

**TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION MEETING**

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4:05 p.m.

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COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

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

GUEST:

Joseph D. Dickey, Jr., Esquire

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1 Call to Order:

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** This Council meeting is called to
3 order this Monday, February 12th, year 2024 at
4 4:05 p.m. Roll call.

5 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell? Mayor Pro Tem
6 Josephine Isom?

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

8 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

9 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Here.

10 **CLERK:** Councilman John David?

11 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Present.

12 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Here. Council, seek a motion to go
14 into Executive Session to receive legal advice
15 and update related to pending election legal
16 matters, Carolyn Montgomery versus Town of
17 Atlantic Beach and personnel matters. Council,
18 seek a motion to go into Executive Session for
19 those items.

20 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

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

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second to go into
23 Executive Session. Any other questions or
24 comments? Roll call.

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



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

2 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

3 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

4 **CLERK:** Councilman John David?

5 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Yes.

6 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

8 **Executive Session:**

9 **(Executive Session.)**

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

12 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

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

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second to come out of
15 Executive Session into the General Session.

16 Any other questions or comments? Roll call.

17 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

18 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Here.

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

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

21 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

22 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

23 **CLERK:** Councilman John David?

24 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Here.

25 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea.

2 **General Session:**

3 **MAYOR EVANS:** We are now out of Executive Session
4 into our General Session. I want to take this
5 time out to welcome the general public and ask
6 at this time if you have any devices that might
7 disturb the proceedings, would you put those on
8 silence for us at this time please. And if you
9 would, we'd all stand for a moment of silence.

10 **(Moment of Silence.)**

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** Pledge of Allegiance.

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

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, we're down to ceremonial matters
14 and at this time we do have a new Council
15 person seated, Councilman John David. We want
16 to welcome him, welcome.

17 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Welcome.

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** And I believe he has some other
19 presentations to make during ceremonial time
20 with us. You have some other presentation to
21 ---

22 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Yes.

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** --- to do as well?

24 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Yes, thank you. If everybody
25 will look at the documents in -- on your table



1 or on your chair, we -- been talking with North
2 Myrtle Beach and they have grant money that is
3 distributed by the Federal DOT and the State
4 DOT that is proposing to provide sidewalks
5 along 17. I think they're gonna start at 20th
6 and run down to 48th, or Conway Street, and
7 they're proposing -- or assisting us with one
8 of our top priorities of getting sidewalks on
9 17 on both sides as well as medians going
10 across the middle. That would be grassy
11 medians, I think that's what we requested, and
12 that would be free of charge to the Town
13 through that grant. There is a comment session
14 on February 29th at the North Myrtle Beach Town
15 Hall on 46th. I'm asking that everyone please
16 attend and submit your comments and if you have
17 any questions, I'll be happy to address them at
18 the end. I just -- this is a great opportunity
19 for us to have sidewalks on 17 so that we can
20 have bus stops along that route so I encourage
21 everyone to go and provide their comments.

22 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** What day is it?

23 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** The comment session is February
24 the 29th at the North Myrtle Beach Town Hall
25 from 4:00 to 6:00. There's a big map up here,



1 and the maps that you all have, it should be
2 the first page of the map. And it doesn't show
3 the sidewalks on both sides because that was
4 the initial, but if you look at the big map it
5 has the lines for sidewalks on both sides and
6 how the medians are, and it's much bigger at
7 the table.

8 (Inaudible background noise.)

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you, sir.

10 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Thank you.

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to approval of the agenda.
12 Council, seek approval of the agenda.

13 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

14 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Second.

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second for approval of
16 the agenda. Any other questions, comments?
17 Roll call.

18 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

19 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

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

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

22 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

23 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

24 **CLERK:** Councilman John David?

25 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Yes.



1 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

3 **Old Business:**

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to Old Business, Town
5 Council meeting minutes, minutes from Town
6 Council meeting held on December 4th, 2023 and
7 December 11th of 2023. Council, seek a motion
8 for approval of those minutes.

9 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

10 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Second.

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second on the floor for
12 the approval of minutes, December 4th, December
13 11th. Any other questions, comments? Roll
14 call.

15 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

16 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

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

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

19 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

20 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

21 **CLERK:** Councilman John David?

22 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Nay.

