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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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APPEARANCES

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Mayor Jake Evans, Chairman
Councilwoman Josephine Isom
Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore
Councilwoman Glenda Williams

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

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Call to Order:

MAYOR EVANS: This Town Council meeting is called to order this Monday, May 24th, year 2021 at 5:08 p.m. Roll call?

CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans? Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Here.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Here.

CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams? Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Here. Do we -- have we heard from Councilman Evans or ...

CLERK: No, I left a message for him, but I didn't hear from him.

MAYOR EVANS: How about Councilwoman Williams?

CLERK: I saw Councilwoman Williams just a few minutes ago.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay. Well, maybe they'll kinda show up when we get started.

CLERK: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR EVANS: Huh?

CLERK: (Inaudible) ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Hi, Mr. Q.

MAYOR EVANS: Hey, Mr. Q., how are you doing?
MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Okay, I'm here.

MAYOR EVANS: We've got a quorum but, of course, you probably heard that Councilwoman Williams and Councilman Evans are not here as we speak. But we do have a quorum -- myself and Councilwoman Gore and Councilwoman Isom are here.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Okay.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay, Council, I seek a motion to go into the Executive Session for personnel matters and a challenge to Ordinance Number 12-2020.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: There is a motion and a second to go into Executive Session for the items mentioned in the motion. If there are no more questions or comments, roll call.

CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman -- I'm sorry -- Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The motion is granted.

Executive Session:
(Executive Session.)

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

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: So moved, Mr. Mayor.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and a second to come out of the Executive Session into the General Session. Any other questions or comments? If not, roll call.

CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yea.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion is granted.

General Session:

MAYOR EVANS: I would like to take the time out to welcome the general public. It's been a while since we've had an in-person meeting, but glad to see you guys. At this time, I'd ask that we stand for a moment of silence.

(Moment of Silence.)
MAYOR EVANS: Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison.)

MAYOR EVANS: Okay, we're down to the ceremonial matters. Council? You got ceremonial? Any? Anybody?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Okay, so, I do. June 19th, of course, is Juneteenth. We're going to -- I have a young lady that's gonna be here at the Community Center. She's -- in case you all didn't know, we're gonna have someone over here from 2:00 o'clock until 6:00 o'clock, and she's merely gonna be just telling the history of Juneteenth because I don't know if there's anybody here may know about Juneteenth. I don't know anything about it. And I mean it's just that I never really was taught that in our school systems here. So and -- and I'm not the only one. So therefore, I just think it'd be really good for people to know about Juneteenth. So she's gonna be here from 2:00 o'clock up until 6:00 o'clock so therefore if -- anybody who wants to come out can bring their kids out or whatever, just to find out what's going on with Juneteenth. Please come out. June 19th. Juneteenth.
MAYOR EVANS: Anybody else?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: I have one thing to say.

MAYOR EVANS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: For anyone who wants to do an event with R&B Artist Lenny Williams, please contact myself or maybe Mayor. He will be in the area June 12th and he's willing to come back to Atlantic Beach and do something in Atlantic Beach -- that's if anyone who has something going on that the artist is Lenny Williams. He did make a call and say he's willing to come back to the Atlantic Beach area and do some type -- maybe a couple songs or whatever if -- while he's in the area.

MAYOR EVANS: Anybody else? If not, we're down to the approval of the agenda. Council, I seek a motion for the approval of the agenda as it is outlined.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Second ---

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: Motion and a second for approval of the agenda. If there are no other questions or comments, roll call.

CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?
COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yea.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted.

Old Business:

MAYOR EVANS: That takes us down to Old Business. Town Council meeting minutes, minutes from Town Council meeting held on August 12th, 2021. Council, seek a motion for the approval of those minutes.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: There is a motion and a second for the approval of the April 12th, 2021 meeting minutes. If there are no other questions or comments, roll call.

CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yea.
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CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The motion is granted.

New Business:

MAYOR EVANS: We're down to New Business. Resolution Number 4-2021, and this is a resolution to ratify and retroactively consent to certain Horry County ordinances. Mr. Q., can you hear me?

(Inaudible background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: Yeah, Mr. Q., the Resolution Number 4-2021, the resolution to ratify and retroactively consent to certain Horry County ordinances.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Yes, Council, this resolution -- just to provide some background -- residents and public -- the Council through the lawsuit against Horry County for --- in 2019, the County, Horry County, had collected hospitality taxes on behalf of the City of Myrtle Beach and also the other municipalities in Horry County. That collection was supposed to cease in 2019 and Horry County continued collecting the hospitality tax on behalf of those seven municipalities. Myrtle Beach brought suit. The (inaudible) municipalities were enjoined in
the suit against the County. In January of 2019, the municipalities along with the Town of Atlantic Beach started collecting their own hospitality taxes directly. The funds that were collected up until the date of the lawsuit were held in a bank in escrow pending a settlement of the suit on the County's right to continue collecting the hospitality taxes as of January 1st, 2019. This -- the lawsuit was recently settled in February and finalized on April 20th, 2021. We basically, in summation, decided that the funds that were collected on behalf of the municipalities had to be returned with certain restrictions and reductions (inaudible) by the court. The settlement was finalized, as I indicated, on April 20th. This resolution authorizes the County, Horry County, to resume the collection of hospitality tax fees of 1.5 percent effective July 1st, 2021. All the municipalities that are (inaudible) to the settlement agreement, this allows Horry County to resume the collection of the hospitality fee at 1.5 percent.

MAYOR EVANS: Thank you. Council, I seek a motion to adopt Resolution Number 4-2021.
COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and a second to adopt Resolution Number 4-2021. And once again, the resolution to ratify and retroactively consent to certain Horry County ordinances. If there are no other questions or comments, roll call?

CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yea.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The motion is granted. We're down to Item B., Ordinance Number 3-2021, and this is an ordinance to amend Title V., Chapter 3 of the Land Management Ordinance, Article IV zoning districts, Division 2 bulk, dimensional and density standards for the Town of Atlantic Beach to allow for the subdivision of duplexes in the R2 Zoning District, and this will be the first reading, but I think we've got someone here to ...

MS. COLEMAN: Hi, can you hear me all right?
MAYOR EVANS:  I can hear you, yes.

MS. COLEMAN:  I'll use my aerobics voice.

MAYOR EVANS:  Can you guys hear out there?

MS. COLEMAN:  Can you hear me all right?  Okay.  My name's Carole Coleman.  I'm here on behalf of the Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments.  We have a technical assistance contract with the Town of Atlantic Beach and -- well, we don't actually at the moment but we have provided technical assistance and the COG actually helped write your Land Management Ordinance.  And I was contacted first by Mr. Quattlebaum and then by a property owner about the possibility of subdividing out duplex lots in the R2 District.  So I started researching and what I discovered was there are some inconsistencies between things that are allowed in certain districts.  Duplexes are allowed by right in the R2 District.  They're also allowed in a couple other districts.  And townhomes are allowed conditionally, but the townhomes can be subdivided out -- the duplexes cannot.  So I started doing more research and what I've done is I've pulled some of the items out of the ordinance and given you an updated map on the
zoning 'cause one of the big issues that I had a concern with was, if we make the change, then all of the lots that are shown here in yellow ---

**FEMALE SPEAKER:** Uh-huh.

**MS. COLEMAN:** --- would be subject to it. We're not talking about a specific number of lots. Just want to make sure that that's okay. Again, some of the districts do allow you to subdivide them out. I think the concern of a property owner is a financing concern. You can build a duplex on a piece of property, but two owners have to enter into a horizontal property regime in that district. Next door, they can build a duplex and split them out and have separate properties. So we started looking at the way everything else is done throughout the ordinance, and it seemed like there may have been an intent to allow them to be subdivided out because the long and the short of it is it doesn't change the built environment, it just creates imaginary property lines.

**COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Right.

**COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Okay.

**MS. COLEMAN:** So, what I did was to help you out
because we'll be taking this to the Planning Commission -- they've advertised for a public hearing.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Uh-huh.

MS. COLEMAN: I pulled out sections of the zoning ordinance so if you want to look them over, you'll have some of the definitions. I think I left the page out that actually defines a duplex, but you've got enough to work with -- and a new zoning map on the back. So I thought that might help. And if you have questions, I'm available.

MAYOR EVANS: Does anybody have any questions right now for her?

(Inaudible background noise.)

