

TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, September 10, 2018

5:00 p.m.

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COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor Jake Evans, Chairman
Mayor pro tem Kenneth McLaurin
Councilman Lenearl Evans
Councilwoman Josephine Isom
Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore

ADMINISTRATION:

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

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1 Call to Order:

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** This Town Council meeting is called to
3 order this Monday, September 10th, the year
4 2018, at 4:01 p.m. Roll call?

5 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

6 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Here.

7 **CLERK:** Councilw- -- Mayor pro tem Kenneth McLaurin?
8 (No response.)

9 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

10 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Here.

11 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

12 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** here.

13 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** Here. Thank you. Council, I seek a
15 motion to go into Executive Session ---

16 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** --- for legal, personnel and
18 contractual matters.

19 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

20 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Second.

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** There is a motion and a second to go
22 into Executive Session for legal, personnel and
23 contractual matters. Any other questions or
24 comments? If not, roll call?

25 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?



1 COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.

2 CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

3 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

4 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

5 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

6 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Here.

7 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

8 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted.

9 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: For the record of the -- I mean
10 the Executive items are: legal matters
11 involving a law suit with Timothy Taylor.
12 Legal matters involving Paul Curry.
13 Acquisition of the firehouse. Contractual
14 matters is negotiated or recommendation on a
15 contract to award for roofing for the old
16 firehouse.

17 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: What was personnel? Nothing?

18 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Personnel will be discussed in
19 Executive Session.

20 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Oh. Okay.

21 MAYOR EVANS: All right. Thank you.

22 Executive Session:

23 (Executive Session.)

24 MAYOR EVANS: Council, I seek a motion to come out
25 of Executive Session into the General Session.



1 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** : So moved.

2 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second

3 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second to come
4 out of the Executive into the General Session.
5 Any other questions or comments? If not, just
6 for the record the only items that were
7 discussed in Executive Session, are the items
8 outlined on the agenda. The legal, personnel
9 and contractual matters. Roll call?

10 **CLERK:** Mayor pro tem Kenneth McLaurin?

11 **MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN:** Yea.

12 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

13 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

14 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

15 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

16 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

17 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

18 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

20 **General Session:**

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** I want to take this time out to
22 welcome the general public. Glad you're here.
23 We didn't have our meeting last month. And
24 then of course last Monday was Labor Day. So,
25 it's our first time meeting in a couple of



1 month. So, welcome. Glad you're here. I want
2 to ask at this time, if you have any cell
3 phones or pagers, or any devices that might
4 disturb the proceedings that you would turn
5 those off or silence those for us, please. And
6 if you would, at this time, stand for a moment
7 of silence please.

8 **(Moment of Silence.)**

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you. Pledge of Allegiance.

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

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** It's down to Ceremonial Council
12 Members. Council, does anyone have any
13 Ceremonial Matters?

14 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Nope.

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** If not, we're down to the approval of
16 the Agenda. Council, I seek a motion for the
17 approval of the agenda as it is outlined.

18 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Mr. Mayor, I move that we approve
19 that we approve the agenda for tonight's
20 meeting as outlined.

21 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** I second.

22 **Approval of Agenda:**

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second for the approval
24 of the agenda. Any other questions or
25 comments? Roll Call?



1 **CLERK:** Mayor pro tem Kenneth McLaurin?

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

3 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

4 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

5 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

6 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

7 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

8 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

9 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

11 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to Old Business. Town
13 Council meeting minutes for adoption. Minutes
14 from the Town Council meeting held on June, the
15 11th of 2018 and the Town Council meeting held
16 on July, 2nd 2018. Council seek a motion for
17 the approval of the minutes from those
18 meetings.

19 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** I move that we approve the
20 minutes for June, the 11th and July, the 2nd
21 2018.

22 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** So moved.

23 **Old Business:**

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** There was a motion and a second for
25 the approval of the minutes from July, 11th



1 (sic) and July, 2nd of 2018. Any other
2 questions or comments? Roll Call?

3 **CLERK:** Mayor pro tem Kenneth McLaurin?

4 **MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN:** Yea.

5 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

6 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

7 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

8 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

9 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

10 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

11 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion granted. Down to new
13 business resolution number 2-2018. The solid
14 waste management act of 1991. You want to ---

15 **New Business:**

16 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor and Council, county has
17 requested that all of the municipalities when
18 county supports their efforts to reduce solid
19 waste production by 40 percent. And asking all
20 municipalities to sign on in support of their
21 plan for overall waste reduction and recycling
22 efforts for the county. The entire county.
23 I'm asking the endorsement of all the
24 municipalities to support it.

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** Did Council seek a motion?



1 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** So moved.

2 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second.

3 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second to adopt
4 resolution number 2-2018, solid waste
5 management act of 1991. Any other questions or
6 comments? Roll Call?

7 **CLERK:** Mayor pro tem Kenneth McLaurin?

8 **MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN:** Yea.

9 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

10 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

11 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

12 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

13 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

14 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

15 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion granted. Yeah the next
17 item, B, a resolution number 3-2018 the Black
18 Pearl Hometown Reunion, October 27, 2018. You
19 guys, were we going to table that?

20 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Uh-huh.

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

22 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yes.

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** Until what, the next meeting?

24 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Uh-huh. Yeah.

25 **MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN:** I want to table it too.



1 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Until next meeting?

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** Do I have to get a motion for that?

3 We have to have a motion to ---

4 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** I seek a --

5 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, Mayor -- if you table it

6 until next meeting, it's scheduled for the 27th

7 ---

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** So, we're going to have to ---

9 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- either we need to forego it or

10 ---

11 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Oh.

12 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- or to hear it. We won't have

13 enough time to prepare. So, we need to decide

14 whether the Council wants to implement it the

15 Black Pearl Hometown reunion again on the 27th.

16 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Mr. Mayor, is there any number of

17 other projects that we are asking the manager

18 at this time to look into -- and his his plate

19 is full right now. I would -- if a motion is

20 in order, I would move that we cancel that

21 reunion for this year.

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** So, is that -- that's a motion?

23 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yes, sir.

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** Any second?

25 **MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN:** Second.



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second to
2 cancel the hometown reunion for 2018, is that
3 correct?

4 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** That that was my motion Mr.
5 Mayor.

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** And we didn't get a second? Or
7 someone did second didn't they?

8 **MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN:** I did.

9 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yeah.

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. Any other questions or
11 comments?

12 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Well, I I have something to say
13 about that ---

14 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Go right ahead.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** --- I understand that the you're
16 all full up or whatever. But, we have a town
17 that's four block wide, we have people in the
18 town who look forward to things like this.
19 Maybe it's costing the town too much. Maybe we
20 need to do something were we get the monies to
21 do it. I mean, I don't think we need to say,
22 we're just getting it started. This is what,
23 our second year? Our third year coming up?

24 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

25 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** I mean are we going to put it on



1 hold? I mean, I don't think that we have so
2 much going on down here that we don't need to
3 do this.

4 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Well, we need to move it up a
5 little earlier then.

6 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yeah. Maybe we need to move it
7 up a little bit. But, I don't think that we
8 should just do away with the whole thing. I
9 mean we don't have anything going on here.

10 **MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN:** But, the thing was that
11 we've -- the town manager couldn't squeeze this
12 schedule with all the things he had going on --
13 -

14 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Maybe we could get some
15 volunteers from the community to us do it then.
16 I mean, I don't think one person should take
17 and and just say that we aren't going to do it
18 because we're full. Full of what?

19 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Let us table it then.

20 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yeah. Do something.

21 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Mr. Mayor if we table it, the
22 date that we're tabling would have expired
23 before then. To to table it is in actuality is
24 to cancel it.

