TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL EMERGENCY CONFERENCE CALLED MEETING

Monday, May 8, 2020 12:00 p.m.

The Town of Atlantic Beach Town Council emergency conference called meeting was held and recorded during a conference call meeting at Atlantic Beach, South Carolina, on the 8th day of May, 2020.

APPEARANCES

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilwoman Josephine Isom Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore Councilwoman Glenda Williams

ADMINISTRATION:

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

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1	<pre>Call to Order:</pre>
2	COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: All right, this is a conference
3	call meeting. It's held at 12:00 o'clock p.m.
4	this Friday, May the 8th, 2020. And this
5	meeting is held by teleconference. Roll call?
6	CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans? Councilwoman
7	Josephine Isom?
8	COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Here.
9	CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?
10	COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Here.
11	CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams?
12	COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Here.
13	CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?
14	MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Madam Chair, for the record, Mayor
15	Jake Evans and Councilman Lenearl Evans will
16	not be in attendance due to the recent passing
17	of their mother.
18	COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Thank you. And I'd just like to
19	say to Mr. Manager that, first of all, we send
20	our condolences and our blessings out to the
21	Evans family at this time.

New Business:

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COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: We're going to start with our New Business. Council, can I get a motion to approve Ordinance Number 3-2020, an ordinance

	ATLANTIC BEACH EMERGENCY MEETING 4
1	authorizing extension of declared emergency, a
2	state of emergency, in the Town of Atlantic
3	Beach, South Carolina due to the COVID-19
4	Coronavirus Pandemic.
5	COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.
6	COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: I second.
7	COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Okay. It has been moved and
8	proper second. A motion proper second that
9	we will approve the Ordinance Number 3-2020.
LO	Any questions?
L1	COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: No questions
L2	MR. QUATTLEBAUM: I think Council wanted one
L3	modification on the language to leave vacation
L 4	rentals.
L5	COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Okay. All right. So again
L 6	(Inaudible background noise.)
L7	COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: with all the correction and
L8	modification to be added as the modification on
L 9	vacation rental. Roll call?
20	CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?
21	COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.
22	CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?
23	COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.
24	CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams?
25	COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS. Vea

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Let's have a -- I had a question
to -- do we have everything in place from the
Town for the Woods family in place for the
flowers and whatever else? I know we have the
resolution in place, but do we have flowers

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	ATLANTIC BEACH EMERGENCY MEETING 7
1	ordered for her?
2	MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Have a what?
3	COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Did we order flowers
4	COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: The flowers.
5	COUNCILWOMAN GORE: for Ms. Woods?
6	COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: A flower
7	(Inaudible background noise.)
8	COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: This is Councilwoman Glenda
9	Williams. I'm sorry. This is Councilwoman
10	Glenda Williams. Per the request of the family
11	(inaudible) Thursday to everyone (inaudible)
12	for to fund the youth program of the Earlene
13	Evans Woods as opposed to donating a flower.
14	COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Uh-huh.
15	COUNCILWOMAN GORE: They expected they want us to
16	do what now? Sorry.
17	(Inaudible background noise.)
18	COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Oh, you're talking about what is
19	standard. Okay, I'm sorry. Okay. Okay, I'm
20	sorry. I just know that we're so accustomed to
21	giving out flowers whenever someone in town
22	passes away (inaudible). But yes, ma'am, I did
23	read that. Okay, okay.
24	COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Okay
25	COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Also

1 (Inaudible background noise.)

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COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: it. will bе listed Facebook -- a Facebook link in memory of Ms. Earlene Evans Woods would be the information there as well of where the donation would go as it relates to the Youth Foundation and just to go on record, the Foundation is the (inaudible) of AME, Earlene Evans Woods Youth Foundation. That's where all donations, monetary donations, will go toward, being in person or company, they're looking forward to donating, as opposed flowers, they're asking for to monetary donations to be made payable to (inaudible) to Earlene Evans Woods Youth Foundation. all right ---

(Inaudible background noise.)

- MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Madam Councilwoman ---
- 18 | COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: That's ---
- 19 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: --- that website, what is it
- 20 listed under, for that information?
- 21 | COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: It's
- 22 facebook.com/earlene.evanswoods.
- 23 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Okay.
- 24 | COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Okay. And all the information
- will be there according to the donations.

Also, all the information is there in reference to the viewing of the body, which is scheduled today from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Also, the information is listed there in relation to the graveside ceremony, which is taking place on Saturday, May 9th, 2020.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: They're not -- I've got a

question. Is it really immediate family?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yes.