MS. COLEMAN: Well, single family attached is actually a townhouse, but if you look at the language for single family attached and what it allows in the same district, so if you've got a single family attached townhouse project approved in the R2 District, they would be able to subdivide them out. And by definition, single family attached is on separate lots. Another way they refer to it in the zoning ordinance, they talk about zero lot line
meaning the internal wall is -- but you don't have a zero setback unless there's a property line there.

FEMALE SPEAKER: Right, uh-huh.

MS. COLEMAN: So to me, that implies that there's a property line there too. So, like I said, there were just some inconsistencies, and we thought we'd look at it and take it to Planning Commission, have some more discussion, and see which way they would like to recommend and bring it back to you.

IN UNISON: Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: I have a question.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: For her?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yes.

(Inaudible background noise.)

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Single family attached ---

MS. COLEMAN: This is really semantics, I mean, it is the same. I mean they are single family -- they're meant for single families, but duplexes are usually referred to as a two family, but you have separate dwelling units that have a shared wall. Typically, townhomes are at least three or four. So in most (inaudible) you'll have three ---
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(Inaudible background noise.)

MS. COLEMAN: --- but duplexes (inaudible) but they do have a shared wall. And again, changing -- if they do change the language, if someone has a duplex, that means they can put a property line down the middle of it. It doesn't change the built environment either way -- it just creates property lines.

MS. HILL: If it's zoned for a duplex, is it also zoned for townhomes?

MS. COLEMAN: In many cases, yes ---

MS. HILL: Consistent, I mean, is it -- would be zoned for ---

(Inaudible background noise.)

MS. COLEMAN: The language tells you -- and a duplex is a by-right permitted use in that R2 District. Townhomes and attached single family are allowed, but they're conditional, meaning you have to meet the conditions for them. But when you read the conditions -- which I gave them -- it's not much of a stretch to go along with everything they've put into the conditions.

MS. HILL: Is there a limit to the number of attached single ---
MS. COLEMAN: Your property would determine it. You can only have so many units based on the lot size so it depends on how big the property is, and you still have to provide parking, meet all the setbacks and everything else.

MALE SPEAKER: And you're going to have a public hearing on this?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Thank you.

MAYOR EVANS: Thank you.

MS. COLEMAN: Thanks.

MAYOR EVANS: Council, I seek a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 3-2021, and this is an amendment to the Land Management Ordinance. This will be the first reading.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and there's a second to adopt Ordinance Number 3-2021, first reading. Any other questions or comments? If not, roll call.

CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?
COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yea.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The motion is granted. We're down to C. This is Ordinance Number 4-2021, and this is an ordinance to amend Ordinance Number ---

(Inaudible background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: Item C. is Ordinance Number 4-2021, and this is an ordinance to amend Ordinance Number 6-2019, the hospitality fee tax. And this will be the first reading. Mr. Q.?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Yes. Mayor, Council and public, this ordinance is tied to the first resolution. As I indicated in my (inaudible) -- summation of the lawsuit against the County. In 2019 -- October the 7th to be specific -- when each municipality started collecting their own hospitality taxes as a result of the lawsuit, the Town of Atlantic Beach on October 7th, 2019 voted to increase its hospitality tax from 1.5 percent to 2 percent and has been collecting that 2 percent hospitality tax fee from that date of October 7th up until the settlement
that was finalized on April 20th. This ordinance repeals that increase of 25 percent and takes the hospitality tax back to the 1.5 percent that the County will start collecting from July 1st as a result of the settlement agreement. So this ordinance -- the first reading -- is to repeal the 25 percent tax increase that was levied on October the 7th, 2019 and reverting back to 1.5 percent that is (inaudible) municipalities in the County that the County will start collecting of the hospitality tax effective July 1st. Also provides for 1 percent administrative fee as all municipalities will pay to the County for the administration and the collection of those fees. But effective July 1st, all hospitality taxes by businesses for ---

(Inaudible background noise.)

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: --- notices will go out to the individual businesses by us on June 1st. The County also will be notifying each of the affected businesses are required to pay a hospitality fee of their processes and procedures for the collection of those taxes effective July 1st.
MAYOR EVANS: Thank you. Council, I seek a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 4-2021, and this is an ordinance to amend Ordinance Number 6-2019, the hospitality fee tax, and this is a first reading as well.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: So moved, Mayor.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Second ---

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and a second to adopt Ordinance Number 5-2021. If there are no questions or comments ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Wait a minute. That's 4-2021, isn't it?

(Inaudible background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: Let me do that. This is Ordinance Number 4-2021. I'm sorry. And if there are no questions or comments, roll call.

CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yea.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The motion is granted. We're
down to D., Ordinance Number 5-2021. And this is an ordinance to amend the Town of Atlantic Beach business license, Ordinance Number 5-2001B-1204, and this is a first reading as well. Mr. Q.?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor, Council and Public, this ordinance -- in 2020, South Carolina State Legislature, with the urging of the Municipal Association, has decided that all municipalities will be on the same tax calendar cycle regardless of their fiscal year, and has voted that effective January 1st, 2022, all business license collections will be collected by the Municipal Association on behalf of all municipalities statewide. The law effective -- will change effective January 22nd, 2022. This is an ordinance -- first step in the process of converting from the collection of business license fees from individual businesses by the Town of Atlantic Beach that will effectively transfer over as of April 30th, 2022. This is the first step in the process. All municipalities are required to pass this format and they will comply with State law that all business licenses fees will fall from May 1st
-- May 1st of each year starting in 2022 and end April 30th. The Town of Atlantic Beach's current business cycle runs from July 1st of each year through June 30th. So in order to come into compliance effectively July 1st, the business license renewal will run from July 1st to April 30th, 2022. By law, all businesses in 2022 will start paying their business license fees through the Municipal Association portal, that they're going to set up one time. And businesses will have to pay their business license fee uniformly at that date, effective May 1st of 2022 and (inaudible) municipalities their corresponding business license fees collected. After this -- forming the (inaudible) the second step, the Council will supply to the Municipal Association its information on its business license -- businesses licensed and currently correct and they will build a database -- preparation period for compliance effective next year. And this will start collecting the business license fees from respective businesses of the Town on May 1st, 2022. Any questions?

MAYOR EVANS: Any questions, Council?
MAYOR EVANS: Thank you, Ben. We're down to E.?

MAYOR EVANS: Council, I seek a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 5-2021, and this is the first reading.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: So moved ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Second ---

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: Motion and a second to adopt Ordinance Number 5-2021. If there are no other comments or questions, roll call.

CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yea.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The motion's granted. We're down to E., which is the street sign project, recommendation to purchase signs to the Town Council. Now, I think this is on here coming from the Beautification Committee. And if we
could ---

MR. THOMAS: Yes, sir.

MAYOR EVANS: --- can -- 'cause I see they're down
here for a report as well. Can we listen to
their report along with the request for the
sign project at the same time, can we kind of
combine both of these?

MALE SPEAKER: Yes.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay. So do we have someone from the
Beautification Committee to give us a report?

Yes, we do. All right.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Hey, Mr. Will.

MAYOR EVANS: Hey, Will.

MR. THOMAS: Okay. What do you want to know about
the signs? Hello, everybody, my name is Will
Thomas. Some of your faces are new, but
welcome to Atlantic Beach. Okay, (inaudible).

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Can we -- first of all, that
sounds great. Can we -- do we get the chance
to look at them and feel 'em ---

MR. THOMAS: We -- we've been sent the signs. We
gave it to Quattlebaum. We had them in the
office, and we passed them out a couple of
months ago.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: We haven't seen them. We
have no idea what these look like. Basically just finding out what you all were talking about so ...

MAYOR EVANS: Yeah, I have copies of it.

(Inaudible background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: I do want to actually ---

MR. THOMAS: (Inaudible) about what they look like or ...

(Inaudible background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: Okay. Now, I have got this and I think all Council members have this, the A., B., Beautification Committee Projects -- do we all have that?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yes, we just received that as well.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay, all right.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Didn't have time really to study it ---

MAYOR EVANS: Okay. In looking at the items you guys have on here, I am impressed. And I'm glad that we've got someone in town that's concerned, as the citizens of Atlantic Beach have always been, to kind of help me out with this 'cause I've been screaming from the top of my head about everything on this list. Maybe
now we can get something going.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Well, not everything.

(Inaudible background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: Yeah, this is -- this list.

MR. THOMAS: That's the long list.

MAYOR EVANS: Yeah, this is the long list.

(Inaudible background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: Yeah, I'm sure the other Council members have some other questions and comments as well but, like I said, I just wanted to start off by letting you guys know that I appreciate you guys and I'm impressed by the work you're doing but there's a few things that we do need from you and I'll let Council kinda go ahead and speak first.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Well, I don't know about -- 'cause we've (inaudible) but anyway ---

(Inaudible background noise.)

