy has gotten back better, and you can see
7 back in '22 your hospitality revenue was only
8 36,000 so it's back up to 114,000 this year.
9 And then when you drop down -- and if you have
10 any questions, please stop me, I'll go over
11 this. When you look at your expenses, they
12 were up about \$100,000 from last year, half of
13 that was the Bike Fest, it's 53,000. You
14 didn't have any expense last year really so --
15 because you had Bike Fest so half of that
16 increase is that. Another portion of it is
17 professional fees and I put some in -- details
18 at the bottom, you used a grant writing
19 consultant, that was 15,000 this year to help
20 with some grant writing, and also had some
21 additional legal costs, but in that
22 professional fees, that's your outsourced
23 accountant, that's your audit, that's your
24 building inspector, judge, I think Mr. Ben is
25 in that cost and so, when you're looking at



1 your expenses overall, look here at the bottom,
2 you can see payroll and professional fees, and
3 that represents roughly 70 percent of your
4 total expenses that the Town has every year.
5 So some folks -- some towns we'll say, their
6 payroll is higher because some of the people
7 that you have under professional fees are on
8 payroll and, in this case, you have some more
9 1099s, but what I was pointing out is that 70
10 percent, that's about what I see with small
11 towns, small municipalities, it's about labor
12 costs overall, consulting costs, it's about 70
13 percent; then you have your repairs and
14 maintenance, utilities, insurance -- those
15 other operating costs; and then what's left
16 over is -- you get to put into the future
17 reserves account. So you're about where I see
18 most towns your size, at about that 70 percent
19 range because most of your expenses are gonna
20 be human category. And then -- so you can see
21 -- what I did is I broke this down revenues,
22 expenditures and operating (inaudible) so what
23 that's telling you is how much cash did the
24 Town generate for operations this year. And if
25 you look in '20, the cap -- just from



1 operations, the Town used up 54,000 back in '20
2 it's a negative 54. It got better in '21 at
3 81,000 and then in '22 operations is 482. Now
4 again, I know some of that was business
5 licenses but that doesn't go away so it really
6 helps -- it really helps put the Town in a
7 little bit better financial position which
8 you'll see when we get to the balance sheet.
9 And then the next section down, look at non-
10 operating costs, that's purchases of equipment,
11 for instance, you purchased a couple police
12 cars, you had some HVAC work done, bought
13 benches, some other small equipment, and so you
14 spent about 82,000. You did borrow some money
15 to get the police cars, that's what that 42,000
16 is. And then the 12,000 is paying back some of
17 that debt. And then down at the very bottom,
18 that's your ARPA funds that you received, about
19 11,000 in ARPA funds. We have that down at the
20 bottom just 'cause that's not your normal
21 revenue line so you don't want to count that as
22 your normal 'cause you'll get that once more,
23 the other half of it, then that'll be it for
24 those ARPA funds so -- so when it's all said
25 and done here, your change in fund balance for



1 business (inaudible) income was 541,000 this
2 year and you can see back in '20 when COVID, we
3 started seeing -- that was a negative 107,000
4 (ph) so really great improvement from '20 to
5 '22. And if you'll flip over to the next page,
6 that's just things that -- that position
7 (inaudible) you can see how '22 affected mainly
8 your cash. So you can see right there in --
9 under the 2021 column, FY2021, cash at the end
10 of 6/30/2021 was about \$230,000 -- 230,522 --
11 and at the end of '22, it's at \$742,000 so a
12 significant increase and that's -- and again,
13 that's ARPA funds in there and that's also that
14 into the business license twice. And you'll
15 continue to get the business licenses, it just
16 won't be at the same -- that 700,000, it'll be
17 closer to 350, 400, but what it did is it sort
18 of gave you all a little more umph. You were
19 operating a lot slimmer in '21 than you are in
20 '22 so this really kinda gave the Town a little
21 more reserve than you had in the past so you
22 can see this number at the bottom, it says 288,
23 that's your cash on hand so that tells you
24 based on 2022 operating expenditures, you have
25 288 days of cash on hand. So, we always