23 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. The motion's granted. We're
25 down to Item A. under Old Business, Ordinance



1 Number 11-2023, amendment to Ordinance Number
2 6-2022, an ordinance establishing and adopting
3 the operational procedures for the 2024
4 Atlantic Beach Memorial Day Black Pearl
5 Cultural Heritage and Bike Festival, and this
6 will be the second reading. Council, seek a
7 motion to adopt Ordinance Number 11-2023,
8 second reading.

9 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

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

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second on the
12 floor to adopt Ordinance Number 11-2023, second
13 reading.

14 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, Council and public, this is
15 the second reading of the ordinance for the
16 adoption of the 2024 Bike Festival. Basically,
17 the recommendation in terms of the fee schedule
18 for vendor fees will remain the same as 2020-
19 -- last year, 2023, and many of the procedural
20 processes that have been set forth for Bike
21 Fest will remain in effect for 2024. Other
22 than that, the deadline for registration is
23 March 31st before late payment penalty is
24 assessed, and we will be posting, upon approval
25 of the Council, online the Bike Fest



1 information, the Ordinance, as well as the
2 process and the application to be a vendor and
3 to vend in the Town of Atlantic Beach. Any
4 questions, Council?

5 (Inaudible background noise.)

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** Council, seek a motion to adopt
7 Ordinance Number 11-2023, second reading.

8 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** It's already moved and seconded. Roll
10 call.

11 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

12 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

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

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

15 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

16 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

17 **CLERK:** Councilman John David?

18 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Yes.

19 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

21 **New Business:**

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to New Business, Item A.
23 under New Business, and this is Ordinance
24 Number 1-2024, presentation and discussion of
25 proposed Ordinance Number 1-2024, election



1 oversight and administration transfer to Horry
2 County Election Commission. And I think
3 there's no action we're taking on this, this is
4 pretty much a presentation. If anyone has any
5 questions at this time, they are free to ask.
6 Questions?

7 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** None.

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. You can just go ahead anyway.

9 **MR. DICKEY:** Mayor, Council, Town residents, the
10 presentation of the ordinance -- the proposed
11 ordinance is Number 1-2024. This is an
12 ordinance to transfer the election authority
13 that the Town of Atlantic Beach Municipal
14 Election Commission to the -- to Horry County
15 to handle elections going forward, not this
16 past election in November 2023. The reason for
17 the presentation tonight is just to update
18 Council -- Mayor and Council, and update the
19 public at large. Everyone knows that this is
20 a proposed ordinance that the Town will be
21 reviewing to transfer election authority.
22 There is no action for the Council to take
23 tonight but, Council -- Mayor and Council, I
24 ask that you review this ordinance, the draft
25 ordinance, as well as just kind of looking at



1 the procedure. Any comments, questions or
2 revisions are based -- if Council or Mayor want
3 -- would like to see. Please give those to Mr.
4 Quattlebaum so those can be forwarded on to me
5 and we can discuss those and review those as we
6 move forward in trying to -- pass this
7 ordinance (inaudible). There any questions?

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** Not from me. Any questions, anybody?

9 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Huh-uh.

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you, sir.

11 **MR. DICKEY:** All right, thank you.

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Uh-huh. We're down to C. under New
13 Business. This is approval of contract
14 agreement for Love, Bailey and Associates LLC
15 to provide accounting services to the Town of
16 Atlantic Beach. Council, I guess I've put the
17 motion -- I guess I'm seeking a motion for the
18 approval of the contract agreement for Love,
19 Bailey and Associates.

20 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

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

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and second's on the floor for
23 the approval of the contract with Love, Bailey
24 and Associates. Motion and second's on the
25 floor. Ben?



1 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor ---

2 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

3 **MAYOR EVANS:** I'm sorry. Yeah I was -- I skipped
4 past B. So, the Resolution Number 1-2024, a
5 resolution commending Kimberly Vinson for her
6 accounting services for 16 years to the Town of
7 Atlantic Beach, Resolution Number 1-2024.
8 Council, seek a motion to adopt Resolution
9 Number 1-2024.

10 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

11 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Second.

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second on the floor to
13 adopt Resolution Number 1-2024.