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yeah, that's what I wanted to say.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay, you can go ahead.

MR. THOMAS: Are we on the list or are we on the list?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: We're just on the list, but we're going to do everything ---
MAYOR EVANS: We'll get back to the street signs as well.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: --- we're just gonna cover everything as we're here 'cause everything, to me, is perfect except ---

MR. THOMAS: Yeah, thought about doing -- ask you to come ---

MAYOR EVANS: Yeah, you have ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: It's just the little things that -- well, actually, down here do -- you do all have code enforcement so therefore, I guess that's gonna pertain to the ---

MR. McIVER: Hold on one second. Let me just deal with it. So I'm Kenneth and I'm the chairman of the committee, and I just wanted to introduce the other members of the committee. We have Ms. Lynda -- you all, go ahead and stand up please. And -- just members of the Beautification Committee.

(Applause.)

MR. McIVER: And we also -- and between Will and myself, which is the chair and co-chair of the committee. And I just want to introduce them so you all don't call me all the time -- there's some other people out there. And we're
just concerned citizens of the town and this is a newly-formed committee. We've been meeting monthly since March -- socially distanced of course -- and we just want to -- our purpose is to sort take the concerns of the town through this committee and present them to you. Now, when -- our introductory meeting with Mr. Quattlebaum, yes, there's some lists on there that's divided between maintenance and code, but it is our understanding that we go through him or go through you. We do not talk to the personnel or the staff individually. So it might be broken down by the committees that we have by the staff that you have in town, but we don't directly talk to them. So we are -- we have been in conversation with Mr. Quattlebaum about some of our concerns. The concerns are from as little as picking up trash to also the streetscapes to maybe how some of the businesses are looking. And one of our big concerns is not only do you hear us -- and Mr. Quattlebaum hear us -- but we get enforcement as well. So with our concerns, we want to make some -- sure that something is getting done because, yes, some of these items have been on
the list for a long time. We just want to make sure that they're not just sitting on the list and that actually something are being -- actually being done about. And we have been in conversation with Mr. Q. and we were just sort of putting that list out there to you. I don't want to nitpick it right now in front of everyone, but that list is presented to Council and we're going through him to enforce the -- some of those concerns --

**MR. THOMAS:** And Michael Boyd (ph) is also sitting in on our meetings, you know, just giving us lead -- ways of what he had done, and his information is pretty good. But he also needs to (inaudible) too, you know, so we're trying to get it together and it's been really kinda a nice thing to do because everything is -- seems like it's coming together, and that's what makes it nice.

**MR. McIVER:** Now, part of one of charges is the Street Sign Committee, and I'm letting Mr. Will talk about that a little bit. We sort of encompassed that. We sort of adopted it as we became a true committee. And I'll let him talk about that. But that was also put in your
packet and it wasn't really -- I don't know if it -- has been made completely public to everyone, but that is part of ---

MAYOR EVANS: It's not -- we had it for today. It was in the packet ---

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: The packet before.

MAYOR EVANS: Yeah. It wasn't in our stuff for today's meeting.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Oh.

MAYOR EVANS: It's been some -- a while back.

(Inaudible background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: Who doesn't have a copy of it? Either one of you guys have a copy of it? Make sure they get one.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Oh, I can print it off in my e-mail.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay.

MR. McIVER: So in -- so that's the committee itself, and I think Mr. Will will talk about the signs.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay, all right.

(Inaudible background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: You can go ahead.

MR. THOMAS: Okay. On these street signs, we put in a lot of work on the street signs. For safety,
we went to -- by -- emphasis -- technical skills. We've been working on this area. We went to Horry County. We went to North Myrtle Beach. We went to street signs. I also went with the community and there's some different things on what did they see about the street signs, what could they help, how would they participate in it? Then I did take it back to Mr. Q. Now, a lot of people said we were getting the street signs for free, but that wasn't true. We're kinda on our own on that. So what I did, I went to the Fire Department 'cause they said they were giving out signs for the houses, but the signs they were giving you had to pay for. But they're little signs like that, they'll nail it to a tree or they'll nail it to their wall. So, we got back into the street signs because I've been helping out the new owners that move here and United Parcel trucks been coming here, and they've been just riding around, putting the packages at different houses, so I would take it to the right house. But the street signs -- even when the fire trucks come down, they kinda look to see where they have to go. Now, if you don't
have that sticker on, you have to pay -- then they have to sort it out because we also need visible addresses, which we don't have that either. So what we did is we talked to -- I talked to Jake, I talked to Mr. Quattlebaum, and we made up a GoFundMe page. And we raised the money from the -- and I want to thank the citizens and the homeowners and a lot of outsiders. In 11 days, we accomplished a goal on getting the money of the half of the signs that we're supposed to get. Now, I thought this was already passed on us getting the money. We're ready to go. We already ordered the signs -- which you all kinda was in the dark because they didn't give you anything on it.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

MR. THOMAS: But it's been e-mailed and I dropped it off to Quattlebaum. So the signs should be here around the middle of June, and I'm hoping that we have them installed by the end of the month.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So, how many signs is it?

MR. THOMAS: It's for -- I think it's about 29. It's just about -- or less than that.
COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So it's gonna go throughout -- they're all gonna be alike throughout the town?

MR. THOMAS: The four blocks. Now on -- they gave us signs on 17, but that was donated because I think that's a County street. But they're little signs. But then when you get to Windy Hill and you get to North Myrtle Beach, they're signs come out. So these would be in uniform ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: With those?

MR. THOMAS: --- with those, but we just have our color on it ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Versus the brown, right.

MR. THOMAS: Yeah. So that's what we came up with.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: I'm glad. I am tickled to death because my daughter and my kids are from here, they know Front Street, Back Street and Tyson Street. They don't have a clue what those numbers are up there. So I was telling my daughter -- my daughter was telling my son to come around to so-and-so street. He said, well, where is that? And he's from here, but he knows Front Street and Back Street so therefore, it's just that we've never had that completed in our town. Well, we have had it
completed but of course they went away so that's perfect. I'm glad.

MR. THOMAS: Well, just a couple of days ago I was over on this side -- I call this the city -- on your all's side, and a pizza girl came -- we was standing out there and she said did you all order pizza? We said no. She rode around and rode around and then when we got finished talking, she was still looking for the street she was supposed to be on.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Just a wonderful job. You all ---

MR. THOMAS: I'm just sorry you didn't get it.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: That's -- I'm glad that you all did that. You all ---

(Inaudible background noise.)

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Oh, so we're getting the -- which ones are we getting, the 36-x-12 or 24-x-12 or -- we're getting all of that ---

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Some signs are gonna be longer than the other ones, Jacqui ---

(Inaudible background noise.)

MR. THOMAS: We're getting the larger ones.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Uh-huh.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: The 36-x-12?
MR. THOMAS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Oh, perfect. Great job from my behalf. Really good job. So now, question to you. So we've got to -- we're gonna pay half of this?

MR. THOMAS: Yeah.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Okay. Okay, the estimated price is gonna be this $2,500?

MR. THOMAS: It's supposed to be -- we raised 25 and the Town's (inaudible) would give us 25.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: And it says plus tax.

MAYOR EVANS: Yeah.

(Inaudible background noise.)

MR. THOMAS: That's sort of -- also, in that will be the installation too.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Oh, perfect. So that's all included.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: I'm for anything that's gonna enhance ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: We desperately need that, and I know Jay Divine out there somewhere just tickled to death because she's been talking to me about those streets signs ever since ---

MR. THOMAS: Yeah, we've been going back and forth with it, back and forth, but we had to find out
what was in code, what was legal, and you almost want to give up, but then when you get -- then your package goes -- I was waiting for some packages and they'd be on the other side on Windy Hill -- I think that's called Ocean Boulevard down in there -- and they'd be on the other side in the truck. I'd tell them to come around and come back in.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: I have a question. So, have you all looked into the sign that may say welcome to the historical Town of Atlantic Beach?

MR. THOMAS: Well, our Beautification Committee, we have so many great ideas, we're just trying to get the small ones done first and work our way up as fast as we can ---

MR. McIVER: Well, not the small ones. We're just looking at the ones that are more persistent.

MR. THOMAS: Right, we're just talking ---

MR. McIVER: I'm just trying to go through him to get ---

(Inaudible background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: You guys can go ahead while we're looking if you want. Add anything else.
COUNCILWOMAN GORE: He's got Atlantic Beach on --
that's most important part to me ---

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Oh, yeah ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: --- Yeah, 'cause they'll know
when they're in Atlantic Beach ---

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right. Perfect, perfect.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: I love them.