25 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Well, let's push it back.



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** Well, if we table it until the next
2 meeting, that's the first Monday of October and
3 this thing is supposed to be October 27th. So,
4 you're wanting to change the date of it is what
5 you're saying?

6 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** I would think. I mean, I
7 wouldn't say get rid of it. I mean, cancel it
8 for this year.

9 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** I mean, but I say just for this
10 year.

11 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** I mean, well I wouldn't want to
12 cancel it. I mean, me, myself, personally, I
13 don't want to cancel it for the year.

14 **MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN:** Let's let's table it and
15 think about it --

16 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Push the date. And put it to
17 another date.

18 **CLERK:** Mayor, you have a motion on the floor
19 already.

20 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** You do have a motion on the floor
21 already.

22 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Oh.

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** The motion on the floor is for what?

24 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Can I be second?

25 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** To cancel it. A motion and a



1 second.

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** There was a motion and a second to
3 cancel it?

4 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yes.

5 **CLERK:** Yes.

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** So, we want to resend that motion and
7 table it?

8 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yes.

9 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Right.

10 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** No.

11 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yes.

12 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** We have to vote it up or down,
13 ma'am.

14 **CLERK:** You have to vote it up or down.

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** Oh. We have to vote it up or down
16 since it's already tabled? Okay.

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** Well, if you all what to table it you
18 oughta be saying nay then to the motion if you
19 don't want to cancel it.

20 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Nay.

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** Roll call?

22 **CLERK:** Mayor pro tem Kenneth McLaurin?

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

24 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

25 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.



1 **CLERK:** Councilwo- Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

2 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Are we cancelling it? Or we're
3 tabling it? You make the motion?

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** Well the motion on the floor is to
5 cancel it.

6 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** For this year.

7 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Nay.

8 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Okay.

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay.

10 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

11 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Nay.

12 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Nay. Now, I seek a motion to table
14 it. Motion motion fail to cancel.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** I seek a motion to table the
16 Hometown ---

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** Make a motion. Don't seek it.

18 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** I make a motion to -- shut-up --
19 I make a motion to table the Black Pearl
20 Heritage Reunion for October the 27th, to
21 another date.

22 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second table the item B,
24 resolution 3-2018. The Black Pearl Hometown
25 Reunion, any other questions or comments?



1 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** To to to another date.

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** To another date. Any other questions
3 or comments?

4 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** We need to set a date then.
5 When when are we going to change the date?

6 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Well, we're going to table it so
7 we'll have time to discuss a date.

8 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** By next meeting?

9 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** By next meeting.

10 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Okay.

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** Roll call to table?

12 **CLERK:** Mayor pro tem Kenneth McLaurin?

13 **MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN:** Yea.

14 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

15 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

16 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

17 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

18 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

19 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

20 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion granted. We're down to
22 ordinance number 4-2018. Amendment to
23 ordinance 4-2017 an ordinance establishing and
24 adopting the oper- -- operational procedures
25 for the 2019 Atlantic Beach Memorial Day Black



1 Pearl Cultural Heritage and Bike Festival. And
2 this will be the first reading.

3 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor and Council, this is the
4 ordinance to approve Bike Fest for 2019. There
5 have been no modifications in the pricing for
6 vendors. All of the requirements previously
7 remain the same. Other than the dates for the
8 event for the 2019 Festival.

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** Council seek a motion.

10 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** So moved.

11 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Second.

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second to adopt ordinance
13 number 4-2018. The amendment to ordinance
14 number 4-2017 the establishing being the
15 operational proceedings -- procedures for the
16 2017 Heritage and Bike Festival. Any other
17 questions or comments? Roll call?

18 **CLERK:** Mayor pro tem Kenneth McLaurin?

19 **MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN:** Yea.

20 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

21 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

22 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

23 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

24 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

25 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.



1 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion granted. We're down to
3 item D under new business. Contract for roof
4 replacement for the old fire station. Council
5 I seek a motion that we award the contract to
6 Rodney Cox for replacing the roof on the old
7 fire station.

8 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** So moved.

9 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second.

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second to enter
11 into a contract with Rodney Cox to replace the
12 roof on the old fire house. Any other
13 questions or comments?

14 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor and Council, for the record
15 solicitation was done and three responses were
16 received. And only two submitted formal
17 proposals for replacement. Mr. Rodney Cox,
18 contractor was the lowest responsive, bidder on
19 the project. 15,760 for replacing a shingle
20 roof. And First Maintenance out of Myrtle
21 Beach submitted a bid of 18,200 for asphalt
22 shingle replacement. The recommendation is to
23 contract with Mr. Cox, Rodney Cox.

24 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

25 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** We did. Question for you on



1 that, Mr. Quattlebaum. Is there a time frame
2 that you've given him? Or would you just start
3 -- or are you waiting on the approval and then
4 ---

5 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes. Yes, we entered into an
6 agreement with him. And I will get those
7 particulars on the timeline and get them done.

8 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Oh. Okay. Okay. Okay. So,
9 we'll see.

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** Did we call the roll? Did we call
11 roll?

12 **CLERK:** You have to say roll call.

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Oh. Roll call?

14 **CLERK:** Mayor pro tem Kenneth McLaurin?

15 **MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN:** Yea.

16 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

17 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

18 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

19 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

20 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

21 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

22 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion granted. We're down to
24 the town managers report.

25 Report:



1 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor and Council, I have one
2 Council approved back about I think, two months
3 ago in June. A proposal was submitted by Ms.
4 Mallett and another young lady to institute a
5 reading program here at the community center.
6 They're proposing to start -- they've been out
7 recruiting tudors as well as students to
8 participate in the after school reading
9 program. With their proposing to start next
10 Tuesday on the 18th. The hours I think, are
11 from 3:30 to 6:00. I have a meeting with them
12 -- hopefully we can stay on that time line to
13 get the program started. Council had approved
14 for the reading program to be held here at the
15 community center during that time period. Ms.
16 Mallett and some workers from the county school
17 district are putting together this particular
18 reading program. The other item and I ask the
19 chief of police to come up and talk about our
20 preparation for the hurricane and answer any
21 questions in regards from the community and
22 residents around the Governor's decision to
23 declare a state of emergency for the state of
24 South Carolina.

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** So, I'm if -- most of you guys are



1 probably aware of the hurricane that's out
2 there. And the Governor issuing a mandatory
3 evacuation starting at noon tomorrow. And the
4 police department is just going to give you an
5 update on that. And what to expect and what's
6 going to take place.