14 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, Council and to the public
15 and those of you who didn't have the pleasure
16 of meeting or associating with Ms. Vinson, as
17 indicated in this resolution, has served as the
18 fee accountant for the Town of Atlantic Beach
19 for over 16 years. She issued her letter of
20 resignation effective January 31st, 2024 and
21 the Town is going to surely and us,
22 administratively, sure are gonna miss her
23 services to our community for -- over that
24 time. With that, drafting a resolution
25 acknowledging and commending her for her years



1 of service and it reads thus: Whereas,
2 Kimberly Vinson has served as the Town -- for
3 the Town of Atlantic Beach, South Carolina from
4 2007 to 2023; and whereas, Ms. Vinson has
5 performed her duties as accountant with
6 exceptional diligence and professionalism; and
7 whereas, Ms. Vinson has maintained the
8 financial records for the Town in a manner that
9 has yielded eight consecutive clean audits; and
10 whereas, Ms. Vinson has been a stickler with
11 staff for maintaining the appropriate receipts,
12 documentation for payment of expenditures; and
13 whereas, Ms. Vinson has worked above and beyond
14 her accounting scope of services to assist the
15 Town with IT services, purchasing of office
16 supplies and equipment at substantial cost
17 savings; and whereas, Ms. Vinson facilitated
18 the installation of the Town's website and its
19 ongoing maintenance contract for services; and
20 whereas, Ms. Vinson oversaw the financial
21 management and record keeping of state and
22 federal grant-funded programs, and special
23 event initiatives; and whereas, Ms. Kimberly
24 Vinson worked eight consecutive Bike Festivals
25 onsite, maintaining vendor payments and



1 overhead expenditures for the event; and
2 whereas, Ms. Vinson provided financial
3 reporting to the State of South Carolina for
4 the Atlantic Beach Municipal Court; and
5 whereas, Ms. Vinson has proven to be an
6 invaluable asset to the Town of Atlantic Beach
7 for over 16 years. Now, therefore, be it
8 resolved that the Town of Atlantic Beach Town
9 Council, Administrative Staff, acknowledge and
10 commend Kimberly Vinson for her quality work
11 and professional accounting services provided
12 to the Town for over 16 years.

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

14 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Excuse me. Ms. Vinson was unable
15 to be here this evening. We will have the
16 resolution, once passed by Council, delivered
17 to her, framed.

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you. So, Council, there is a
19 motion and a second on the floor to adopt
20 Resolution Number 1-2024. 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:** Councilman John David?

3 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Yes.

4 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

5 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. The motion's granted. We're
6 down to Item C. under New Business, approval of
7 contract agreement for Love, Bailey and
8 Associates, LLC to provide accounting services
9 to the Town of Atlantic Beach. Council, seek
10 a motion for the approval of the contract.

11 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

12 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Second.

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and second on the floor for
14 approval of the contract agreement with Love,
15 Bailey and Associates.

16 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, Council and public, Love,
17 Bailey has been the auditor for the Town of
18 Atlantic Beach for the past I think six or
19 seven years, and to create a seamless
20 transition from our fee accountant, Ms. Vinson,
21 the accounting component of Love, Bailey, I'm
22 recommending that they assume the
23 responsibility for the accounting oversight for
24 the Town of Atlantic Beach. Their contract
25 proposal is a flat amount of \$2,200 per month



1 for all of the services listed below. Also,
2 require an additional \$200 a month fee paid to
3 ADP for the payroll services. That is the only
4 services not included in their scope of
5 contract. So, to facilitate a seamless
6 transition of our financial accounting and
7 records, I am strongly recommending that we
8 enter into a contract with Love, Bailey for two
9 years, and this will necessitate us finding a
10 different auditing firm to do our audits on an
11 annual basis, which we will procure later on in
12 this year. Any questions, Council?

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Is the contract itself only two years?

14 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Two years.

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. All right, Council, there's a
16 motion and a second on the floor to approve the
17 contract for Love, Bailey and Associates for
18 two years. Roll call.

19 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

20 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

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

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

23 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

24 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

25 **CLERK:** Councilman John David?



1 COUNCILMAN DAVID: Yes.

2 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

3 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The motion's granted.

4 Manager's Report

5 MAYOR EVANS: We're down to your Manager's Report,
6 Ben. Go right ahead.

7 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor, Council and public, I would
8 like to refer to again in my Manager's Report
9 by sending another commendation to Carnisha
10 Hennigan. Will you please stand? The Town
11 Hall sign in front of Town Hall was designed by
12 Ms. Hennigan. She did an outstanding job, and
13 we were able to install it. We tried to get it
14 installed before November but the original
15 contractor passed away, but based on her
16 design, her creation, is what we have in front
17 of Town Hall. Would like to commend her
18 publicly. She works in the Police Department
19 ---

20 (Applause.)