1 suggest that number should be at least 90 days,
2 some towns like it to be 180 days just because
3 the timing, you know, for instance, you're not
4 gonna get that big chunk of business licenses
5 again until May so you're gonna be using all
6 the cash until you -- so you're gonna see your
7 cash balances go down -- you've probably have
8 already seen it go down some -- property
9 taxes'll help, but then the business licenses
10 will come later in the year so you've got to
11 have some operating cash because just the
12 timing when we collect money. So this --
13 having a larger number helps you do some of
14 those tough, cash crunch times. But everything
15 else is pretty much the same as being some of
16 your accounts payables of, accounts receivables
17 of, that's just the timing, there's nothing
18 concerning there, but you will notice your fund
19 balance at the bottom, it was 146,000, that's
20 -- so to speak, that's your equity in the Town,
21 with 147,000 and then on the other (inaudible)
22 of those, a negative 556 so that's why it's 609
23 in '22, and you might say what does that do for
24 us? That helps you with your bank finances.
25 The banks don't really like to see those big



1 brackets down there, they like to see positive
2 numbers when it comes to fund balances. So, if
3 you ever had -- or you wanted -- the Town
4 wanted to go after a bond or something, that
5 certainly helps bond rating and get a better
6 interest rate so you'd want to see that number
7 continue to improve. And then the next page,
8 it's sort of -- it's just a general (inaudible)
9 statement. So you've got your income
10 statement, you've got your balance sheet, what
11 does it all mean? This is kinda of a summary
12 of what it all means and if you go to the
13 middle, it says cash increase or decrease, it's
14 all kinda (inaudible) in fiscal year '20 the
15 Town used \$280,000 more than they brought in so
16 those bank account decreased \$280,000
17 (inaudible). '21, you broke even, a little bit
18 better, at \$2,200. And then you can see '22 is
19 a huge bounce back adding 512. So COVID, you
20 know, really was a -- it's pretty tough to get
21 through the last few years, and '22, you're, I
22 mean, you were at 510,000 in the bank at the
23 end of fiscal year '19 before COVID and so
24 you're -- now, you're at 743, so you're getting
25 back -- and out of that 743, 100,000 of it's



1 ARPA money so there's certain restrictions on
2 that, how you can use those funds, so those
3 can't just be used any way you want. But
4 still, overall the Town really rebounded very
5 nicely and you've had a much better financial
6 stream. That last page was just to give you an
7 idea of your -- the Town's overall salaries
8 and, as you can see, it really was very little
9 change, all of the salaries and benefits from
10 '21 to '22 went up about \$5,000, that's it. So
11 -- and a good part of that retirement was
12 because the retirement (inaudible) went up
13 another 1 percent fiscal year '22 to the State.
14 So -- but overall, this was a much better year
15 than having to go through '20 and talk about
16 how much cash the Town burned through, and I
17 have those conversations a lot and -- but this
18 year, much better -- much better financial
19 condition that the Town's in. Any questions?

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** Questions, Council?

21 **MR. BAILEY:** It's kinda easier when (inaudible)
22 presentation ---

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yeah, it is.

24 **MR. BAILEY:** --- cash. And I will -- want to be
25 clear, it wasn't your fault, obviously,



1 (inaudible) COVID (inaudible).

2 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Thank you.

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

4 (Inaudible background noise.)

5 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to D., approving funds for
6 debris removal Hurricane Ian.

7 (Inaudible background noise.)

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. Council, seek a motion for the
9 approval of the debris funds from Hurricane
10 Ian.

11 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

12 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Second.

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second on the
14 floor. Comments?

15 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor and Council, public, this is
16 a request for approval of funds expended for
17 debris removal during Hurricane Ian in 2022.
18 The total expenditures for debris removal in
19 the Town was \$9,885.10. That was broken down
20 into actual debris removal was \$6,385.10 and
21 then had a couple of trees on the Town property
22 that fell, one into North Myrtle Beach and one
23 out at the Community Center had to be removed,
24 so the breakdown was about -- for the tree
25 removals was about \$3,500 and the balance,



1 \$6,385.10, was debris removal. Put together
2 the documentation, met with the FEMA
3 representatives on what is required after the
4 Governor declared an emergency for the State of
5 South Carolina, we're eligible for
6 reimbursement up to 75 percent of the -- that
7 \$9,885 that was expended for debris removal so
8 FEMA had requested that the Council adopt and
9 approve those expenditures so when I submit the
10 request for reimbursement, I will have the
11 documentation and the approval of Council.