7 **POLICE CHIEF:** Thank you, Mayor. Good evening,
8 Mayor and Council. Great to be back here. As
9 of 2:30 p.m. today, the Governor of South
10 Carolina issued a mandatory evacuation for the
11 east coast of South Carolina. That will start
12 tomorrow at 12 noon. Basically telling people
13 that they need to go ahead and start leaving
14 now heading inward and try to get away from the
15 storm. Right now we predict the storm will hit
16 Wilmington, North Carolina. The eye. But also
17 the storm, right now we predict, is over 500
18 miles long. So, everyone we will get a good
19 patch of wind and rain. We're looking right
20 now at maybe a foot or 3 inches of rain that we
21 will see from the storm. We're looking at
22 Thursday into Friday when the storm will hit.
23 Tomorrow we will know a whole lot more as the
24 days get closer. Exactly what time it's going
25 to hit. But, like I tell everybody, sometimes



1 it's better to be safe than sorry. I know a
2 lot of you all rode a lot of storms. But, we
3 can't take this storm light. Right now it's a
4 category 4 storm. So, that's winds of 130
5 miles per hour. 130 miles per hour (inaudible)
6 -- we're looking for -- once it gets to the
7 South Carolina/North Carolina line, that it's
8 going to be a 4. Then it gets on land we're
9 looking at it to be a 2. A 2 is still
10 dangerous. We're looking at South Carolina,
11 even though we're not getting hit by the eye --
12 the winds, we're not getting all, but we'll
13 still get anywhere from 70 to 85 mile per hour
14 winds. So, we ask all residents to make sure
15 you secure all you stuff on your property.
16 Inside your house. If you feel like putting
17 boards up on the windows, make sure you do
18 that. Make sure when you leave make sure you
19 take clothes for at least a week out. Make
20 sure you got all your medications. Make sure
21 you got all your documents. Like your Social
22 Security card. Birth certificate. Anything.
23 If you take medicine, make sure you have a list
24 of all that. Just in case you need to restock
25 when you get out. Just remember when doing --



1 sometimes the storm might be over, but you
2 might not be able to come right back in. All
3 depends on how much the damage is that we have
4 to assess before we let people start coming
5 back in. We got power lines down. If we got
6 a lot of flooding. Trees. So, remember that
7 North Myrtle Beach will be blocking roads off.
8 So, if you if you want to stay. I'll advise
9 you to leave. But if you want to stay, that's
10 your choice. But just remember when it comes
11 that all emergency personnel shut down, that
12 means if your house is on fire, that means if
13 you get robbed, if you need medical attention
14 -- all that ceases. Police not coming out
15 there. Fire department not coming out there.
16 Ambulance not coming out there. During the
17 storm, no emergency personnel will be out. So,
18 you basically will be on your own until
19 everything clears up. And no telling how long
20 that will be. So, we advise everybody to
21 leave. Especially the people that are on
22 medication and might need medical attention.
23 We advise those, the main ones to leave out.
24 Make sure you take everything you need. You
25 know, if you know anybody that needs help



1 getting to a shelter, make sure to call the
2 police station or get in touch with me or my
3 officer Marquis Darden. We'll make sure to get
4 you to the shelters. I passed out flyers
5 basically just giving you some of the
6 information I'm going over now. Make sure you
7 take -- stay tuned to the news. As things can
8 change throughout -- well, until the storm gets
9 here. I think that's just about it. Anything
10 else?

11 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Chief, the the last time Myrtle
12 Beach police department closed off Myrtle
13 Beach, you had to -- I wanted to get back to
14 Atlantic Beach, so I had to have some kind of
15 identification showing that I was a resident
16 here in order to get back. So, if you leave
17 folks may need to bring something so that
18 Myrtle North Myrtle Beach police will let you
19 thought. They will turnaround everybody that
20 didn't have something showing that they were
21 from Atlantic Beach or North Myrtle Beach to
22 keep out sight seers.

23 **POLICE CHIEF:** Yes, sir. Make sure you got your ID.
24 If your ID does not say Atlantic Beach, make
25 sure you got some kind of documentation that



1 shows that you live in Atlantic Beach. If you
2 live here, you should have an ID that says
3 Atlantic Beach, South Carolina and where you
4 live. But just like the Councilman said, when
5 they close the roads off and they block them
6 off, they're not letting no body in but the
7 residents. You have to have some kind of proof
8 to show that you live here. Word of advise --
9 also if you you plan to stay, if you go out to
10 the grocery store or you go down the road
11 somewhere else and they got a road block there,
12 you're not going to be able to come back in.
13 So, I'm letting you know that now. And that
14 can be as early as noon tomorrow. When they
15 shut the roads off and not let anybody else in,
16 then they going to have one lane -- all the
17 lanes are going to be going one way out. So if
18 you say, well, I'm staying but I gotta go to
19 the grocery store real quick. When you try to
20 come back in we might block you. And basically
21 there's nothing I can do about it. So, you
22 can't call me and say well, chief, I need to
23 get back into the town. I'm going to say to
24 you -- be frank with you, I can't help you.
25 Because it's an ordinance from the Governor.



1 That's way over over my head. So, make sure
2 you get your stuff. If you need to get stuff
3 tonight, tonight would probably be the best
4 time to go ahead and make sure you got
5 everything you need. When they reverse these
6 lanes and start to send everybody out, they're
7 not going to let no body else in. I haven't
8 gotten the lane reversal schedule yet, but I'm
9 pretty sure it's going to come out later on
10 tonight. Or maybe even in the morning. How
11 they're going do the lanes. I'm pretty sure 17
12 going to be going one way. I know 501 all
13 that's going to be going one way out for
14 everybody leaving Horry County. The best place
15 to go is West. If you don't know where to go,
16 go West as much as you can. Don't go up north
17 because they're going to get hit pretty bad.
18 Some -- all depends on how far South you go,
19 they're going to be hit some too. So, try to
20 go west as far as you can. My update, Columbia
21 right now, is booked up. If you ain't got a
22 room set, you might you might find one. But,
23 what I'm hearing, Columbia is booked. I've
24 been telling a lot of people to go to
25 Spartanburg, up that way. Clemson, up that way



1 to try to find room if they don't want to leave
2 out of South Carolina. But, Florence, South
3 Carolina is probably going to get hit pretty
4 hard too. So, try to get as far in as you can.
5 Any other questions from anybody?

6 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** I got a question for you. I'm
7 sure that I'm just behind whatever you all are
8 doing, but are you all to door to door telling
9 these folks? Because ---

10 **POLICE CHIEF:** We're passing out flyer to everybody.

11 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** To everybody?

12 **POLICE CHIEF:** To everybody, to let them know.

13 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** And you must let them too, that
14 Red Cross has shelters. But, Red Cross does
15 not take no pets. So, let them know that they
16 got to find somewhere for their pets to go.
17 But they will not take any pets at Red Cross.

18 **POLICE CHIEF:** Okay.

19 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yeah.

20 **POLICE CHIEF:** At the bottom, I I put that if you
21 got pets make sure you find out which shelter
22 that will accept pets. That's also on the
23 flyer that I'm passing around.

24 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Let me ask you this, do you know
25 of a -- where the shelters are? Is the high



1 school going to be a shelter this time as well?

2 **POLICE CHIEF:** I'm pretty sure it is. They haven't

3 declared which -- what areas or schools are

4 going to be a shelter yet. I haven't gotten an

5 update yet. But, I'm looking any minute to see

6 when they'll designate the the shelters. I'm

7 pretty sure North Myrtle Beach High School is

8 going to be one. I think one of the middle

9 schools in North Myrtle Beach too was a shelter

10 last time. I know they had enough shelters in

11 Myrtle Beach, but this end out here, I don't

12 know what all shelters that are going to be

13 down this way. I know North Myrtle Beach and

14 maybe one of the middle schools in North Myrtle

15 Beach. But sooner -- that's why I tell a lot

16 of people, stay tuned. Keep watching the new

17 as much as you can. When they start putting

18 out what the shelters locations -- the

19 locations of the shelters, you can know exactly

20 where to get to. But, like I say, plan to be

21 gone for a weeks time if you leave. Because we

22 just don't know how much damage this storm will

23 bring. So, don't just pack for two days

24 expecting to come back in. Because even if you

25 got your ID it might be two day and we're not



1 letting no body in. And the only person that
2 will be coming through is law enforcement and
3 emergency personnel. So, just plan for the
4 worst, hope for the best. Any other questions?

5 **MAYOR EVANS:** Nope. Thank you.

6 **MALE SPEAKER:** Question.

7 **POLICE CHIEF:** Yes, sir.