21 MAYOR EVANS: Stand up so we can see who you are.
22 There you go.

23 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: With the approval of the Bike Fest
24 Ordinance, I would like to encourage all
25 property owners who wish to participate in



1 leasing their properties out for Bike Fest 2024
2 to contact Cheryl and get your name on the
3 property vendors list so that people that are
4 seeking rental spaces for Bike Fest, that they
5 will be referred and have an option and contact
6 to you. As required, for each vendor, they
7 have to have a commitment from the property
8 owner to vend in the Town of Atlantic Beach so
9 you need to have your name posted on Cheryl's
10 vendor list so they'll know the availability of
11 your property for leasing for Bike Fest. So I
12 encourage all of you as soon as possible. With
13 the passage of the second ordinance, the Bike
14 Fest information will be posted online. We've
15 had several vendors calling about the
16 registration and they're being cautioned to all
17 vendors that the registration payment deadline
18 is March 31st, 2024 or the fees per the rental
19 schedule will increase by \$100. We are
20 encouraging all vendors to try to register as
21 soon as possible so that we have an adequate
22 and accurate count of how many vendors will be
23 participating. It is my hope and objective is
24 in the future we could get to a point if
25 vendors register early enough to publish a



1 vendor list that people will know the type of
2 vendors that we have registered before they
3 come to the event. So I encourage to get the
4 word out to vendors to make their commitments
5 to you as property owners to vend and lease
6 during 2024. Information -- also, business
7 license renewal is -- the deadline for the year
8 end April 30th, but renewal for business
9 license for the new fiscal year from April 30th
10 -- or May 1st through April 30th, 2025, it will
11 be on -- it's online already at the business
12 license portal, and you can register or pay
13 your business license fee online as opposed to
14 manually in the office. Online payments will
15 be taken online. Again, the deadline, April
16 30th for all businesses to renew their business
17 license. Just an update, the scanning for
18 historical documents and artifacts has been
19 going -- I don't know if it's completed, but I
20 -- the last report, it has not completed, it's
21 significantly been accomplished under the
22 guidance and leadership of Mrs. Cheatham, and
23 we are looking to have those -- information
24 digitized and looking for a location in terms
25 of housing all of those historical artifacts.



1 Also, information, in January, there were three
2 new permits issued for construction of new
3 homes in January 2024, and also two homes were
4 just issued, CO'd, in the Town of Atlantic
5 Beach. Also, upcoming date, February the 28th,
6 the Town will be submitting its RAISE Grant.
7 The RAISE Grant is a substantial infrastructure
8 grant to the federal government. I
9 participated about a week or so ago on the
10 rating and ranking of our initial application.
11 It scored very well and just some minor
12 recommendations for improvements to that
13 application. The significant amount is in
14 excess of 4 Million dollars and we're
15 requesting and we graded out very well on the
16 evaluation process. It is a highly-competitive
17 grant, can't remember the number but there are
18 significant applicants each year for the grant,
19 but we are hopeful based on the ranking of our
20 application that we will be in the running for
21 substantial infrastructure funds. Thanks to
22 Ms. Gibson-Bailey for leading the effort in
23 getting our RAISE Grant application prepared
24 for submission. And lastly, I received contact
25 from Waccamaw Regional Agency that provides



1 weatherization assistance to residents in the
2 Town of Atlantic Beach -- or in the County.
3 There is an income criteria and guideline, but
4 they provide services to assist homeowners with
5 weatherization, insulation, to improve energy
6 efficiency in their homes. The information
7 will be posted online and we're going to do --
8 send out a direct e-mail mailing to our mailing
9 list to residents in the town letting them know
10 that this opportunity and resource and service
11 is out there and available. That's all I have,
12 Mayor.

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

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

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** Any questions for -- from anybody?

16 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Cheryl said to let them know
17 that it's not just as simple as calling her,
18 they need to come by and fill out an
19 application for their registration. It'll be
20 posted online next year.

21 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Thank you.

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, before we -- yeah, before we go
23 into our Public comments section, you had
24 another announcement or something to make,
25 Councilman David?