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you. Council, there's a motion
13 and second already on the floor for the
14 approval of the contract for the building
15 inspector services not to exceed \$30,000. Roll
16 call.

17 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

18 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

19 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro Tem Josephine Isom?

20 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Yea.

21 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

22 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

23 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

25 **(Inaudible background noise.)**



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** Back that up, we need to go back to
2 the motion to -- yeah, to the approving funds
3 for debris removal for Hurricane Ian. That's
4 what I need the roll call for, call roll call
5 for that one, Cheryl.

6 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

7 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

8 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro Tem Josephine Isom?

9 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Yea.

10 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

11 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

12 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion granted. I apologize for
14 that, I skipped over that one. Now we're down
15 to the approval to contract for building
16 inspector services not to exceed the \$30,000
17 annually. I seek a motion, Council.

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

19 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Second.

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and second on the
21 floor, Ben.

22 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor and Council, public, I am
23 recommending, first of all, we advertise for a
24 building inspector in local media and online
25 for building inspector services for the Town of



1 Atlantic Beach. We received one response from
2 our current building official, building
3 inspector, Mr. Robert Cox, and I'm recommending
4 a two-year contract for building code official
5 services for the Town of Atlantic Beach not to
6 exceed \$30,000. I am negotiating a flat amount
7 for a monthly basis as opposed to an hourly
8 fee, and we currently -- 26 homes built in the
9 Town of Atlantic Beach with no issues,
10 lawsuits, challenges, complaints. We have 10
11 houses under construction and our activity has
12 increased tremendously in terms of building
13 development. This also includes annual
14 inspections. Our businesses on a -- on an
15 annual basis under business license renewal,
16 and I think Mr. Cox has done an outstanding job
17 in terms of keeping the Town in compliance and
18 keeping our building construction moving so I'm
19 recommending a two-year agreement.

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, Council, there's a motion and
21 second on the floor. Roll call.

22 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

23 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

24 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro Tem Josephine Isom?

25 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Yea.



1 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

2 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

3 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion granted. We're down to
5 F., approval for Gullah Geechee Cultural and
6 Nature Festival. Ms. Mallett?

7 **MS. MALLETT:** Good afternoon, Council and Mayor.

8 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Good afternoon ---

9 **MS. MALLETT:** And everyone and (inaudible). I'm
10 here today on behalf of Atlantic Beach Gullah
11 Geechee Cultural and Nature Festival that we
12 would like to have. As you know, we are the
13 only Black-owned, incorporated oceanfront town
14 on the East Coast and have this privilege to
15 use that term. We would like to schedule the
16 following activities, starting on June the 23rd
17 through the 25th of 2023, we would like to do
18 June -- on June 23rd around 5:00 o'clock in the
19 afternoon 'til 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon,
20 we would like to do a meet and greet on the
21 main street in the cul-de-sac. And on June
22 24th, approximately 10:00 o'clock in the
23 morning to 10:00 o'clock in the afternoon, we
24 would like to do a festival on 30th Street to
25 include the main street and the cul-de-sac. On



1 June the 25th from 10:00 a.m. 'til 10:00 --
2 'til 12:00 p.m., we would like to do a
3 beachfront church services for the Atlantic
4 Beach. Now, all of the weekend activities will
5 highlight the significance of the Gullah
6 Geechee culture and the wider African diaspora.
7 The Gullah Geechee refers to descendants of
8 enslaved individuals who are dominantly from
9 West Africa and who retain many of the African
10 traditions and cultures because of their
11 relative isolation from the rest of the world.
12 And of course, we hold a special thing here
13 because we were one of the communities and
14 Black beaches that were able to have reparation
15 during this time for our people. We want to
16 celebrate that experience. So, also in the day
17 we want to amplify the main -- on the main
18 stage want to have some performers and we want
19 to have some telling the story about the Gullah
20 Geechee culture and relating it to Atlantic
21 Beach and we want to have musicians, we have to
22 have a vendor market with food vendors, we want
23 to have arts and crafts, want to get the school
24 involved as well with their arts and we also
25 want to recreate the punk patio style