8 **MALE SPEAKER:** I saw where Coastal (inaudible) will
9 pick up elderly people and all that. Are they
10 doing that here? Those people who don't have
11 transportation.

12 **POLICE CHIEF:** Yes. Our police department is also
13 going to help as much as we can at this time.
14 If you got medical equipment that you got to
15 move along with it. We're going to make sure
16 we're able to get in contact with the personnel
17 that can help assist getting you transported.
18 Whoever got like, the big tanks that -- certain
19 things they got to move and we can't fit in
20 police vehicles. We'll get in touch with the
21 right personnel to get it right for them.

22 **MALE SPEAKER:** All right. Thank you (inaudible)
23 when you say that it's 500 miles long, is that
24 500 miles long or 500 miles wide?

25 **POLICE CHIEF:** Well, I mean, I'm sorry. Wide.



1 **MALE SPEAKER:** Okay.

2 **POLICE CHIEF:** I'm sorry. Yeah, wide.

3 **MALE SPEAKER:** That's (inaudible) but I got -- you
4 know, that's approximately from here to
5 Charlotte. Beyond South of Virginia ---

6 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Way past that. That thing will
7 be something else.

8 **MALE SPEAKER:** --- but inland.

9 **POLICE CHIEF:** Yeah. It's going to reach from --
10 well, the good thing right now, it's going to
11 reach from Virginia all the way to the bottom
12 of South Carolina. That's about how wide that
13 it's -- that it's going to hit. But the eye is
14 going to hit right there in Wilmington. And
15 basically that's 58 miles away from us. So,
16 and the eye, I think right now, we're looking
17 at 30 30 miles wide. The eye is itself. So,
18 that means we we still and we sit close to the
19 North Carolina line, so, we we going to get a
20 good bit of wind on us. We know today that
21 it's going to keep moving northward. But, we
22 can't ---

23 **MALE SPEAKER:** Can I ask you (inaudible)

24 **POLICE CHIEF:** --- what God decides. What he
25 decides.



1 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** That's right. Amen.

2 **MALE SPEAKER:** To reiterate what you said here, is
3 we will be able to tell a lot by Wednesday
4 (inaudible)

5 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

6 **POLICE CHIEF:** When he ordered to start the
7 evacuation at 12 noon tomorrow. I'm pretty
8 sure we're trying to move out as much as we
9 can. But, I don't know exactly what the
10 deadline will be when they shut everything
11 down. I would say start planning to move
12 tomorrow into Wednesday. Or to get out of here
13 before -- the longer you wait, the harder it is
14 to get out because everybody is thinking the
15 same thing that you're thinking. Well, I'll
16 wait until last minute. Now, you're going to
17 have 5 million people on the road at one time.

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

19 **POLICE CHIEF:** What we -- that's what we're hoping.
20 You can't really predict exactly where it's
21 going. That's why we wait for tomorrow
22 morning, the storm could pick up speed. That's
23 something we try to predict with storms, but we
24 really really can't so ...

25 **MS. WILLIAMS:** (Inaudible)



1 **POLICE CHIEF:** The Governor is going to go ahead an
2 issue it now to be safe.

3 **MS. WILLIAMS:** Chief, I guess I'm speaking more so
4 from a protocol aspect, what, you know, from a
5 business aspect. The question is does this
6 apply to our businesses or towards our business
7 homes. Will our address reflect? Of course
8 not, to Atlantic Beach. And so, what would we
9 need to show from a business perspective to be
10 able to get back into Atlantic Beach.

11 **POLICE CHIEF:** That's a good question. Any kind of
12 documentation that you have that you own ---

13 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Your business license.

14 **POLICE CHIEF:** --- if you own -- yeah, a business
15 license would be perfect. With you name on it
16 ---

17 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yeah. Their business license.
18 That's what they'd use to show you.

19 **POLICE CHIEF:** That would probably be the perfect
20 thing.

21 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** It's going to be the business
22 license. That's what they've always used in
23 the past for the people that own business here.
24 They didn't have an ID they'd be able to show
25 their business license. Am I right Mr.



1 Montgomery?

2 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** Yeah. You are.

3 **MS. WILLIAMS:** Okay. So, as far as business, what
4 is the latest that we have to secure the
5 business? And I understand too that I don't
6 know how the police department is working
7 during that time -- but, for instance, if the
8 power goes out or whatever, alarm systems go,
9 video surveillance is no longer security. What
10 are we looking at? I'm asking you as the chief
11 of the police depart as for a security
12 mechanism, for the businesses here.
13 (Inaudible).

14 **POLICE CHIEF:** All right. Well, my plan is -- me
15 and officer Darden, we're going to be at out
16 this weekend. But at the same time we gotta
17 make sure we get safe too. So, we're going to
18 be out as long as we can. We going to be out
19 right up before the storm hits. If we can.
20 We're going to be out all weekend. Once the
21 storm hits and we feel like it's starting to
22 move away a little from us, we'll start trying
23 to get out a little bit and try to start
24 assessing the damage. Try to make sure people
25 are not moving or breaking into buildings,



1 houses and stuff. So, we're going to be out.
2 We're going to be -- we're going to be running
3 -- we're not going to be too far from Atlantic
4 Beach. So, we'll be in and out as much as we
5 can. But, when the storm hits, I'm not going
6 to sit here and lie to you all, we're not going
7 to be out. Power will be out. That's just the
8 bad part about it. I don't -- I hope no body
9 is down there in the hurricane trying to break
10 in.

11 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** They will.

12 **POLICE CHIEF:** It's not smart. But, you know, you
13 can never tell.

14 **MS. WILLIAMS:** My next question is -- cause we have
15 generators of course -- but, my next question
16 is, once the storm hits, right? How soon, as
17 a business owner would we get to return to make
18 sure that all the power is up and going again
19 (inaudible) we're not encoring a loss. About
20 how soon?

21 **POLICE CHIEF:** As soon as we assess the damage.
22 Like I said, it can take anywhere from -- I'm
23 going to be totally honest with you -- after
24 the storm passes and when I say storm pass, the
25 sun starts coming out. So, as soon as all the



1 rain and everything pass. We'll we'll have
2 officers out and around. We'll have
3 contractors out to try to see how much damage
4 there is. See if it's safe to let people come
5 in. We got thousands of power lines down and
6 trees down (inaudible) we're not going to let
7 you all come in ...

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** The Governor actually makes a
9 statement as well. Just like he closes it
10 down. He makes a statement to say when we can
11 come back as well.

12 **POLICE CHIEF:** So, it it could take anywhere from a
13 day to a couple days before we let anybody come
14 back in.

15 **MS. WILLIAMS:** Okay.

16 **POLICE CHIEF:** It all depends on how much damage.
17 Because last time I think -- like we didn't get
18 hit that hard. But, everybody around us did.
19 So, it kind of affected Atlantic Beach too.
20 Because everybody around us had to go to Myrtle
21 because to get here. So, you have to think
22 about that too. How much damage -- even if
23 Atlantic Beach doesn't get hard, what about
24 everybody around us. Can you get on the roads
25 and drive safe? So, it -- like I said, prepare



1 for a week at least. I I hope that maybe a day
2 or two. But at least a week. Any other
3 questions?

4 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** But, Glenda, and the answer to
5 you on that. On top of all that is to make
6 sure you all board up you business, real good.
7 Because that's really all that we can give you
8 indefinitely, is that you boarded up your
9 business.

10 **MS. WILLIAMS:** So, technically you're saying that we
11 have until 12 o'clock noon tomorrow ---

12 **POLICE CHIEF:** Not necessarily ---

13 **MS. WILLIAMS:** --- (inaudible)

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** You got longer.