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COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: So, the information that I have received, the family will be allowed to go the graveside and must remain six feet Other -- all other patrons will be apart. returned -- whoever else attends the graveside must remain in their vehicles. And there will be -- whereby the vehicle will be able to circle around or ride past the mausoleum so that they can at least, you know, see a viewing on the drive by. But only family will be allowed to get out of your vehicle and must remain six feet apart.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Oh, okay. Okay, (inaudible).

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yes. And information is

Shields Funeral Home and the funeral director

is Theron Elford Shields and the information also -- that information also can be found at facebook.com/earlene.evanswoods.

Quattlebaum, I'm gonna ask you, have you all got the parking to the beach -- taking the body drive to the beach by the (inaudible), have you all got that squared away yet, how will they go?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Yes, ma'am. I'll defer to Chief Robertson. Chief?

CHIEF ROBERTSON: (Inaudible.)

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if --MR. **OUATTLEBAUM:** Yes, if you'll Councilwoman asked in terms οf the viewina tomorrow to the town, can you give the particulars, the time ---

CHIEF ROBERTSON: They're still working on it.

Right now, it looks like they're gonna leave from Ms. Woods house at around 12:30. Proceed down towards Ocean Boulevard. Take a left right there where the cul-de-sac's at. They're gonna probably have a moment of silence to recognize Ms. Woods for being a (inaudible) and a lot of the public stuff she's done in town. And then they're gonna proceed from there up

	ATLANTIC BEACH EMERGENCY MEETING 11
1	30th Avenue and head on to 17 and proceed to
2	the grave site.
3	COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Okay. Does that mean we have to
4	be in place at 12:30? You have your
5	(Inaudible background noise.)
6	CHIEF ROBERTSON: I'm sorry. We're gonna block
7	we probably
8	COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Come in to let it be and
9	stand up to pay their respects, or I can tell
LO	them they need to be here at 12:30?
L1	CHIEF ROBERTSON: They probably need to be there by
L2	12:20
L3	COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Okay.
L 4	CHIEF ROBERTSON: we start blocking off the
L5	road, they're not going to be able to get
L 6	through.
L7	COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Okay. All right.
L8	COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: So Mr. Chief, this is
L 9	Councilwoman Glenda Williams
20	(Inaudible background noise.)
21	COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: but then be there by
22	12:15 to ensure that everything is clear and
23	out of your all's way as it relates to whatever
24	you have to enforce, or liability of the Town,
25	to make sure that all the people are parking,

funeral home and the Mayor about that part. They're supposed to get back with me The first -- where they planned on going first was leaving from the Mayor's mother's house, heading towards 30th Avenue, going down Ocean Boulevard, coming down -- or correction going down 31st, coming down Ocean Boulevard, coming back up 30th Avenue then turning right there by the Town Hall and then turning back on 31st and proceeding back down to The second time when we get to the Boulevard. cul-de-sac was the time when we're supposed to stop and do the moment of silence for Ms. Woods and then proceed -- after that, proceed back up 31st, I mean -- correction -- 30th towards 17. That part of the route is still in the work-inprocess, but I should know a little bit more probably in the next hour of which one we're going to do, if we're going to ride one time or twice.

21 | COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Well, my ---

22 | CHIEF ROBERTSON: I also ---

23 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Okay.

24 | COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: --- you all go through the same

25 road twice.

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service our needs. Due to the COVID-19
pandemic, a formal service will not be
permissible during this challenging time.
Please feel confident that we will take all
extra precautions to ensure the facility is
sanitized and safe for viewing. That and
they're represented by Shields Funeral Home and
they also said the viewing will be held Friday,
May 8th, 2020 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Please observe the following guidelines. At
the family's request, no pictures. Again,
okay, it goes on record that at the family's
request, no pictures. Guidelines are if you
are sick, stay at home. Number 2, wear a mask.
Number 3, wash your hands. Number 4, use
sanitizer. And Number 5, only ten people
permitted at a time for the viewing. No more
than ten people at a time. And it says please
remain six feet apart. Number 7, they're
asking any everyone to refrain from kissing,
hugging or shaking hands in any manner at all.
And also, again, they are reiterating a
graveside service will be starting May 9th,
2020 at 1:00 p.m. at Mount Zion AME Church
Cemetery located at 3055 Mount Zion Road in



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(Inaudible background noise.)

1	COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So whose our Airbnb in the
2	town, we don't have to worry about them. They
3	are not going to let anybody rent on their
4	program until I think June 15th. But Elliot
5	Realty has rentals here in town that must be
6	notified because they had some here this week.
7	COUNCIL HOMAN I COM. Oh olean

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Oh, okay.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: We will ---

(Inaudible background noise.)

- MR. QUATTLEBAUM: --- we'll send out a notification.
- 11 | COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Okay, all right. Thank you.
- 12 | COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: That being all ---
- 13 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: All right.
- 14 | MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Council -- I'm sorry -- and Chief
- 15 Robertson.