MR. THOMAS: It's gonna be on both sides of the
street. Everything's gonna be uniform.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Perfect. You all are doing
a great job.

MR. THOMAS: Any more questions?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Continue on. Continue on.

MAYOR EVANS: Thank you, Will. So, Kenneth, you
have a report?

MR. McIVER: I ---

MAYOR EVANS: Well, that was your report?

MR. McIVER: Yeah.

MAYOR EVANS: Well, let me ask a question now
because -- so, you guys have meetings when,
onece a month or you're not ---

MR. McIVER: Yeah, once a month ---

MAYOR EVANS: Once a month?

MR. McIVER: --- the next one is on the 9th, June 9th.
COUNCILWOMAN GORE:  Do you all keep minutes?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:  You all taking notes ---

MR. McIVER:  Well, we prepared that list.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE:  Oh, I mean, I just was wondering because I mean ---

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:  Maybe it'll be a form of -- better form of communication ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE:  --- wanting to get the money and stuff, yeah. Yeah.

MR. McIVER:  Well, what we did this time, we had so much on our list ---

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:  Uh-huh.

MR. McIVER:  --- we said we'll go off of that list. And when we all met the last time, we kept that on that list.

MAYOR EVANS:  So, how many meetings you all had so far, do you know right off?

MR. McIVER:  Well, it's three ---

MAYOR EVANS:  Three? Okay.

MR. McIVER:  Yes.

MAYOR EVANS:  Okay.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE:  I see you all made a whole list here. I see you all have got recommendations for code enforcement. I see you all didn't go (inaudible) and put those trellis up over there
behind that building over there, did you all miss that?

MR. THOMAS: Yes, we ---

MR. McIVER: No, it's on that ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Is that on there?

MR. McIVER: Yeah ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Oh my gosh, oh ---

MR. McIVER: It's on there ---

MR. THOMAS: We didn't miss anything ---

MR. McIVER: It's on there ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Oh, that right there ... That over there and, now that they done cleaned that lot off over there, oh, Jesus, have mercy, you all have got to get over there on that where -- the way it looks. Oh, the (inaudible) over here, yeah, somebody ---

(Inaudible background noise.)

MR. McIVER: All right, that's my report.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: But do recommend that when they have their meetings and they take their minutes ---

MAYOR EVANS: Wait a minute, talk to them. Who you want? Kenneth?

CLERK: Mr. McIver?
COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Mr. McIver?

MR. McIVER: Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Okay. When you have your meetings, every -- I'm sure you -- you don't have a secretary to take your minutes and your notes and type them out and send them to City Hall so we can get them. That -- we would like very much to keep up with it. I think was (inaudible) but ...

MR. McIVER: All right.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: You don't have a secretary?

MS. BOOKER: No.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Oh, somebody can take some notes.

MR. THOMAS: Yeah, but you will get everything we do ---

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Okay, but ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: We're not trying to make it difficult ---

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Not -- yeah, we just want to make -- keeping track of it -- that's all.

MALE SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Oh yeah, you can record it, you know ---
COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yeah, but somebody's got to translate it. Just -- yeah, just take your notes and stuff and ...

MS. BOOKER: Well, somebody has to volunteer to do that ---

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Uh-huh.

MS. BOOKER: --- haven't had any volunteers.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Hadn't had a volunteer?

MR. McIVER: Well, we can check it out and I'll make some ---

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Okay, please.

MAYOR EVANS: Thank you.

(Inaudible background noise.)

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Words not critical either because we know that you're all going to translate like everything over to us, but it's not ---

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yeah.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: --- well, you know, we're just -- I was just asking whether or not you did it.

MR. McIVER: Yeah, we give the report to Mr. ---

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yeah, that was ---

MR. THOMAS: What would we do to make sure everybody gets it because we've been there more than one time, but some of you guys don't get it. You know, we take it to like -- now, I don't ---
now, I don't know what we would do on that ---

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: When they're taken, give them to
the clerk and make five copies and ask her to
put them in all of our boxes.

MAYOR EVANS: So I'm thinking, guys, I know it
wasn't -- it wasn't in the packet for this
meeting ---

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Oh, no.

MAYOR EVANS: --- it was for a previous meeting.
You all didn't get it before?

(Inaudible background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: Okay, all right.

MR. THOMAS: We've been giving it to Mr. Q. ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: That's right ---

MR. THOMAS: Okay. We gave it to Mr. Q. ---

MAYOR EVANS: All right.

MR. THOMAS: --- everything we've been doing.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right, but I want to say
this. I don't mean to put you all off, and I
think you're absolutely right because you all
shouldn't bear (inaudible) the responsibility
of what should be happening the correct way in
the correct manner, and I believe also -- and
I'm speaking on my behalf, but they could be
thinking totally separate -- different. You
all wasn't given a clear picture of what you
get to send in or what you -- to do or
whatever, you just organized a beautification
board and, if we were expecting something from
you all, you all have no idea of that. So
basically what is happening now is that here in
the meeting -- which is good ---

MR. THOMAS: And we know now.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right, there you go. Yeah,
so now ---

MR. THOMAS: So, should we give them to both of
them? Because she probably didn't even see it
---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: You can give it to her -- she's
the Clerk. She'll make a copy and she's gonna
get them out to us ---

MR. THOMAS: I'm saying we should give it to -- not
both of them ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yeah, yeah ---

MR. THOMAS: I'll send -- we can send to both.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yeah, okay.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Okay.

MR. THOMAS: Okay.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: But thank you. Thank you.

It's ---
COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:  Good job.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:  Yeah.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE:  Very good job.  Thank you, all, Beautification Committee.

MAYOR EVANS:  Thank you.

(Applause.)

MAYOR EVANS:  So, Council, I guess I need to seek a motion to authorize the Town Manager to negotiate our share of the funds for the street sign project, which should be $2,500?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE:  Yeah.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:  Yes.

MAYOR EVANS:  Make a motion?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE:  I seek a motion to -- what?

MAYOR EVANS:  Huh?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:  To negotiate ---

MAYOR EVANS:  Authorize the Town Manager ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE:  --- negotiate -- you're gonna be (inaudible) -- they've already got the price together ---

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:  Yeah, not gonna negotiate.  We're going to ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE:  We're going to ---

MAYOR EVANS:  We'll authorize the Town Manager to release our share of the funds for the street
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sign project ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay.

FEMALE SPEAKER: It's to spend.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Right, we've got it. We got it. So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay. There's a motion and a ---

(inaudible background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: --- there's a motion and a ---

(inaudible background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: I'll read it so she can -- so you can second. Council, I seek a motion for us to release the share of the $2,500 for the street sign project.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: So moved, Mayor.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Second. It's not the share of the $2,000 -- it's the share of the $4,500. It is ---

(inaudible background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: Can I get a second for the ---

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: You got your second already.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay. There is a motion and a second that the Town will pay its share of $2,500 for
the street sign project. Any other questions or comments? If not, roll call.

CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yea.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The motion is granted.

(Applause.)

MAYOR EVANS: Okay, Council, F. is the request to lease Town's lot on 32nd Avenue from May 27th through May 31st. And, Council, I guess I can put the motion out there -- if we want to discuss it at that time, we can do that.

(Inaudible background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: I authorize the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Rosa Stanley for the lease of the Town's lot on 32nd Avenue from May 27th through May 31st. Council, seek a motion.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: I make a motion to ... (Inaudible background noise.)

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Okay, I make a motion to request we lease Town's lot on 32nd Avenue May 27th
through May the 31st, 2021. Make a motion.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: That's your motion?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Uh-huh.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Second.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and a second for the request to lease the Town's lot on 32nd Avenue for May 27th through 31st, got a motion and a second. Any other questions or comments? Roll call.

CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yea.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion is granted.

Manager's Report:

MAYOR EVANS: We're down to reports.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor and Council, first and foremost, I'd like to thank the Mayor, Council and our residents of the community for their prayers and well-wishes during my surgery and recovery setback, and now I'm mending,
hopefully well and will be returning very soon.
I appreciate all the calls and well-wishes from
the community, the residents. I appreciate it
greatly. I'd like to thank staff for holding
down operations in my absence -- specifically
want to thank Cheryl Pereira for doing an
outstanding job in my absence of maintaining
the day-to-day operations in the office and
appreciate (inaudible). At this moment, I
would like to indicate that the first drawdown
of funds for the playground renovation --
$4,400 -- was consummated about two weeks ago.
They are in the process of soliciting
(inaudible) and bids for a design on and
construction company to do the renovations.
Our (inaudible) those funds (inaudible). Item
B., I'd like to commend our Police Department.
I would like to bring Chief Robinson forward.
This is the fifth award I think that the
Atlantic Beach Police Department has received
in the last year, and Quentin can tell you more
about this new award on behalf of the Town of
Atlantic Beach. Chief Robinson (inaudible).

POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:  Good afternoon, everybody.

IN UNISON:  Good afternoon.
POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON: My (inaudible) past March, we did hire two new additional officers. (Inaudible) spring. One (inaudible) required a move (inaudible). He came from North Carolina. He was an officer up there in Whiteville.

(Inaudible background noise.)

POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON: Yeah, one of my officers -- I'm kinda telling about my officers right, why I've got them coming up here. My two new ones. And the young lady, she used to work for 9-1-1 dispatch. And she's got a criminal justice degree, but she went up to go through the whole process to come on. I'm pretty high on both of them. They ride -- already know my lieutenant (inaudible). The award we received was a DUI award that we received last year. It's basically a traffic award for the agency of the year. That means that our -- they put it in different categories -- large, small and medium. We're typically a small agency -- we got the category for the small agency of the year. An award that we had never received -- this is the second year in a row we have received this award ---

(Applause.)
POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON: --- the Department of Justice of their South Carolina Highway Patrol. So we're constantly trying to do (inaudible) things here. One of the things I ask -- you all see anything, let us know. Only way we can solve crimes -- or prevent crimes -- is by (inaudible) community here, you all support us a lot. The Council supports us all the time. So we're here for you all. We work for you all. You all don't work for us -- we work for you all. So anything you all need, you let us know. And it's -- I can't do this on my own. My guys right here, the ones that out there on the streets at nighttime, fighting crime, making sure you all are sleeping good at night. So you all (inaudible) most the time I'm probably in the bed. I get a phone call every now and then, but most the time I'm in the bed, but they're the ones out there on the street at night making sure that you all are sleeping well. And I know some of you all do get little slips under your all's door. They do property checks. We're pretty big in that, if you all are not here, let us know. We will check for problems. We're here for you all -- like I
always say. One of the other things, they're gonna be out here this weekend. We've got Bike Week this week. We're gonna have a lot of people coming into town, a lot of bikers. Even though the Town canceled, they still coming. I just you all -- to let know that we're not having no businesses so no -- even if (inaudible) your own property, can't set up vendors and set up (inaudible). Now, you can have parties by the law, but we -- ask you to keep it small, keep it on your property and don't let it escalate into the roadway or (inaudible). And do remember we do have a noise ordinance that goes into effect at 11:00 p.m. So, if anybody has any questions for me, this is the time. Council, have you got any questions for me?

MAYOR EVANS: Questions?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Question was did the noise ordinance apply over Memorial weekend -- 11:00 o'clock -- because of the holiday or is it exempt for a couple of days or is it 11:00 o'clock?

POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON: I go by the law unless the Council tells me something different.
COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Well, does -- the time really shouldn't have any effect whether there's a holiday or not because we still have people in town that we want to get rid after 11:00 o'clock, you know, they done -- that long. So therefore, I don't think 11:00 o'clock is actually too early or -- to keep it at a level because these people still live in the town whenever they're gone, we know -- I'm saying so I think that the noise ordinance needs to, you know, I'll ---

(Inaudible background noise.)

POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON: And most of the time, we're gonna work any vendor's owner. We're not out here -- I want you all to -- we're not out here to arrest nobody or write tickets, but we do have a job to do. If I don't do my job, Council gonna be on me. So, you know, I gotta -- if they don't ---

(Inaudible background noise.)

POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON: --- so they will work with you. If you do have a house party and still carry on, just try to be respectful for your neighbors, keep the noise down. If we come by there, we're not coming there to arrest anyone,
we're just coming to ask can you just please
turn the noise down or keep it where people are
on your property and stuff like that. Any
other questions?

MALE SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON: Who was that?

(Inaudible background noise.)

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Mr. Q.?

MAYOR EVANS: Ben?

(Inaudible background noise.)

POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON: No, just basically that
we'll work with anybody and that we're not here
to just be writing tickets.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: You're talking about private
parties, not like businesses?

POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON: Business, I mean, we don't
have nothing that would stop a business from
operating, but as long as they're operating
within the law.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right.

POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON: SLED -- just so you know,
SLED, DNR, other agencies will be in town this
weekend to kind of assist us. When they come
in, they come in working for me. They come in
working for you all to make sure you all are
safe because of any problems. They're not here
to arrest anybody, but just to make sure you
all are safe. So if you all see SLED,
everything's just -- in town this week, they're
here because I asked to make sure you all are
safe and you all sleep good.

MS. BOOKER: I have a question.

POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON: Yes, ma'am.

MS. BOOKER: And this is a long question because it
crosses over and, I'm sorry, it goes back a
little bit to beautification. We had our
meeting and we've pinpointing some things in
the town that needed serious addressing.

POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON: Yes, ma'am.

MS. BOOKER: Question from the code enforcement
gentleman was if he cannot enforce it, can you
enforce it?

POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON: Yes.

MS. BOOKER: Okay, that's what we ---

POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON: I mean if he goes out there
-- we've gotta -- see, we've got code
enforcement in the town -- that's his
responsibility to enforce codes.

MS. BOOKER: Right.

POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON: If they give him a problem
MS. BOOKER: Right.

POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON: --- they won't listen, that's when he calls us and we'll come out, but we try to make him handle it first because he's code enforcement. We try to deal more on the law side, like try to work on criminal activities or breaking the law, that's when we get involved ---

(Inaudible background noise.)

POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON: Well, that's code enforcement ---

(Inaudible background noise.)

POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON: --- code enforcement is the Town Council -- so -- but we will assist if you all need it.

MS. BOOKER: Okay.

POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON: We do have our own court here so when we write tickets and ---

(Inaudible background noise.)

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: --- 'cause I know people see you -- your department -- and don't get me wrong -- since I've been in office, you all go above and beyond your duties of what police officers does -- that are supposed to do and I
greatly appreciate that you really get involved the community. I've see you all passing out flyers and all, the -- stuff like that, that's not even in your job description, but because you all are very creative and innovative, and want to see the community grow, then you take it upon yourselves to volunteer to help the community. Now, I just wanted to go piggyback -- I wanted to go, you know, put that in there. I want to piggyback off of what she said ---

POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON: Ms. Booker?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right. And you know she's asking you that question, it still goes back over to your boss, which is the city manager. So, if the code enforcer is letting the city manager that he's not taking care of something, or if the letters that's supposed to be mailed out is delayed six to 12 months, there's not much that code enforcement really can do. It goes back to the city manager enforcing what needs to happen in the town so that something can be done about it. So I just want to piggyback off of that because I understand Mike is really, you know, he's open with me as well -- personally I greatly appreciate the
conversation -- but his thing is there's only but so much he can do. So the thing about it is we have to get the next person on the next level to enforce that and say, hey, letters need to be sent out -- this, that and the other, you know, to make sure that this landowner, or whoever, is doing what they're supposed to do, or charge them a fine or whatever. But I think that's been a slow process. So, of course, with that being a slow process, landowners are not gonna do what they're supposed to do if they're not getting citations or even warnings that say this is what needs to be done by X-Y-Z time. I also believe that because the landowners, the property owners, are not given a date -- and it's almost like it's something indefinite and it's just lingering out there and, if that's ongoing all the time, then they're not gonna make a move to do anything. So I'm just wanting to say that because I know you're asking him can he reinforce him -- yes, he can reinforce him if somebody's giving him a problem, but he cannot enforce the fact that this is what's supposed to be going on or
supposed to be sent out because now, the code enforcer needs to take that up with the city manager. And if it's something out of the ordinary, that's when the city manager should be coming to the Council and say, you know, this is what's going on. How can we rectify or what's next to do? But I'm just wanting to say that so that we can see where the breakdown in communication is happening in order to get things done the way it's supposed to.

MS. BOOKER: We did. We knew that was the process. Right, Michael has started (inaudible).

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

MS. BOOKER: And he has -- he did start a conversation with Mr. Q. ---

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

MS. BOOKER: --- so he knows the process, but we haven't said anything yet. But we already know we're gonna get some resistance.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

MS. BOOKER: So our conversation with Michael was about what happens when we get the resistance?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Got it.