15 **POLICE CHIEF:** That's when they're going to start
16 the evacuation. It's going to be a point when
17 the Governor says all emergency personnel
18 cease. That basically means stop. So, you're
19 basically on your own. You mean, you can jump
20 on the road in the hurricane and drive if you
21 want to. But, you're on your own. But, at 12
22 o'clock they're going to start but they're
23 trying to get everybody out now. Because if
24 everybody wants to leave Thursday morning,
25 Wednesday night. Now you got 500 people on the



1 road, trying to get out. So, basically you
2 have plenty of time. Anything else from
3 anybody? I hope I answered everybody's
4 questions. Thank you, Council and Mayor.

5 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

6 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** That's all I have, Mayor.

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** Huh?

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

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. We're down to public time and
10 I've got one comment card here that belongs to
11 Glenda Williams. She's our new business owner
12 int the town. I've had a chance to speak with
13 her on a couple of occasions. But, I guess
14 this is a time too. You get your formal
15 welcome. So, if you want to come on to the
16 podium and -- welcome to the town of Atlantic
17 Beach. She's been here. So, I think you all
18 just opened when? The Memorial day weekend was
19 your first day of business?

20 **Public Time:**

21 **MS. WILLIAMS:** (Inaudible) the 25th.

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. All right.

23 **MS. WILLIAMS:** Yes. My name is Glenda Williams.
24 Formally a residence of Florence, South
25 Carolina. Current resident, but past resident



1 of Atlanta for 22 years. And now, in between
2 moving back again to South Carolina, as soon as
3 my apartment is ready in Atlantic Beach. I
4 have here also my other owner, Crystal Allison
5 and of course her husband, Casper Allison.
6 Which is all apart of the business. And we're
7 here. We're glad to be a part of Atlantic
8 Beach. Our purpose of coming to Atlantic Beach
9 is to re-imagine, renew and recharge. To see
10 if different things can happen in the area.
11 And do I keep going? Could I -- okay. So, I
12 understand that there's a three minute rule.
13 And Mr. Mayor and Council, excuse me everybody.
14 Being that I'm a new business owner, I'm going
15 to ask if it can waived just a little bit.
16 Because I have some things that I would like to
17 ask and talk about. And for me I'm going to
18 talk from a perspective on what I see just
19 being in the town and since I've been here from
20 May 25th. I don't know exactly how you all
21 internally bonded or put together. But, I am
22 a very straight forward business person and
23 that's what has helped me to survive more than
24 25 years in business. I I just want to say
25 that -- first and foremost I want to speak



1 about the people that I first met when I came
2 in. Which is fo course Chief Robinson and
3 officer Darden. They welcomed -- basically
4 welcomed myself and one of the other ladies
5 from Atlanta here to the neighborhood. We was
6 a little -- beginning to get a little skeptical
7 because we wasn't seeing anyone or hearing from
8 anyone. Or any visitations. At the time I
9 didn't know Mr. Mayor lived across the street
10 from us, but later found out and had a chance
11 to speak with him. But, I would like to say
12 first and foremost I want to give honor that's
13 due to the officers. Because for the officers
14 they were playing administrative's. They were
15 playing code enforcers. They were playing the
16 roll of officers. So, they were really trying
17 to carry out a lot of duties, which I know for
18 a fact probably is not in their roll or their
19 responsibilities. But, I want to give them
20 credit for doing that. Because it would be not
21 right to do so. And so, with that being said
22 -- even -- and still in speaking with them,
23 they're very innovative, creative. They're
24 all, you know, whenever the come around they're
25 talking about new ideas. New things that they



1 can do. To possibility to put forth for the
2 Council to enhance the town as well. So, I
3 just want to at least take that time to say
4 that. And then after which, I met Mr. Mayor.
5 And it's been a pleasure speaking with him.
6 Meeting with him. Just him getting me
7 acclimated to the neighborhood in general.
8 Certain questions that I had when times of
9 course I couldn't -- if the office was closed,
10 I couldn't get Mr. Q, I'd -- and I hope you
11 don't mind me saying Mr. Q (inaudible) --
12 anyway. Certain times when I couldn't get with
13 him or something like that. Then of course ---

14 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** I'm sorry.

15 **MS. WILLIAMS:** --- of course, you know, I would
16 speak with Mr. Mayor and he would answer to the
17 best of his ability. And one thing I like
18 about Mr. Mayor, Mr. Mayor doesn't -- he's not
19 a person that proclaims he knows it all. If he
20 don't know, he's going to seek the answer. If
21 I don't know this, I'm going to tell you. If
22 it's something that he knows, then he's going
23 to be straight forth and honest. And one thing
24 I've found about a good leader, a good leader
25 is one who can admit their strengths and



1 weaknesses. And that's what I like about him.
2 Never to the point that it's going to delineate
3 the board or the town or anything or or devalue
4 you all. But, you know, he would answer to the
5 best of his abilities. Now, I I, you know, for
6 me, like I said form the outside looking in,
7 and I just have to be honest with you. I, you
8 know, said to Mr. Mayor, when we spoke twice,
9 you all seem so decisive. Like -- form the
10 outside looking in, I understand that when
11 people vote for you, they basically hire you.
12 That's that's what happens and they depend on
13 you. So, you know, and I said that to him
14 personally. For me looking at the town and
15 what has gone on, and there's no where, any
16 place that's perfect. So, the things that I
17 encountered, you know, since I've been here in
18 the three months and trying to figure out how
19 to get over it. Or what's next. I'm no
20 different than anyone else. You're going to
21 have complaints or you know, you're going to
22 try to figure out what's wrong. But,
23 nevertheless as I said to Mr. Mayor, when you
24 you -- when people vote for you, you're
25 basically hired. And then knowing that when



1 he's hired, his board, you know, he has a
2 Councilman or a board, that when it's
3 implemented and put in place -- and I'm not
4 really certain of the structure yet. But,
5 anyway, they're put in place. They're also
6 hired as well. And so, for me, you know,
7 you're accepting a position where you take an
8 oath. And and if you all take that oath, then
9 you at least owe the people the opportunity to
10 operate in the highest account level,
11 accountability possible. So, for me, you know,
12 just on the outside again, looking in, when I
13 hear the name Mayor. Even that you all have a
14 level of accountability, than even more is
15 expected from him than anyone else. Because
16 it's that title of Mayor. Even if that's not
17 how it's structured. So, for me, you know, I
18 kinda weighed in on him. You know, to say look
19 at the place next door to me. At one point,
20 yes, I was seeking to buy -- purchase that
21 property and, but it's not mine yet. Until it
22 becomes mine, or the people agree to okay,
23 we're at an agreement, we'll sell. Then
24 something should be done about the property
25 next door. Because it doesn't look good for



1 the restaurant. It's it's technically and
2 eyesore. So, and then on the opposite side,
3 you know, I understand that the person that's
4 on the opposite side of me, you know he can be
5 very stubborn. He has problems with the city
6 of North Myrtle Beach and everybody else. So,
7 when the city of North Myrtle Beach just
8 reached out to say that this is a problem, that
9 the lady with the business is having next door,
10 can we have right to go on your property, there
11 was problem with that. So, my thinking is
12 that, I just feel that there should be some
13 kind of outlet. Or I should be able to reach
14 back to someone. I did go to security and we
15 talked about it. Because of course he pays
16 taxes. And he's indebted to the town just like
17 anybody else. Because he owns property. And
18 he should be, you know -- well, I can't say
19 what he should be. But, there should be
20 something in place just participate with the
21 person next door. Which is here, like I said
22 a new business owner. I do plan to be a
23 resident as soon as my place is finished, but
24 at the same time, I am just trying to get the
25 right structure on how things actually operate



