TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
TELECONFERENCE MEETING

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Monday, December 21, 2021
10:00 a.m.

The Town of Atlantic Beach Town Council Special Session meeting was held and recorded via teleconference at Atlantic Beach, South Carolina, on the 21st day of December, 2021.
APPEARANCES

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

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

GUESTS:
Carol Coleman
Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments

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Call to Order:

MAYOR EVANS: This Town Council meeting is -- this special session meeting is called to order this Tuesday, December 21st at 10:00 a.m. Roll call?

CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans? Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Here.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Here.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Here.

Special Session:

MAYOR EVANS: So, we do have a quorum, we've got three Council members here and we've got the meeting called to order. First item on the agenda is a moment of silence and prayer. Just a moment of silence, everyone, please.

(Moment of Silence.)

(Off the Record - Technical Issues.)

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Ben Quattlebaum.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Okay, (inaudible).

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Yeah, phone went out.

MAYOR EVANS: All right ---

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: All right.
MAYOR EVANS: Is Jacqui back with us?
COUNCILWOMAN GORE: I am.
MAYOR EVANS: Okay. So, Ben, you guys got the approval of the agenda recorded?
MR. QUATTLEBAUM: No ---
CLERK: No, we didn't.
MS. COLEMAN (ph): I think it went out when you did the ---
CLERK: Invocation.
MAYOR EVANS: Approval of the agenda.
MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Yeah, went out -- I went out when you did the invocation ---
MAYOR EVANS: Okay.
COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: So you're gonna have to do ---
MAYOR EVANS: Okay, we're ... Ceremonial matters is where ---
COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: (Inaudible) ---
MAYOR EVANS: So, we'll start -- Okay, yeah. So, we'll start with the approval of the agenda, we'll do that, Item Number 4., Council, seek a motion for the approval of the agenda as it is outlined.
COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.
COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Second.
MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and a second for the
approval of the agenda. If there are no more comments or questions, roll call.

CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?
COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?
COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?
MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted for the approval of the agenda.

Old Business:

MAYOR EVANS: We're down to Old Business, Town Council meeting minutes, there's none for approval so we'll move right into Item B., and this is Ordinance Number 9-2021, an ordinance to establish a flood damage prevention ordinance and this will be the second reading.

MS. COLEMAN: Mr. Mayor, this is Carol, if I may, let me correct, the title of the ordinance is actually, an ordinance to amend Exhibit D to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance in order to adopt the Federal Emergency Management Agency's latest flood insurance study and accompanying flood insurance rate maps for the Town of Atlantic Beach, South Carolina.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay, that's the way Ordinance Number
9-2021 should read?

MS. COLEMAN: Yeah, that's what in the title block so that's what I sent out to you. I think the -- what's listed on the agenda is when it was originally approved on the old ordinance, I think that goes back to 2017 if I'm not mistaken -- I could be wrong. But just to give you a heads-up, what we've done is I've -- I went through the ordinance with the Department of Natural Resources in Columbia. They made recommendations for two small changes. One, reflect -- to reflect the state model ordinance, to be consistent with the state model ordinance, because that's what FEMA requires. We made adjustments to a section on accessory structures, which in your packet was listed on page 19 and it was all in red underlined font, and that entire section had been changed by FEMA so we made the change there. And then near the beginning of the ordinance, there was a section referencing Section 4, lands to which the ordinance applies, it referenced the flood insurance study and originally it had dated -- and I believe it was dated 1999, but we've updated
that to December 16th, 2021. So, the new maps were adopted by FEMA and went into place on December 16th, and we are now playing catch-up to have this submitted to FEMA so that there won't be a lag in your coverage.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay ---

MS. COLEMAN: And if you have any questions, I'll be glad to address them. I have been in touch with Ms. Arts with the Department of Natural Resources this morning and she says, if you do get the second reading, then you can overnight a signed and sealed copy that she should receive by tomorrow so that she can get the information entered to FEMA by Christmas -- before Christmas.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Okay.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay. Anybody else have any questions? So, we just need to adopt this Ordinance 9-2021 with the amendment for the second reading?

MS. COLEMAN: Yes, the amendment was in the first reading as well, that's what we brought back to you just to satisfy the requirements of FEMA.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay, gotcha. All right, Council ---

MS. COLEMAN: And this -- this automatically adopts
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the -- the new maps are in place, but this will
bring the ordinance in place too.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay, gotcha. Okay, Council, seek a
motion to adopt Ordinance Number 9-2021 and
this is the second reading.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: So moved with all the
corrections -- second -- I'll second that
motion with the corrections there.

MAYOR EVANS: Thank you. There's a motion and a
second to adopt Ordinance Number 9-2021, second
reading. 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: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The motion is granted. We're
down to Item C. under Old Business. This is
Ordinance Number 10-2021 and this is an
ordinance to adopt new business license fees,
business classifications and collection
procedures as mandated by South Carolina state
law, and this will be the second reading as
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COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: So moved, Mayor.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and a second to adopt Ordinance Number 10-2021, and this will be the second reading of the new business license ordinance. Any other questions or comments?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor and Council, public, this is the second reading of the adoption and replacement of our business license ordinance as required by South Carolina State law that all municipalities become uniform in their collection of business license fees and changing the date of business licenses to be uniform across the state from our June 1st to, I mean, July 1st to June 30th now from May 1st to April 30th is the major change in dates. All of the business classifications for businesses in the town have been identified and classified by the state. The major difference is that in -- the change is that there will not be a percentage collection on the fee rate but a flat dollar amount. It is indicated that it will be revenue neutral, meaning that there should not be any major increases in the
business license rate of fee collection, but
the major change is that the dates are uniform
and that businesses will have the ability to
pay their business license fees online.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay, thanks, Ben. Any other
questions or comments, Council members? Okay,
the motion is made and it's been seconded to
adopt Ordinance Number 10-2021 and this is the
second reading. Roll call.

CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The motion is granted. We're
down to Public Time and I don't think we have
any public comment cards so, Council, seek a
motion to adjourn.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: So moved.

MAYOR EVANS: There's a second ---

FEMALE SPEAKER: Second ---

MAYOR EVANS: Okay, there's a motion and a second to
adjourn. If there are no other questions or
comments, roll call.
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CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The motion is granted so the meeting is adjourned at 10:14 a.m. Thanks, everyone.

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