1 experience that everyone announced to the
2 interviews talked about how much they enjoyed
3 the punk patio experience. We are requesting
4 all available Town properties on 30th Avenue,
5 we are requesting the cul-de-sac for the main
6 street and closure up to the 400 block on the
7 30th Avenue, consistent with the central
8 location where most of the historical events
9 have been held. We are proposing \$200 for food
10 vendors, \$150 for all of the other vendors and
11 we will coordinate parking with (inaudible)
12 vending space, private lot owners and most of
13 the event would be free to -- and open to the
14 public. We anticipate participants between
15 three to 500 people, with 30 to 40 vendors.
16 We're requesting police assistance, porta-
17 potties and an increase in trash cans. And --
18 any questions?

19 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I do.

20 **MS. MALLETT:** Okay.

21 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I'm very glad -- I'm -- pretty
22 much excited that you're gonna do it, mainly
23 the Gullah Geechee, bringing back to our town
24 the history and cultural, whatever, but my
25 question to you is it gonna be more like Bike



1 Fest, will these vendor fees be collected by
2 the Town staff or ---

3 **MS. MALLETT:** Yes, for the Town ---

4 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yes. And I'm just wondering --
5 I'm -- whatever it is that I could do to help
6 this right here, let me know. Yes, I ---

7 **MS. MALLETT:** Anyone else who wants to help in the
8 community are welcome. It's the (inaudible)
9 and we have Coastal that's coming out and to
10 create -- we have (inaudible) at this time but
11 we're trying to get some more sponsors by that
12 time if we get approved.

13 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Okay, that was my only question.

14 **MS. MALLETT:** Anyone else?

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** You all have any questions?

16 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** No.

17 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** No.

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** No? Thank you very much. Council, I
19 seek a motion for the approval for the Gullah
20 Geechee Cultural and Nature Festival for June
21 23rd through the 25th.

22 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

23 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Second.

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, motion on the floor for the
25 approval of Atlantic Beach Gullah Geechee



1 Cultural and Nature Festival that runs from
2 June 23rd through 25th. Any other questions,
3 comments? Roll call.

4 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

5 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

6 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro Tem Josephine Isom?

7 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Yea.

8 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

9 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

10 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

12 **Manager's Report:**

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

14 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Is there anyone here to make a
15 report for the Beautification Committee? Mr.
16 McIver told me he would not be able to be here.

17 **MR. THOMAS:** Hello, everybody. Welcome to be here
18 tonight. Council people, how are you doing?

19 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Good.

20 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

21 **MR. THOMAS:** Try again? Okay, Kenneth is not here
22 today but the only thing he asked me to ask you
23 guys was about the trash, recycle bin, it was
24 supposed to be replaced across the street but
25 they put it over here. It was supposed to be



1 on the north side of the Police Station, that
2 was the original ---

3 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Police Station ---

4 **MR. THOMAS:** No, not the Police Station ...

5 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** You mean the Town Hall?

6 **MR. THOMAS:** Town Hall, or the main office, supposed
7 to be on the north side of that and for some
8 reason it got put over here.

9 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** This is where we voted for it to
10 be at so -- and this is where -- let them know
11 that we all agreed to let ---

12 **MR. THOMAS:** So you guys agreed to do that ---

13 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** --- to let it stay on this side,
14 right ---

15 **MR. THOMAS:** Okay. We just -- we weren't really
16 aware of that, we just came and saw it on the
17 other side of the street.

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** No, that's not how it happened.
19 Somebody made the announcement that they wanted
20 it over here. We voted to have it here, so
21 that side -- ended up staying over here because
22 now we think that it's better over here versus
23 over there.

24 **MR. THOMAS:** So you think it's better ---

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** Well, I mean, the contract -- what



1 does it say? The contract ---

2 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Says here.

3 **MAYOR EVANS:** --- actually says it's supposed to be
4 here, right?

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

6 **MR. THOMAS:** Yeah, but if ---

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** So in order to change that, we have to
8 change the contract and everything?

9 **MR. THOMAS:** When we sat down and did it -- if the
10 lady said to move it, there's no foul, and they
11 said they could just move it. But when we
12 originally talked about it, it was supposed to
13 be across the street.