1 here. To be able to flow properly as a
2 business owner. And I don't know, Mr. Q maybe
3 you spoke with code enforcer. He did come by,
4 but at the end of the day, the code enforcer
5 never showed back up. He never did anything.
6 At the -- everything that has happened thus
7 far, we had to find a way to make it happen or
8 get it resolved ourselves. So, for me, my
9 standing here, is that if -- either it's Mayor
10 -- because like at the end of the day Mr.
11 Mayor, when your term is said and done, you
12 know, it's either going to be Mayor Jake Evans
13 did a great job. He did something good for the
14 town. Or it's going to be the opposite. Mayor
15 Jake Evans did nothing for the town, he sucked.
16 You know, we got more problems now than we had
17 then. So, it's what -- however you're trying
18 to write the certificate for your name at the
19 end of the day. And I know it's not just you
20 by yourself and you have people with you, the
21 only thing I'm asking for is is there some type
22 of formatted? Something that you can follow,
23 that's been put together, that if you're having
24 problems, how do you resolve your problems
25 without having to wait for weeks at time to get



1 it resolved. That's that's one question, you
2 know. And I probably said a lot of questions
3 and you all may want to jot. You know, because
4 I have a lot of questions. Another thing to
5 say is that I understand there's a negativity,
6 a stigmatism, is how we as a people come
7 together. And and type up what's being said.
8 And and, you know, even as a Mayor I understand
9 that your board members have to -- that Council
10 has to ungird you and come together whatever --
11 however you all make the decision. Because
12 that's -- I think this structure is different
13 here. But, nevertheless, my thinking is with
14 the stigmatism and stuff, what can we do as a
15 whole to start getting rid of getting rid of
16 some of the stigmatism. I mean, we we've been
17 standing on the side of the street, just in
18 conversation, you know, I was speaking with Mr.
19 Mayor one day and someone just rode up on a
20 motorcycle and was seeking drugs. What would
21 even make them think that drugs would be
22 located near the restaurant. So, again it's a
23 stigmatism on the town -- and he was an older
24 Caucasian guy, driving a nice Harley. So, you
25 know, it just it's certain things that's here,



1 that what are we going to do as people and a
2 body to help get rid of the stigmatism. And
3 then my question too is what is on the agenda
4 to like display or show unity of the effective
5 leadership in this town. Because for me, I I
6 and I ask that question because they officers
7 they did a back to school back to school
8 program with the children. And one, the only
9 person that I saw here was Mr. Mayor, which was
10 great. I have a lot of pictures of him with
11 different people. What really helped me to
12 even feel better about it, is when kids was
13 coming up to him him, yong. He had older
14 people, they asked to take pictures with him.
15 Some of the other ladies were like, oh, we
16 didn't know you was the Mayor. So, with that
17 being said, what is happening that people --
18 why do they not recognize his face as the
19 Mayor? And he's the Mayor of Atlantic Beach.
20 Like what's what's falling off by the wayside
21 that no one knows that Jake is the Mayor? And
22 then even for the kids he has a big roll. You
23 know, a a big responsibility. I'm going to
24 keep honing on him on it, because he decided to
25 take that title. And when he took that title,



1 he decided to speak for the people. The people
2 that's behind the scenes. You all are speaking
3 for the people. It's not like, you know, the
4 people can walk off the street and and make
5 their own rules or laws. They got to come to
6 you all to make something happen. So, you
7 know, with that being said, that's my question
8 is, what is on the agenda to display, or or to
9 show effective leadership in the town without
10 it looking like it it's decisive. What does
11 the have planned along with you, Mr. Mayor, to
12 lay a foundation for growth? Like what is
13 happening next? I was listening to you all
14 battle back and forth about the the hometown
15 event that's coming up. I think that it should
16 be things in the community that everybody gets
17 together and and stick together and make it
18 happen together. Again, it goes back to the
19 officers, when they did the back to school
20 program. You know, what was what was the
21 marketing strategy? How did they let the
22 people know that the back to school program was
23 happening? Why didn't they have more support
24 at the back to school program? I only saw Mr.
25 Mayor, I didn't see anybody else. And then Mr.



1 Mayor spoke for Mr. Mike Long. And said, I,
2 you know, his accountability was he had surgery
3 or whatever and the reason why he told me that,
4 is because I was asking. Because me coming to
5 the back to school program and being sponsor of
6 it, I was expecting to meet and see more people
7 from the Council. Or just see everybody
8 working together, unified basically. So,
9 that's that's my question of laying the
10 foundation. And the officers again, I want to
11 say they did a great job. You know, I see that
12 it did a lot for the children that was here.
13 A lot of people left with happy hearts. That's
14 what we want to do. The kids are our future.
15 And then, I want ask another questions are, in
16 in asking the question of what's the plans to
17 lay a foundation for growth, I wanted to know
18 what are the experiences of everyone to provide
19 that particular growth for the town. Like,
20 what is it that you have? Ms. Gordon may say
21 I have 10 years under my belt as a school
22 teacher and I, you know, the ups and downs of
23 kids and this is the best way to do it. Or
24 this is the best way for our town to grow.
25 And, I'm just hypothetically speaking. And



1 then from there also, what are you all going to
2 do when it come to the beautification of the
3 town? Like, what happens with Atlantic Beach?
4 When will anything on it change? Because
5 coming into in and out the Atlantic Beach,
6 everything looks the same. You know, nothing.
7 Can a new sign be put up? Or, you know, when
8 will it ever be deemed historical? Why can't
9 it -- a sign we welcome you to the historical
10 town of Atlantic Beach. Because it is it is a
11 historical place. And we want to preserve
12 that. And I'm certain you all will want to do
13 that. And then my last question is, sometimes
14 people -- and again, I'm new. And I'm just
15 speaking from the observation of what I've
16 observed since I've been here. What would be
17 the -- how would you all basically reaffirm you
18 commitment to the community? Especially -- and
19 I'm just saying that we have people that come
20 in and out of the restaurant a lot -- we have
21 people who have so much negativity. Oh,
22 they're not going to do anything. Oh, yeah,
23 that's been said five years ago. It's been
24 three years and this was supposed to change.
25 This -- that's the negativity that we get,



1 right? So, my only thing is is what will you
2 all do to recommit to the people or show some
3 type of re-commitment to the community to get
4 the community involved. Because I know you
5 have as many events -- as many events as you
6 want, but then the community or the people must
7 believe in what you're doing as well. So, for
8 me, as a new business owner, you know, that's
9 my thought. Again, you know, I -- you are as
10 good as what your foundation. You know, what
11 can you do, what can you say. I've seen you do
12 things that the average person wouldn't do. I
13 don't know if Mr. Mayor told you all, he was
14 pushing somebody's truck in the middle of the
15 highway last week. But, what is showing
16 commitment. Like, you know, if you're having
17 a problem, I'm here. That's the title I wear.
18 I'm here to help. And, you know, and it's just
19 not only towards him. Because any of you all
20 could be his opposer (ph) one day and run.
21 But, the thing about it is, even if you are the
22 first thing that somebody is going to look and
23 say, well what did he do while he was on on
24 Council. What did she do while she was on
25 Council, to make me feel like I should go out



1 and vote for that person. So, that's just my
2 question, that's where I stand. Again, thank
3 you all for allowing me to be apart of Atlantic
4 Beach. We are happy. We have no complaints.
5 Not with you all. I mean, business is good, to
6 be a new business. Business is good and we
7 appreciate people who constantly patronize us
8 even not inside Atlantic Beach. But even on
9 the the outside of Atlantic Beach. So, I just
10 thank you all for this moment and this time.
11 Okay.