1 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Yeah, the RIDE IV program is
2 seeking input and I sent out an e-mail earlier
3 in the month. I'll send out another one
4 towards the end of the week, and Cheryl is --
5 hopefully send out one as well. We want
6 everyone to publicly comment, and we can send
7 you some verbiage. We're supposed to look at
8 -- meet with them on Thursday and try to get
9 included in the RIDE IV money that's coming up
10 for the next 25 years so there will be more on
11 that by e-mail. Or come up to the office if
12 you need to fill out a comment if you don't do
13 it online, and we'll scan it in and send it for
14 you.

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

16 **Public Time:**

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to public comments. Who do
18 we have here? Diane Hill.

19 **MS. HILL:** Thank you, Mr. Mayor, Council members,
20 Mr. Q. and friends. I'm Diane Hill, and I came
21 to stand in here to ask you consideration of
22 making a change in our normal meeting process.
23 The public comment time for us comes at the end
24 of every meeting and we're very used
25 (inaudible) that, but I want to know if it's



1 possible to flip that and, rather than having
2 it at the end just before the adjournment, to
3 have it at the very beginning of the meeting,
4 maybe after ceremonial matters or sometime up
5 there where you deem appropriate. And the
6 reason for this is that I find myself often
7 times looking at the agenda at the last minute
8 though not early enough to really call anybody
9 or ask any questions, and haven't a lot of --
10 well, a few questions or concerns, but
11 everything has happened and my comment time is
12 at the end of the meeting and all decisions
13 have been made, you know, there's nothing to
14 say, it's over and done with. So if you would
15 consider that, flipping the public comment time
16 from the end of the meeting to the beginning of
17 the meeting, I think that would be very helpful
18 ---

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

20 **MS. HILL:** --- just something to think about. And
21 one thing.

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** Uh-huh.

23 **MS. HILL:** And that is, could you possibly, today or
24 at some other time, give us an update on what
25 has occurred with the interrupted certification



1 of our election which occurred in November of
2 '23, anything that you could share with us
3 concerning that would be greatly appreciated.
4 Thank you so much.

5 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you. Cheryl, at one time, we
6 just flipped that. What was the reason ---

7 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** We'll take it under consideration and
9 think about it, but I know it was that way one
10 time and it got switched around and we're gonna
11 kind of look in to why it kind of -- consider
12 it. Thank you.

13 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** Did the election stuff -- did you --
15 you were here when he spoke?

16 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** No, she wasn't here when you spoke?

18 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

19 **MR. DICKEY:** Regarding the election, at this -- at
20 this (inaudible) point in time, the Town has
21 just from -- discussed the ordinance to turn
22 over the election -- the election authority
23 from the Municipal Election Commission to
24 County ---

25 **(Inaudible background noise.)**



1 **MS. HILL:** I mean the past, November of '23 ---

2 **MR. DICKEY:** Oh, regarding -- regarding the current
3 election, it's still -- it's still in dispute
4 and that is something that the Town is still
5 trying to resolve. However, the legal cases
6 have come down where they -- the legal cases
7 that were pending in the Supreme Court have
8 been resolved and now it is -- the Town will be
9 working along with Councilman David and Council
10 to move forward and resolve the -- resolve the
11 matters that are -- that pertain or still are
12 in dispute regarding the November 2023
13 elections.

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, thank you. William Booker.

15 **MR. BOOKER:** Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Council members
16 and officials and the community, I'm here to
17 talk about our elections, and we've had quite
18 a few election challenges from protest hearings
19 to Circuit Court hearings, Supreme Court
20 hearings and 2023 is still unresolved, and I'm
21 sure that's amounted to quite a few legal
22 expenses. I don't know how that compares to
23 what was forecasted, but I'd like to know how
24 much have we spent thus far in legal fees
25 trying to resolve these issues, can anyone



1 share that?

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** That's something you need to go to
3 Town Hall and speak with the Town Manager
4 about, you need to see him about that stuff.

5 **MR. BOOKER:** Okay.

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** How much money was spent on the
7 election is what you're asking?

8 **MR. BOOKER:** Yeah, on the election ---

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** I'm sure if you go to Town Hall, he'd
10 be glad to discuss that with you.

11 **MR. BOOKER:** Okay. All right, thank you.

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** You're welcome. Council, seek a
13 motion to adjourn.

14 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved ---

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

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** Second?

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

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second on the floor to
19 adjourn. If no other questions or other
20 comments, 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: Councilman John David?

3 COUNCILMAN DAVID: Yea.

4 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

5 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted. Meeting
6 adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

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

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal this February 29, 2024.



Amanda J. Creel Godfrey
Court Reporter

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