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- 16 | COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yes.
- 17 | CHIEF ROBERTSON: When we do the moment of silence
- down there at the cul-de-sac, there's a parking
- 19 spot down there in the (inaudible) at the cove.
- Is it okay for the Town to allow people to park
- 21 there during this time so we won't block the
- 22 road with cars and such?
- 23 | COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: That's fine ---
- 24 | COUNCILWOMAN GORE: I believe it's popular. I --
- 25 have a problem with that. I would say, yes,



1 it's okay.

| COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: At the same time, Mr. Chief, (inaudible) questions. I know we're saying it's okay for people to park in certain places where we will not block the highway, but for that particular time of acknowledging a (inaudible) body in the town, would we even be concerned about the road being blocked at the time, being that that is a special moment?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: But the only problem is ---

12 | CHIEF ROBERTSON: Right.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: --- is that we are -- you're

14 parking, right?

that there's always a what -- if it's a special moment for a special cause and we're already gonna close the roads off, then would -- that could certainly be a concern about blocking that highway in knowing that this is taking place, would we not just go forth with it and then be normal access can open up and proceed after we finish this -- the acknowledgment and (inaudible) by, they're leaving the town with the body of Ms. Earlene Evans Woods, would that

1 even be a concern?

CHIEF ROBERTSON: Well, one -- basically with the parking down there at the cul-de-sac, we've got lots down there that people can park. One of our concerns, if they park on the side of the road, with this being a crowd coming through with the family and the funeral home -- the funeral home is carrying the body, then we don't want to cause any backup because of cars in the way and it'd be hard for them to turn --

(Inaudible background noise.)

CHIEF ROBERTSON: --- yes. We're gonna try to keep
 the streets clean, open as much as we can for
 them. It'll be easy access in and out. So
 once we block off with -- probably about 1:15
 we'll -- I'll probably have one of my officers
 at the top of the road down there on 30th to
 sit there and just stop traffic coming in.
 That anybody that may ---

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right.

chief ROBERTSON: --- running a couple minutes late,
 they could go down 29th and come up that way
 (inaudible) and park that way.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Okay. And then I'm not gonna

drag this out, but isn't our beach closed, or are you talking about people of the neighborhood going there, or there's (inaudible) going to the park? Because right now, we're closed to any outside people coming within the beach area, at least Atlantic Beach area anyway.

CHIEF ROBERTSON: The beach will stay closed. I'm
 talking about just the beach -- just the lots
 to park vehicles for people that want to stand
 out and view the family coming through ---

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Oh, good ---

CHIEF ROBERTSON: --- so on the cul- ---

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Okay.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Like a parade type, where they're just standing out. Whenever you're coming -- like more like a holiday (ph) parade, they're just standing out waiting for it -- like the motorcade comes through. So we're just gonna be stand -- just standing out there, is that what you're saying?

CHIEF ROBERTSON: Yes. Yes, ma'am ---

councilwoman gore: I just received -- for the -most of the people -- we may have like four or
five cars out of the town that's gonna drive

down there. For the most of the people in town, they may walk down there or even stand in front of their own homes and stuff. I think there's more likely gonna be -- I mean, the ones that know to go down because they may think we'll -- but for the most, people gonna stand outside -- believe it or not, a lot of people are not -- still aren't going outside their homes. They're staying at home. They can just stand ---

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Right.

a lot of folks aren't even gonna be down in the cul-de-sac. Just for the most of the people -I'm almost sure to tell you that they're gonna be standing outside their homes more than likely.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Right ---

councilwoman williams: But just to come back -this is probably (inaudible). Just to come
back and saying ---

(Inaudible background noise.)

councilwoman williams: --- and requesting this, I
 really, really want to change, Jacqui, that I
 think a couple of more -- I think we had



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1	And that being all that I have to say, thank
2	you, all
3	COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Well, Ms. Jo, I want to commend
4	you on a great job. You did a real good job
5	today.
6	COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Thank you.
7	COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Thank you, Ms. Jo.
8	(Inaudible background noise.)
9	COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: I've been here such a long
10	time with her, and their father, so it hurts me
11	too, you know. And that being all no public
12	time? Meeting is adjourned. Can I get a
13	motion to adjourn?
14	COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.
15	COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Second.
16	COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Okay. It's been moved and
17	proper second that this meeting is adjourned at
18	12:30 p.m. Thank you all
19	CLERK: Roll call. Roll call.
20	COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Roll call?
21	CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?
22	COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.
23	CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?
24	COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.
25	CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

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COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yea.
COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: It has approved that the meeting
is now adjourned. Thank you.
(There being nothing further, the meeting was
adjourned.)