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** I want to thank you again for your
13 contributions and your time that you put toward
14 the back to school program that we had. And
15 you heard us say we were trying to get our
16 reunion in order. You gave us a hand on that.
17 I'll being looking for you to give us hand with
18 this as well, so, yeah you were pretty good.
19 So, I mean, it's just good to see someone new
20 come to town with some fresh ideas and someone
21 who's as active -- active as you've been and I
22 definitely appreciate you and look forward and
23 looking forward to working with you. Or
24 continuing working with you.

25 **MS. WILLIAMS:** Okay. And my last question is, I'm



1 looking forward -- if I can get some answers to
2 some of the questions as how the town plans to
3 move forward. And forward is important to me
4 as well. Like I said, if I can be a part of
5 it, by all means. But, at least it tells me
6 what direction we need to be in when it comes
7 to marketing and business advertising and of
8 course commercial monetary value for the time.

9 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Thank you.

10 **MS. WILLIAMS:** Thank you, so much.

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

12 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Okay. And I want to say
13 something while -- well, I'm not going to say
14 where I was -- when they had the back to school
15 program, I was delegate for my church. So, I
16 was at a church conference that week. So -- I
17 think I told them that. I probably didn't tell
18 you, but I told the police officer that I was
19 I was at a church conference.

20 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Okay. And I'm not trying to
21 make no excuses, because we all need to be
22 looked upon here and checked sometimes and
23 stuff. And this is the first back to school
24 program that I have participated in. When I
25 wasn't in office, before I got elected, I



1 participated in the party. I was the Clerk of
2 Court here for 8 years and the kids was my
3 agenda. And that's who I worked with. I now
4 have a grandson that had an earache/ear
5 infection and the mom didn't know what to do.
6 So, therefore on the date that I was supposed
7 to be here with the back to school and work
8 with them -- that's why I wasn't in town. And,
9 I mean, like I said, I'm not by far not trying
10 to make any excuses. But when it comes down to
11 beautification for the town and stuff like
12 that. We are all working together on that now.
13 And it's like nothing that happened overnight.
14 And it's not going to happen overnight. We're
15 working on that. I mean, you have to start
16 somewhere. We started -- I started at the
17 cigarette butts that sometimes, you know, you
18 see little things and stuff that need to be --
19 and so therefore it's just a work-in-progress,
20 that's all. And like I said, once again, I'm
21 going to keep saying I'm not trying to make no
22 excuses for myself. But, I have been into your
23 establishment -- more times than one -- and
24 with Crystal, I've met her whenever you all
25 first came down around Memorial weekend. And



1 any time that I, or any of these Council people
2 can help you, we're always willing to help you.
3 I mean, maybe you're the one -- we're the ones
4 that you have to knock on our door and get us
5 out of the house to get to it or whatever.
6 But, I mean, we're willing people. We're
7 willing to help you at any any time we can or
8 whatever. We're willing to do that. And
9 getting back to the kids and stuff, we have a
10 lot of things that's lined up for kids. We're
11 here though. It's kind of funny, we're a very
12 unique town and stuff like that. Because we
13 may have kids that's here today, that's gone
14 tomorrow. These -- we're in a transit place
15 here. Where last year, we had many more kids
16 than what we have now. A year before we had
17 less than what we have now. So, therefore,
18 it's like, you know, it's back and forth here.
19 Because like I said, it's transit. This is
20 where people -- a lot of people make it their
21 home. But a lot of people come here just to
22 get on their feet and they're out of here. So,
23 therefore it's it's not nothing hard to do. Or
24 something impossible to do. But, it's more
25 like something that you have to work on with



1 these people around here. Then you get -- I'm
2 very glad that that the constituents look at me
3 and they do. And one thing about me, my phone
4 number has never been off to none of them.
5 They can call me at any time. And they know
6 this. So, therefore I'm willing to work with
7 anybody at anytime. Any given time. I mean,
8 and I think they feel the same way too. You
9 know, sometimes you aren't where you want to be
10 at. But, when things come up, that's how it
11 happens. Because, like I said, with the back
12 to school program that's that's my joy. That's
13 my thing that I like -- being with the kids and
14 stuff like that. But like I said, something
15 came up, so I wasn't there. But I'm always on
16 time to help somebody if they need me. So,
17 therefore, you know, like I said, I I my heart
18 is in this town. I didn't run for the the
19 Council seat just to say that I have a
20 position. That's not why I did it. I did it
21 because my heart is here. I grew up here. I
22 grew up in this town and I raised my kids in
23 this town. So, therefore, like I said, it's
24 blatant right now and it looks bad or whatever.
25 But, believe me now, it looks better now than



1 it did two or three years ago. So, therefore,
2 yes. We're working on it. We just we just a
3 little smaller than what everybody else is.
4 But, we're working on it. So, therefore that's
5 all I want to say. But, like I said, I don't
6 feel like I owe anybody an excuse -- but where
7 I was at. But I'm just letting you know that
8 something came up, yeah. But, the kids is my
9 heart.

10 **MS. WILLIAMS:** Understood. And know change is
11 inevitable. That something's going to happen
12 regardless of what. And again, it's in time.
13 Like you said, it won't happen overnight ---

14 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Right.

15 **MS. WILLIAMS:** --- and my thinking is is just that
16 again, speaking with the patrons and I believe
17 that the people's voice sounds louder than
18 anything ---

19 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Always.

20 **MS. WILLIAMS:** --- I don't mean to sound brass. So,
21 my thinking is is just in the restaurant and
22 just being as a business owner and nothing to
23 -- like I said the value will delineate because
24 it wouldn't make sense for me to allow
25 negativity to hound or loom over the town and



1 be a business owner. But, at the same time I
2 listen. Because you build relationships with
3 people just listening. You got some people who
4 will be forthright. You got some people who's
5 in the wrong but just want to make an excuse.
6 So, my think is -- and that's the reason why I
7 asked the questions -- because, again I'm new.
8 I'm new. I feel like I'm from the outside
9 looking in. So, and from me being on the
10 outside looking in, this is what I see. And
11 so, that's what I'm basically speaking from.
12 And I'm glad you brought up the City Hall
13 situation. And maybe it's changed. But, Mr.
14 Q, I have a question. And my question is that
15 -- and this is just me, okay -- what I found
16 the problem is that, whenever you call to the
17 City Hall, or I call, you know, often at one
18 point, there was an answering machine that
19 comes on. And the thing about it is -- I'm not
20 for certain about whether it's changed.
21 Because I haven't called. I drive up there now
22 before I call. But, nevertheless, just from a
23 business perspective, and just from a point of
24 view of expense. You know, expenses. My
25 question is, why does an answering machine



1 answer that phone during business hours? As
2 opposed to a voice that's more welcoming. And
3 and again, it's just me. Somebody else might
4 call and be okay with -- new people might be
5 okay with hearing an answering machine. But,
6 if call and someone says, thank you for calling
7 the City of Atlantic Beach, this is such and
8 such, how could I help you. You know, that's
9 more warming and inviting. As opposed to, you
10 have reached the City of Atlantic Beach, you
11 you know, that kind of stuff. So, I guess my
12 quest- -- well, not a guess. My question is to
13 you, is that something that you all are going
14 to resolve? Is it going to change? What is
15 going to happen with that piece?

16 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** We just, you know -- we had it
17 upgraded the phone system.

18 **MS. WILLIAMS:** Okay.

19 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** We did that. We just upgraded our
20 system. We're still going through the process
21 of learning, you know high-tech.

22 **MS. WILLIAMS:** Uh-huh.