MS. BOOKER: So we're okay (ph).

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Okay.
MS. BOOKER: We're all on the same page (ph).

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Okay, gotcha. Understood.

MAYOR EVANS: Thank you.

(Applause.)

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Have they already been sworn in?

POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON: No. Bradley -- my guy that I just hired -- hopefully he'll be taking the test. He's gotta just take one test and he'll be certified so hopefully right after Bike Week. I didn't want to take -- him to take it before, but after Bike Week, he'll go up there for one day and take the test -- little driving and shooting -- and once he passes, he's certified.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay, okay.

POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON: So we hope to get him sworn in at our next Council meeting. That's the game plan ---

IN UNISON: Okay.

POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON: Carmen will be a little bit longer 'cause she'll -- she's gotta go through the whole process. So she'll be taking her first test ... This week? This week. So she'll be -- she's got four tests that she's got to take here before she goes up to the --
tests. So she'll be taking a test I believe either Thursday -- Thursday, she'll be taking her first test. And I will let you all know how she's doing.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay.

POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON: It's just how the criminal justice changed everything now. We used to go up there a whole 12 weeks, but now we don't go up there the whole 12 weeks ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Right.

POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON: --- do four weeks at your agency. It kinda lets us know if we're gonna waste money sending them up there ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Right.

POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON: Both of them are pretty intelligent so I don't think we're gonna have a problem.

(Inaudible background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: Thanks, Chief.

(Inaudible background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: You got -- you getting that mike ready for public time?

MALE SPEAKER: Yes, sir.

Public Time:

MAYOR EVANS: We're down to public time, and I think
I've got -- I think eight cards here. So we...

... So, guys, try to limit your comments to three minutes. These are in no particular order, but I think I've got Jay Divine.

MS. DIVINE: Okay. Mayor, Council, thank you for allowing me to have a few minutes. Neighbors and friends. I just wanted to thank the Planning Commission. I was the resident that put in the request for the duplexes and (inaudible) out there. And the lady from the Waccamaw COG group was very helpful. She was insightful about explaining the ordinances, making sure that they were understandable 'cause when my husband and I read them and saw those inconsistencies, we went to the Town Manager, and it was a little clumsy -- the process -- for how to get a change pushed through, but we ultimately did get it and I wanted to thank the Planning commissioners. I wanted to name them because I had to go seek them out separately to make sure that they all understood what the request was. And that was Mr. Derrick Stevens, Mr. Timothy Vereen, Mr. Esco McFadden and Ms. Poterressia McNeil and Ms. Kathryn Allen. So I want to thank you all.
collectively for your support and allowing me to come in and explain exactly what the request was. 'Cause it -- on paper, it was clumsy and awkward to understand but once we spoke and sat down and reviewed it, it was kinda clear. And then Ms. Coleman made it even clearer. And then I also wanted to thank the Council for your support and approval of it. So that's my three minutes. Thank you.

**MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you. William Adams. No William Adams ---

**MR. ADAMS:** This is William -- this is William Adams.

**MAYOR EVANS:** Oh, he's on the phone. Hold on just a second. Let me ... You can go ahead, Mr. Adams.

**MR. ADAMS:** Yes, just a property owner -- current property owner down in Atlantic Beach. Really don't have too much to say right now. I would have liked to have been there in person, but I'm looking forward to meeting City Council as well.

**MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you, sir. Diane Hill?

**MS. HILL:** Thank you so much, Mr. Mayor and Town Council. My many concerns and questions that
I had were addressed within the meeting, and I just want to thank you for your preciseness and precision. Thank you so much. You have already addressed my concerns.

MAYOR EVANS: Thank you. Okay, is this Mr. -- how do you pronounce your last name? Issaka -- Payless owner.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Issaka Ibrahim.

MAYOR EVANS: Say your name for us please.

MR. IBRAHIM: Issaka Ibrahim.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay. Just state your name in the mike and who you are for the record please.

MR. IBRAHIM: Issaka Ibrahim is my name. Well, I'm not really sure where to start but this is my -- it's my first time to be at a meeting, to meet the members of the committee of Atlantic Beach.

MAYOR EVANS: Can you all hear him good enough.

MALE SPEAKER: I can't hear.

MAYOR EVANS: Can you put -- can you get close the mike there. Chief, see if you push the mike a little closer to him so they can hear.

POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON: All right.

MR. IBRAHIM: I think -- my problem is just recently starting with Mr. Paul, which I've never seen
him before. I've never (inaudible) with him before. I've never had an interaction with him before. It was just all of a sudden one day -- which reminds when I was first starting to open the business in Myrtle Beach, I was afraid to show my face because of my color as the owner of the business because of I'm thinking there are such a small people would be coming to my shop is only my experience in the United States. And not forgetting that I was -- I was arrested and I was locked up with two -- I mean for two months just because of my skin color. That is when I started to realize what are they reading in the news. So when he approached my business, everything started to make sense to me. So I remember I called him on the phone, trying to know the reason why his actions on my property. His concern was my tires -- my display tires and where I stack my tires. And I was like I have a very -- conversation with you on the phone for about like five -- eight minutes. And I was like -- over the phone, I knew for sure that I'm on (inaudible) law because of I read the code and the kind of business that I have, it is not clean business.
FEMALE SPEAKER: Right.

MR. IBRAHIM: It is not a clean business so I know what kind of law applied by such a business that I have. One of the questions that I seek is that was he going to visit a tire shop in Myrtle Beach -- North Myrtle Beach, the Firestone, Black's Tire and Goodyear? He was like, no. And I was like, okay, I'm gonna go and take a video and then send you and tell me what I do different, what they are doing over there and what I'm doing. But I worried -- it was (inaudible) with me that what he told me -- which I'm pretty much sure that he cannot deny -- all what he told me was that he's just trying to put the Town of -- I mean the Town of Atlantic Beach out of business. And I told him ---

(Inaudible background noise.)

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Out of business? What -- he said that ---

MR. IBRAHIM: He did.

FEMALE SPEAKER: That's not ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: He said what he was doing was trying to put the Town of Atlantic Beach out of business?
MR. IBRAHIM: Yes, he said it. He said it. And I'm not gonna lie to you (ph). He's right there, and he cannot deny that. And I said to him that it took me so very long time to get where I'm right here, and because of his actions -- everybody can check this on the record -- I first have my one-start review of my Google page -- listing page because of his action. It was yesterday. The code is -- if anybody (inaudible) go to Google Pay -- I mean Payless Tire, this review is right there. And it was just today ---

(Inaudible background noise.)

MR. IBRAHIM: --- and this is -- I really want to take this very seriously because of -- I work very hard for this. I'd rather prefer to be working as a man rather than to be doing something illegal.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right.

MR. IBRAHIM: So this is why I requested that I have the committee, and I'm very, very sure that you guys can go -- it was very hard to try to work something so I can have my business (inaudible). Thank you.

MAYOR EVANS: Well, thank you.
COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Thank you.

MAYOR EVANS: And for the future, if you're in violation of any kind of law, you're gonna hear from our Police Department ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Town Hall, right.

MAYOR EVANS: --- not anybody else.

MR. IBRAHIM: Thank you.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay? Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Mr. Issaka, we appreciate you.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yes ---

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Thank you for standing up.

MAYOR EVANS: Yes, we do.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Your voice is your strength and thank you for being heard ---

MR. IBRAHIM: Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: It should have been happening a long time ago ---

(Appause.)

MAYOR EVANS: Michelle Robins. State your name and address in the mike for the record for us please.

MS. ROBINS: My name is Michelle Robins and I live on 31st Avenue South in Atlantic Beach. I am
here to speak of the same person that Mr. Issaka was speaking of. Mr. Paul Curry has been following people in the neighborhood with his camera. He follows me at night down the street in his car and records me. And when I put my hands up and I ask him to stop, he tells me to shut the F up, B ---

(Inaudible background noise.)

MS. ROBINS: --- I have -- I can't even speak back to him because he calls the cops on me for not being -- I'm recorded. I can't even go into my home without this man following us. He's recording my tenants as they take their trash out or go to their mailboxes. I have females calling me in the middle of the night saying he's recording me. I have called the officers myself. He's called on me several times so there is papers.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right.