14 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Well, I think we all (inaudible)
15 for it to be over here better because ---

16 **MR. THOMAS:** Well, that's fine. If that's what you
17 decided, that's what we just have to live by.

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** But that was originally somebody
19 -- whoever spoke for you all, the last time
20 before we voted on this, this is where they
21 made arrangements for it to be at, was over
22 here ---

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yeah, that's what it says on the
24 contract ---

25 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** --- yeah, so that's how we voted



1 for it so that's ---

2 **MR. THOMAS:** Okay.

3 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** --- what our contract says,
4 right.

5 **MR. THOMAS:** Okay.

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

7 **MR. THOMAS:** The only other thing Kenneth was
8 talking about, something came up last week
9 about that Beautification should pick up more
10 trash.

11 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Pick up -- no more -- not more
12 trash, pick up some trash. They haven't --
13 they don't -- I mean ---

14 **MR. THOMAS:** But isn't that what -- we're here to
15 help, we're not here to pick up trash, but
16 we've been having people coming in the door for
17 it. Shouldn't we have a maintenance person
18 that would do that or do some of that? Even
19 though I do see Michael Gore doing it, but I
20 think he's needs more help than just trying to
21 do a whole town by himself.

22 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I don't want to so much say it
23 is the Beautification Committee's job to do it
24 ---

25 **MR. THOMAS:** Okay.



1 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** --- I'm not saying that, but I
2 think -- and I've made phone calls just to see,
3 just -- my curiosity is killing me, so I've
4 called North Myrtle Beach and Myrtle Beach, and
5 I've seen on television, she had a lot of
6 reports where they pick up -- you all are doing
7 a fine job, but my whole main thing is whenever
8 we were doing this and discussing it, I was
9 just so sure that before I ever go putting up
10 some decorations at my house, I'm gonna do some
11 spring cleaning before I do anything. So
12 that's what I'm saying, we're talking about go
13 put some decorations out, we've got the nice-
14 looking beaches down there, we've got the trash
15 bins down there, and it looks really nice, I'm
16 not trying to take anything from you all, but
17 -- and not all the time, no, we don't have --
18 we're getting to that point where Mr. Q. is I'm
19 sure working on for whenever we get to that
20 point, we get somebody to pick up trash but, in
21 the meantime, there's a lot of times that I
22 will walk on any of these streets and I may see
23 trash, if I've got a bag with me, I will pick
24 up trash, but I watch myself -- the -- I've
25 watched so many of these Beautification



1 Committees doing their daily walks and I have
2 yet to see anybody pick up any paper ---

3 **MR. THOMAS:** We also reported places that trash is
4 coming out of the -- the back of it and being
5 blown around the city, we reported that almost
6 six months now, and the places are still the
7 same.

8 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Well, when you say -- repeat
9 that. Come ---

10 **MR. THOMAS:** Okay, I'll start over. I said we
11 reported there's trash being in back of the
12 buildings, not in dumpsters, all over the
13 ground, and we went to the businesses, but
14 nothing has been done, they still look the
15 same.

16 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Well, I just want to address
17 that part, and it sounds good that you all went
18 to the businesses but see that's how come -- we
19 do have staff at hand that we pay to talk to
20 them, I mean, the taxpayers pay the staff, we
21 do have them, so therefore it's kinda more like
22 here -- that's what I'm saying, Atlantic Beach
23 is gonna be a little bit unique. You can tell
24 me all day long to do so-and-so until they send
25 somebody that's being paid that's on their



1 payroll, you ain't really saying much to me,
2 that's how they look at it here ---

3 **MR. THOMAS:** Okay ---

4 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** --- but I understand what you're
5 saying ---

6 **MR. THOMAS:** Well, we've gone to the office over
7 this more than once and we've reported it, we
8 did it as a group and we did it individually,
9 but when you go to talk to the people that own
10 the businesses, it's like it goes over their
11 head.

12 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Well, that once again goes back
13 to Town Manager and that's when they would --
14 give them a citation or whatever because if
15 there's trash coming out of anywhere in our
16 town -- I don't know where you're talking about
17 exactly, but they need to be, you know ---

18 **MR. THOMAS:** Well, really -- we'll have to leave
19 this up to Mr. Quattlebaum to handle that ---

20 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Uh-huh.