23 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** In terms of calling the office,
24 it's just a selection. We have two lines. One
25 for the administrative office and one for the



1 police department. But there's only two
2 choices you have to make.

3 **MS. WILLIAMS:** Okay.

4 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** One side, you should get someone
5 on the line. If you don't, it's because the
6 system that's set up, the people are on the
7 line and it automatically goes to voicemail.

8 **MS. WILLIAMS:** Understood.

9 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** So, you don't lose any calls.

10 **MS. WILLIAMS:** Uh-huh.

11 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** So, we have only limited lines in
12 terms of that. But, in the prior -- when you
13 called previously, the problem was that our
14 system was out outdated. Okay. In terms of
15 that. It didn't have any capacity in order to
16 pick up information or to even retain
17 information.

18 **MS. WILLIAMS:** Gotcha.

19 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** We're working on correcting that.
20 We got some bugs to get out in terms of the new
21 systems. But, 9 times out of 10, you should
22 get a direct person while office hours are on.
23 And plus in terms of we just made another
24 transition with staffing. We lost our former
25 police clerk/court administrator --



1 administrative person. We lost her. We're
2 breaking in a new person now. So, we've got
3 some issues to deal with. That should get
4 resolved in terms of it.

5 **MS. WILLIAMS:** Okay. And I I have another question.
6 I have another question. As far as the land
7 that's that's up for sale at one point, is the
8 city planning on bidding on that land?

9 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** The city doesn't have it -- the
10 funds to bid on that property.

11 **MS. WILLIAMS:** Okay.

12 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** That's that's short or long bid as
13 private property. It was up for sale. They
14 auction, it's a forced auction because the LLC
15 is dissolving the court ordered auction. And
16 based on the highest responsive bidder -- which
17 they gotta low bid the first time. They went
18 back out again and waiting now. My
19 understanding, they do have an offer. I don't
20 know what it is. I don't know who it is. But,
21 the answer to your question, the town doesn't
22 have the resources to compete. They wanted a
23 minimum of 1.6 million dollars.

24 **MS. WILLIAMS:** Okay.

25 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Right.



1 **MS. WILLIAMS:** Right. Yeah. I get it. And I
2 understand what you're say. And I was asking
3 that question just to see if it's a situation
4 where -- being that the town was in, you know,
5 in the red of everything, that perhaps it could
6 merge with a private entity, where by the town
7 could maybe seek funding. But -- federal
8 funding ---

9 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Well, I'll be I'll be happy to
10 talk with you and answer your question that you
11 asked the Mayor initially, on the roll of the
12 Council versus the administration ---

13 **MS. WILLIAMS:** Gotcha.

14 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- and the responsibility.

15 **MS. WILLIAMS:** Okay.

16 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** I'll sit down and talk with you,
17 once we get past this ---

18 **MS. WILLIAMS:** Okay.

19 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- storm. And I'll be able to
20 explain all of that in terms of where do you go
21 for administrative responses versus some of the
22 questions you asked that are more generally
23 towards the Council.

24 **MS. WILLIAMS:** Okay.

25 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** I'll be happy to.



1 **MS. WILLIAMS:** Great. And I'm going to say now, I
2 have one question for Mr. Chavis. Mr. Chavis,
3 there was this older Caucasian guy, I think he
4 was the same guy that walked up to me that they
5 was filming. Now, I understand that it's
6 public -- and you all are looking down smiling,
7 like you know what I'm saying. But, anyway, I
8 know that the restaurant is a public place,
9 right? And of course the area is -- of course
10 it belongs to the city. And there is no
11 grounds to tell someone that, hey, you can't
12 come by. But, this gentleman comes by at all
13 times of the night. Slows down almost to the
14 point that he's going to stop. It is to me
15 it's a nuisance. That, you know, you're
16 holding up people from parking and (inaudible)
17 taking the time driving by. And I'm not for
18 certain if he's reporting anything, but the
19 speed that he's going, I just feel like there
20 is something happening. What what is my legal
21 recourse or retaliation for that situation?

22 **POLICE CHIEF:** To address your question, I know
23 exactly what you're talking about. The
24 resident and the Council, Mayor, all know the
25 person you're talking about. I tell all -- the



1 whole community, the guys name is Paul Curry --
2 (inaudible) his name is Paul Curry. He's known
3 for harassing the residents of the town. I'll
4 tell you, if he's around taking pictures of
5 your property, your business, anything come to
6 the police department and file a complaint.
7 Put it on paper. Because, to me it's
8 harassment. Anybody got the right to ride down
9 the street and take pictures of stuff. But,
10 when you -- when you're constantly doing it.
11 Stopping in front of somebody's restaurant,
12 taking pictures somebody home. Or somebody
13 walking down the street and he just comes and
14 takes a picture of you, to me that's
15 harassment. But, to get a harassment or a
16 stalking charge, we have to have two to three
17 times of the happening in a months time. So,
18 any time he does it, you report.

19 **MS. WILLIAMS:** Thank you. (inaudible) ---

20 **POLICE CHIEF:** Yes, ma'am. You got to come and do a
21 formal report. Ask for me or sergeant to do a
22 report. We will write it up for you. We we
23 will give you a copy of it. So, when you get
24 two or three copies, now you can go -- we tell
25 you to go up to Myrtle Beach and and file a



1 restraining order to keep him from coming
2 around your property. When we get the reports,
3 he's going to (inaudible) to the judge and let
4 him make a decision. And then we'll have
5 enough to issue a warrant for his arrest. For
6 harassment and stalking.

7 **MS. WILLIAMS:** Okay.

8 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

9 **POLICE CHIEF:** That makes it (inaudible) I tell you,
10 everybody if you come around -- we've got a
11 couple new -- the guy's name is Paul Curry. He
12 comes around takes pictures of people, and I
13 feel like he violates peoples rights to live.
14 You know, he probably come around the house and
15 takes pictures of you and he might even follow
16 you. I have some complaints that he followed
17 people. Then if you start (inaudible) that
18 you're harassing him. He don't live in the
19 town. But you you know him. If you don't know
20 him yet ---

21 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** What kind of vehicle?

22 **POLICE CHIEF:** It's a gray vehicle. I can
23 (inaudible) -- but, you'll get to know him.
24 Trust me ---

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** That's the gentleman that was sitting



1 here earlier.

2 **MS. WILLIAMS:** Oh. That was him? Sitting in his
3 car.

4 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

5 **POLICE CHIEF:** So he used to be a resident of the
6 town. And we working on some stuff for him.
7 Try to clear it up. I can't really talk about
8 it too much. But we are working on some things
9 to try to get in effect. But but I need the
10 help of the community to do it. File a
11 complaint. If I'm not in the office, one of my
12 officers is not in the office, ask Mr. -- the
13 town manager or the clerk over there -- ask
14 them for a voluntary statement. File a
15 complaint. They'll turn it over to me and
16 we'll do a report. And then we'll see how he
17 feels about that.

18 **MS. WILLIAMS:** Well, thank you. (Inaudible) ---

19 **POLICE CHIEF:** Yeah. We we tell everybody, do not
20 approach him. Do not try to say anything to
21 him. Because he will try to file something
22 against you. So, there's, you know, you wave.
23 Be nice to him and go about your business and
24 then come file a report.

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. Thank you. Council seek a



1 motion to adjourn.

2 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** So moved.

3 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

4 **Adjournment:**

5 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second to adjourn. Roll
6 call?

7 **CLERK:** Mayor pro tem Kenneth McLaurin?

8 **MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN:** Yea.

9 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

10 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

11 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

12 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

13 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

14 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

15 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion adjourned at 7:17.

17 **(There being nothing further, the meeting concluded.)**

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