MS. ROBINS: But I also have been doing what Mr. Paul Curry does and I have been doing my own research. This man has a severe criminal history of -- I have the paperwork right here. If anyone would like to see it, I would be more than glad to make copies ---
MS. ROBINS: --- charges first and second degree, assaults, trespassing -- I mean pages and pages, documents and documents of his actions. And this is the man that is following us around with cameras. I can remember back -- I was working with you two ladies Christmas two years ago. We were putting up Christmas ornaments in the town to make it look better. Turn around and there he is recording us. That's the first incident I remember of this man recording us. He follows us from 30th Avenue to 31st Avenue. In his vehicle. Us three ladies right here -- the two Councilwomen sitting right here. Recording us. He has posted pictures on YouTube bashing businesses. I don't know what his personal agenda is, but he has a downfall for Atlantic Beach and all of its residents -- not just me. People are scared to speak up against Mr. Paul Curry because they're scared he's gonna follow them home and start recording them in their doors where they have to hide and not get recorded. And that's just not right. As a female and as a citizen of Atlantic Beach, something needs to be done about this man right
COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Amen.

MS. ROBINS: I'm sick of it. I don't even -- my husband can't even come to my defense because I don't want him to know where I live. I make my husband stay home when this man is in my face with a camera. I have videos in my phone of him doing U-turns in the road coming back to record me again. I have pictures of him -- pictures of Ms. Regina Moody, the C & G Bakery. He's down there recording her patrons going in and out of the business. People are uncomfortable even to come sit down in her restaurant because of this man. There's proof online. I have paperwork. If anybody would like to see it, let me know.

IN UNISON: Thank you.

(Applause.)

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Ms. Robins, thank you for speaking up ---

MS. ROBINS: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: --- your voice be heard.

MS. ROBINS: Yes, ma'am, that's your strength.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: That is your strength.
Michael, can you please lend Regina your three minutes please?

MR. WILLIAMS: Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: No, give her your three minutes. Regina's gonna speak for Michael.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay, gotcha.

MS. MOODY: Hello.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Hi, Ms. Regina.

MAYOR EVANS: Hi.

MS. MOODY: Yes, I am Regina Moody. I run C & G Bakery and Eatery, and I had no idea who this man was taking pictures. Like I said, I had no idea who he was until my husband was sitting outside and we just recorded him just recording us. He's recording the customers coming in and out of the restaurant. My customers come in and say there's a man recording me. They don't come back. I'm losing business. I'm already -- I've been closed half of the year because of the pandemic, and now I'm open and I'm losing customers because this man is riding by snapping pictures. My husband has a video recording of this man walking by, gets out of the car, walked on the other side of the highway and just recording. Just -- just
recording my business. And it's harassment, and I'm just sick of it. And I'm -- I mean the first thing I did, I told my son -- excuse me ---

(Inaudible background noise.)

MS. MOODY: --- I told my son about this man, and my son started (inaudible), he said, mom, what is his name? I told him his name. The first thing he did, he said this man has a -- just yesterday -- he said this man has a whole criminal history on harassment. You don't -- I don't want you down there. I'm like this is my business. And he's like you don't know this man. We don't know this man and I'm ... you know what I'm saying? I don't want this man terrorizing my customers. I don't want this man making me feel uncomfortable while I'm trying to make -- I have no idea who he is. What is he doing? I have nothing to do with it. I'm just trying to make a living.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right.

MS. MOODY: So I just wanted to come to find out what is the purpose, what do you want with us? That's -- I just want to find out. So wow, because I don't know him from Adam. I don't
know him, you know. So that's all. That's all I had to say. And I wanted to ask what can we do to stop it?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: We're working on it.

MS. MOODY: What can be done?

IN UNISON: We're working on it.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: There you go. Right behind you.

MS. MOODY: I really, really feel threatened by someone just sitting there. My husband's recording him and he's still -- and you know what he's doing? He's recording my husband recording him. He's not moving. He's not scared. He not intimidated. He still is recording ---

(Inaudible background noise.)

MS. MOODY: So I just came to ask what can be done.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Thank you ---

MAYOR EVANS: Thank you, Regina.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: --- for letting your voice be heard ---

(Applause.)

MAYOR EVANS: Cory Harris.

MR. HARRIS: How are you all doing?

(Inaudible background noise.)
MR. HARRIS: Just like everybody said, we just want to know why he does what he does. When I'm on the property working, he's taking pictures of me. And I go to my job and work, he's got me on camera on the job. You know my lady, Ms. Robins, she comes to me, tells me to stay home because she don't want me to leave my yard to go check on her while, you know, while he's recording her, you know, trying to, you know, I don't -- we just want to know why, you know, that's all.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Thank you ---

MAYOR EVANS: Thank you, Cory.

(Applause.)

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Mike.

MAYOR EVANS: Michael Williams.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Michael Williams, come to the ---

(Inaudible background noise.)

MR. WILLIAMS: Only thing I want to say is what he said. I just feel like people is not getting help. Basically, I feel like we're staying in his town. We ain't staying in our own town. But you all sure gonna (inaudible) do what he wants to do, how he wants to do it. We got --
that's my point, we need to ---

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Talk louder.

(Inaudible background noise.)

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Pull it up to you, Mike. Yeah, yeah.

MR. WILLIAMS: Can you hear?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yeah, much better ---

(Inaudible background noise.)

FEMALE SPEAKER: We can't hear you ---

(Inaudible background noise.)

MR. WILLIAMS: --- that's what I said, we came -- actually we (inaudible) video (inaudible) the street, along the side street, and when I pulled up, he -- I made a left (inaudible) street but when I turned around, he shot across the street, did a U-turn, and he was following me down the street (inaudible). When I turned onto (inaudible) like I said, everybody, citizens of this town, don't really (inaudible) so you, you know, it don't make any sense. Like I said, I feel like maybe we're staying on his (inaudible) that's the way it is ---

(Inaudible background noise.)

MR. WILLIAMS: --- he don't go to North Myrtle Beach, he don't go to Myrtle Beach, Little
River or (inaudible). And you know, like I said, you know, I just -- I wanted (inaudible) sometimes, you know, but whatcha you gonna do, how can you do (inaudible)? You don't know. It's almost like a (inaudible) you're taking a step or so back (inaudible) but you're weighing in, what's he gonna say to you? Huh? Waiting for something to happen? Do anything about it? I just feel like sometimes, you know, I ain't no -- you know what I think, this is (inaudible) Atlantic Beach ---

(Inaudible background noise.)

MR. WILLIAMS: --- it's our problem. We (inaudible) ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: That's right.

(Inaudible background noise.)

(Applause.)

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Michael Williams, thank you for your voice ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: --- thank you for being heard. And I'm going to say as Councilwoman Glenda Williams, and then as just Glenda Williams -- forget the Council piece -- I'm talking about my right as a private citizen
right now of the Town of Atlantic Beach. I too -- see I'm not gonna call him Mr. -- he doesn't justify that title first and foremost, okay? Second of all, when it comes to Paul Curry, everyone is exactly right -- he follows you around, he comes by over and over and over. I have it on video camera at our property where he comes by daily filming or taking pictures or he's a force -- there's a lot of you all in here that sees the e-mails that he sent to you all because a lot of you -- I see your names typed in, where he sends out e-mails, his concern of what vehicle I'm driving or his concern of what's going on with the property. This man only shows enough, just -- so he can just justify that it looks like he's in the right. Everything that he sends out is edited. He never sends his part. He didn't put the video out where he was calling Michelle the B word or FU or whatever. That's really low grade. Not only that, he's only gonna post what he wants people to know. I understand that he has this little thing of this -- four year this and four year that, but even in checking with the Municipal Association,
there's a limit to that stuff ---

MAYOR EVANS: Right.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: --- that -- it rolls over into harassment. I am with Michael. When is our community gonna stand up and take our community back? When are we gonna be a real community? There's a lot of things that happen here that we hear people on our meetings, on the virtual call that we show up and we're so power-packed about certain things that's going on, but we're not power-packed about somebody else coming into this community and dominating, doing what they want to do. There is no reason why we're still putting up with that. I understand that he's being sent an agenda every time we have a meeting -- okay, not this time?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: No.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Hurray. Because all before, ever since January, you know, I've been balking and balking about why are we doing that ---

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: No.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: --- well, first and foremost, if you're giving somebody something that makes them think they have some type of seniority or superiority in the area, how do you think
anything's gonna cut off. It's not gonna cut off. So I'm speaking to the community because I want every last one of you all to put your hand up that the Town Hall mailed you an agenda so -- let me see hands. Do you all get an agenda mailed? That's what I'm saying. Not one person's hand can go up. But ---

(Inaudible background noise.)