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

22 **MR. THOMAS:** --- because we've discussed it more
23 than once.

24 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Okay.

25 **MR. THOMAS:** And that's all I have that Kenneth



1 asked me to ask about.

2 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Thank you.

3 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you. Acknowledgment of
4 donations for the Police Department from the
5 Christmas party, who's that? Chief, is that
6 you? Run both of them shows at the same time?

7 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** Technology. Good afternoon,
8 everybody. Just want to again -- once again,
9 wish everybody a Happy New Year. I hope
10 everybody had a great holiday, ate a lot of
11 turkey and got their New Year's resolutions in
12 place. But first I wanted thank everybody from
13 the Council to the Town Manager to my staff and
14 other residents that helped out with our event
15 through the holiday. The Christmas event this
16 year was very successful. We had most of the
17 Council members here was -- their support and
18 I want to thank a couple of special people for
19 donating. If I miss somebody, just forgive me
20 and I'm -- 'cause there were so many people
21 that donated. First, I want to thank North
22 Myrtle Beach Women's and Men's (inaudible)
23 Club, they donated, the Beachwear Store right
24 here in town donated, Thee DollHouse, Francis
25 in the Dunes. We had Ms. Glenda, past (ph)



1 Councilwoman, she came here and donated some
2 stuff to the -- she set up a booth here and did
3 -- gave out meals. Also, I wanted to thank
4 Brian Shaw for donating also. And for the most
5 part -- I'm sorry, McDonald's, Chick-fil-A and
6 the putt-putt golf place right across the
7 street, they also donated also. We do this
8 every year so we're always looking for new
9 people to donate to the Town, that's one of our
10 biggest things, to give back to the community.
11 I'm very big on community and, as we grow
12 older, the kids are our future so we've got to
13 show them that we care about them and this --
14 don't be (inaudible) because what we do here,
15 some of them don't have a Christmas after this.
16 So, we will be doing this again this year so if
17 you would like to donate, feel free to get in
18 touch with me or even the Town Hall or one of
19 the Council members, they will let me know and
20 we will make it bigger. It is for -- I think
21 we had over 60 kids here this year ---

22 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

23 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** Any questions from Council?

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yeah, I think out of the audience, I
25 recognize Ms. Isom being over here, helping us



1 that night as well so thank you for your help
2 as well.

3 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** Yeah, I'm sorry, Ms. Isom.
4 I'm -- I appreciate -- I told you how much it
5 meant to me (inaudible) nobody (inaudible) do
6 anything so -- also Ms. Gore's daughter also
7 stepped in, I didn't have to ask her, she
8 stepped right in to help.

9 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Oh, I didn't help?

10 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** Yeah, I mean, I already gave
11 you all your praises.

12 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

13 **Public Time:**

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to Pubic Time, Ms. Armani
15 Bellamy? Just state your name for the record
16 when you step to the podium please.

17 **MS. BELLAMY:** My name is Armani Bellamy. I'm
18 speaking on behalf of (inaudible). I under --
19 to my understanding there's like -- you guys
20 want to know like what's going on with the
21 demolished (inaudible). Unfortunately, at this
22 time, there's no determination on what happened
23 and what caused the fire, it's still under
24 investigation. We cannot touch or remove
25 anything from that area until it's closed. So,



1 I apologize for the eyesore, but there's
2 nothing that I can do, it's out of my hands,
3 it's out of the owner's hands, there's nothing
4 we can do, can't touch it or anything because
5 they are still reviewing it, in fact, I
6 literally talked with Barry Weiss, I spoke with
7 you and letting you know -- Quattlebaum -- that
8 there's nothing we can do until the case is
9 closed.

10 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** You said in terms of who's doing
11 the investigation?

12 **MS. BELLAMY:** Like the insurance adjuster. He said
13 he received calls from the office (inaudible)
14 I'm not sure ---

15 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yeah.

16 **MS. BELLAMY:** --- and there's a question about when
17 it will be demolished ---

18 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes.

19 **MS. BELLAMY:** --- as soon as they (inaudible).

20 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Have they supplied you with any
21 information in terms of ---

22 **MS. BELLAMY:** They don't.

23 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- in terms of that?

24 **MS. BELLAMY:** There's no -- it's under investigation
25 still ---



1 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Have they given -- no timeline for
2 when it's gonna be complete?

3 **MS. BELLAMY:** No.

4 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** And this is through the insurance
5 company?

6 **MS. BELLAMY:** Uh-huh.

7 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Okay, I can get it (inaudible) in
8 terms of what -- who the contact is, it's the
9 same one Mr. Gore ---

10 **MS. BELLAMY:** Yes.

11 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- Mr. Gore has been
12 communicating with?

13 **MS. BELLAMY:** Yes.

14 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Okay.

15 **MS. BELLAMY:** So, it's still under investigation so
16 I'm sure it's an eyesore, but I too have a
17 question. My -- that property, which I have
18 under contract, is the same owners that 304 is
19 under the owner of, that building too, correct
20 me if I'm wrong, was up for demolition and
21 consolidation too, correct? Or am I wrong?

22 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

23 **MS. BELLAMY:** I was told in 2021 that it was
24 supposed to be demolished, condemned and
25 demolished, 304, the blue building that was



1 Brenda ---

2 (Inaudible background noise.)

3 **MS. BELLAMY:** --- was supposed to be condemned and
4 demolished, and the owners have yet to have
5 been contacted in regards to that either.

6 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Well, I can't speak to that
7 publicly in terms of that ---

8 **MS. BELLAMY:** Okay.

9 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- that leads to litigation.

10 **MS. BELLAMY:** Okay. That was (inaudible) I was
11 concerned about that eyesore as well. That's
12 all (inaudible) the Town know I'm sure that's
13 probably where some debris -- where some debris
14 comes from (inaudible) comes from so I --
15 today, I took initiative myself and I reported
16 the back of the building, the area, to send to
17 my insurance adjuster to kinda like put a move
18 on it so we'll see what happens.

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

20 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Thank you.

21 **MS. BELLAMY:** Huh-uh.

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** William Booker.

23 **MR. BOOKER:** Good evening ---

24 **IN UNISON:** Good evening.

25 **MR. BOOKER:** --- I'm here representing the



1 Association of Atlantic Beach Property Owners.
2 Mayor Evans, Council and Cheryl, citizens of
3 Atlantic Beach, I'm just here to inform you all
4 that the property owners are hosting this
5 Wednesday coming a candidate forum here in the
6 Community Center, and our purpose for hosting
7 it is so that the candidates and the citizens
8 can converse about the things that are
9 important to them, whether it be the candidate
10 or a citizen, I -- we think it's a great
11 opportunity for the candidates to share their
12 platform on what they stand for, what they
13 would be trying to represent in terms of being
14 a member of the Council, and it gives the
15 citizens an opportunity to talk to potential
16 Council people about what's on their minds.
17 And so, that's gonna be occurring this
18 Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. here in the Community
19 Center. All of the candidates are invited,
20 it's not mandatory that anyone attend, citizens
21 or candidates, but we're hoping that all will
22 attend and that we can have a good interaction,
23 conversation about things. It's gonna be
24 moderated by someone we're all familiar with
25 and since he's a reverend and he's been



1 involved with the town on the Housing Authority
2 Board, he's very well-equipped to do this job
3 and create the kind of environment that we want
4 to create, entertaining and not intending to be
5 antagonistic or (inaudible) any actions
6 (inaudible) conversation so that people can
7 share what's important to them and the
8 candidates can share what's on their minds in
9 terms of what they intend to do. So this --
10 the purpose of my coming here is just to inform
11 everyone and to make sure people are aware that
12 that's gonna be taking place ---

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you ---

14 **MR. BOOKER:** Thank you.

15 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Thank you.

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** And John David?

17 **MR. DAVID:** I don't have anything.

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. Council, seek a motion to
19 adjourn.

20 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** So moved.

21 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

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

24 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

25 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.



1 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro Tem Josephine Isom?

2 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Yea.

3 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

4 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

5 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion granted. Meeting
7 adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

8 (There being nothing further, the meeting was
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