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: --- regardless of what -- guess what? You probably have to request it that way. But this man don't even request it. It's automatically sent out to him. So somebody needs to show me who gives a person the authority or put a demand on somebody that did something in a town that he's not even a citizen ---

FEMALE SPEAKER: That's right.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: --- I mean we left this meeting one night -- the same night that he stood up at this podium and talked about my property having 200-some thousand dollars worth of work and didn't see a permit, right? We left this -- we left this meeting and went to our property and, when we got to our property, him and John Sketers was over by our electric
meter box. Why would he be there? Right? So for me, seeing these kind of things and then I'm on -- I leave 30th, I go to the -- I leave 31st and go to 30th, we're putting out -- we're putting out Christmas decorations or over there doing something, he's there. One night, my husband, I and Fox was on 29th talking about Town business -- he's there. So my thing -- it is, they're saying that he's not doing anything wrong, then tell me what would it be me as a black woman. God knows if I was a black man -- and I am gonna put that out there because it's the truth, and we're being gunned down for something simple as jogging through a neighborhood, no camera up, just our freedom of jogging, and being killed. Ahmaud was killed just for jogging. And you mean to say somebody else can come in our town and follow us as a people and we don't do anything about it? Well, I beg to differ.

(Inaudible background noise.)

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: I beg to differ. I ---
COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yeah, because he -- it's time to stand up ---

(Applause.)
COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: --- yeah, because every day, twice a day, he comes by my house and he stops over there in Ally's (ph) yard and stands up and takes pictures, and takes pictures of everything on my corner. So I walk out to the end of the driveway -- he was standing at -- Mitchell, I took his picture so he sent a request to the police I think said I harassed him. Well, if you take pictures, I can take pictures.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: I sent -- I did the same thing ---

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: And you do not live there. You live in Windy Hill so why don't you go to North Myrtle Beach and sit in their town council meeting and do what you do? That's what I'm trying to find an answer to. Go to North Myrtle Beach.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Okay, so ---

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: The point is provoking the town enough ---

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: And we are gonna find answers.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: I have -- Mr. Curry, you could attest to what I'm about to say. I have tried to befriend Mr. Curry for years. I've been
knowing him for years. He's been doing practically the same thing. And I spoke with him a couple days ago because I'm speaking now not as a Council person to him but just as the cousin of the owner of Star's Bar and Grill down on 30th Avenue. They applied for a liquor license. Mr. Curry, along with Elliott Skillern -- and you're the only two in the town that put a letter in to protest them. Where, as a new club, the girl is young, trying to feed her family. She hasn't done anything wrong. The Chief has approved everything. She's hasn't crossed any lines. She's starting out brand new. Well, for the life of me -- and I talked with him and I asked him, and he gave me reasons why and they didn't make any sense to me when he was telling me because he was telling me because she drives a black car and he could tell you that followed him and whomever was in it at some point pointed a gun at him, but it wasn't her. He knows who it was 'cause he told me who it was. And I'm just upset because the problem that a (inaudible) would take this man's word over the Council, the people in the Town of Atlantic Beach -- his
word means more than ours mean. Now, here we go, Memorial weekend, we're having a festival -- she has a business down there that she's going to lose 25 to $30,000 because he has something -- a petition in. And I went to him -- he can tell you all -- and I felt real shaken by -- and I'm letting him know right now that he asked me to get him a mutual agreement and I said, of course, because it's Freedom of Information, I didn't see anything wrong with -- I actually went to Cheryl -- she gave him the wrong thing -- 'cause I was gonna give it to him, but something came over me and told me I better not do it because I don't want him saying that I tried to bribe him. And that's why I'm telling Mr. Curry right now. I've been trying to be nice with him but, at the same time, like I said, for the reason him just -- I -- just not made the whole thing -- make all the sense in the world. He is in our town, stopping us from living. We're on pins and needles because this white man -- why -- and I don't mean no harm, okay, I'm not saying white, okay, but this white man riding around here just holding us hostage in our town. We've
definitely gotta do something about. Mr. Curry, you know -- you've been here for years, and do not come sending me no personal e-mails about nothing that I said today 'cause see, I'm gonna bet my -- you're crossing lines of MSD, you're cutting everybody short, and we're getting tired of this shit and I'm telling you -- I'm telling you now.

(Appause.)

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yeah, thank you all.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: So I say why don't the town -- why don't the citizens of the town do a petition ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: --- the town needs to do a petition ---

MAYOR EVANS: Okay.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: --- if we want Paul Curry before a judge, then take it before the judge with a petition signed with the citizens of the town.

(Inaudible background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: Yeah, when we have this many people come to the meeting and step to a podium and tell how they feel harassed or threatened by
anyone, it's time for us to act ---

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Uh-huh.

MAYOR EVANS: --- and definitely it's time for the Police Department to act.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Uh-huh, yeah ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: It's time.

MAYOR EVANS: It's definitely time. I mean that's just too much. I mean we've know for years what he does, but this is the first time that we've had this many people -- or probably anybody at all -- come to the Town Council meetings and let us know they're being threatened or they're being harassed. So I mean we've heard it, guys, so I mean from now on it's on us. I mean they, you know, we've kinda known what was going on and now they've come told us what's going on. So I mean it's up to us as leaders of this town to ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yes, take action.

MAYOR EVANS: --- to get something done about this or take action. Okay. I think -- did you have anything else to say?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yeah, I want to say one thing, and that is for everyone who voted for me, I greatly appreciate you all. I thank you,
Mr. Mayor, for your support. I thank you, you know, the ones that have come and talked to me but, as of May 31st, I have resigned and I will no longer be a Council member for the Town of Atlantic Beach. I want to make that known to the community so that when it comes out or anyone hears it, you heard the truth. You heard the truth. So as of May 31st, which will be seven days, eight days from now, I will no longer be a part of the Atlantic Beach Council members, of Council's governing body, and I am now going to turn and focus my attention more towards my family, my loved ones, my businesses and furthering education. I greatly appreciate you all, once again, you know, everything has -- in differences everyone has where, you know, we all want things to go a certain way, and my whole purpose of joining the team and being a part of the Atlantic Beach governing body was our quest in seeing change. But unfortunately, that didn't happen while I was on the -- with Council but not that it was not happening. So I'm just letting you all know in advance, as of May 31st, I will no longer be a part of Atlantic Beach Council. Thank you. I
appreciate you all, yeah.

(Applause.)

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Well, I'd just to say, Councilwoman Williams, I hate to see you go. I think me and you have done good for the town. You've helped put many things in motion so I wish you all the best and -- endeavors, in whatever your future is gonna hold for you.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: And so do I. And I'm gonna let you all know -- and I've told her -- when she first came -- I have a problem with any stranger coming to Atlantic Beach. It's not -- it wasn't just her -- it's just a stranger to me is a stranger to me. But she told me her history with Atlantic Beach, as well as her mom's, and I -- after Fox died, I actually like -- more like seen a little different -- if this makes any sense -- my life changed a little bit for the best after Fox died because he died the same age as -- life is so short and we just take advantage of it and, you know, might not wake up tomorrow. So after that, I really talked to Glenda and we had a really long -- too long of a conversation -- but I seen where
she was coming from. But I don't really feel bad about it -- like I said, I am who I am. I'm very protective of Atlantic Beach. But she explained to me so therefore I have not kinda animosity with her and nobody else, but I had to explain this first to myself with her but, at the same time, nobody -- this Council board right here, we're never, ever going to see eye to eye. Never. It's never gonna be like that and if it is, then we got a problem because nothing is gonna get resolved because everybody is on the same page. So as long as everything is churned out like this and at the end it leads together, then we're okay. But I think that -- we're gonna miss you because you really did -- you really have done a lot for us here, and I wish you wasn't leaving, I mean, but I mean -- we -- at -- after me getting my point over to you and you getting yours over to me, I mean, you're really gonna be missed gratefully so ...

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Thank you.

MAYOR EVANS: We -- I think the entire community's gonna miss you from being ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: She's not leaving -- she just
not gonna be on Council ---

MAYOR EVANS: --- but I know you'll still be a part of the Town and ---

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right.

MAYOR EVANS: --- you're a business owner here so we're gonna continue to look forward to you helping us ---

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yes ---

MAYOR EVANS: --- which I'm sure you will.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yes, absolutely.

MAYOR EVANS: And thanks again.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: All right, you're welcome.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: And she won't be a public figure any more so then you're gonna be able to do a whole lot of stuff with people that's harassing you ---

(Inaudible background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: All right, Council, seek a motion to adjourn.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Second.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: Motion and second to adjourn. Roll call.

CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?
COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yea.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted. This meeting's adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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