

TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 7, 2023

4:31 p.m.

The Town of Atlantic Beach Town Council meeting was held and recorded at Atlantic Beach Community Center, 1010 32nd Avenue South, Atlantic Beach, South Carolina, on the 7th day of August, 2023, and transcribed by Travis McLeod, Court Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of South Carolina.



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APPEARANCES

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor Jake Evans, Chairman
Councilman Edward Lamar Campbell
Mayor Pro-Tem Josephine Ison
Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore

ADMINISTRATION:

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

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1 **CALL TO ORDER:**

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** This Town Council meeting is called to
3 order this Monday, August 7th year 2023 at 4:31
4 p.m. Roll call.

5 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?
6 (No response.)

7 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro-Tem Josephine Isom?

8 **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:** Here.

9 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

10 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Here.

11 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Here. Council, seek a motion to go
13 into executive session selective demolition of
14 the kitchen on 30th Avenue right of way Lot 9
15 Ocean Boulevard and personnel matters. Seek a
16 motion.

17 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** So moved.

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** Second?

19 **UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER:** Gotta read it out.

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** Executive session pursuant to Section
21 30-4-700(a)(2) of the South Carolina Freedom of
22 Information Act to receive legal advice subject
23 to attorney/client privilege regarding zoning
24 matters related to the Black Pearl Project.

25 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** So moved.



1 UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: Second.

2 MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and second on the
3 floor. Any other questions? Comments?

4 (No response.)

5 MAYOR EVANS: Roll call.

6 CLERK: Mayor Pro-Tem Josephine Isom?

7 MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM: Yay.

8 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

9 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yay.

10 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

11 MAYOR EVANS: Yay. The motion's granted.

12 Executive Session:

13 (Executive Session)

14 MAYOR EVANS: Council, seek a motion to come out of
15 executive session into the general session
16 please.

17 UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: So moved.

18 UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: Second.

19 MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and a second on the
20 floor to come out of executive session into the
21 general session. Any other questions or
22 comments?

23 (No response.)

24 MAYOR EVANS: Roll call.

25 CLERK: Councilman Edward Campbell.



1 COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Yay.

2 CLERK: Mayor Pro-Tem Josephine Isom?

3 MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM: Yay.

4 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

5 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yay.

6 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

7 MAYOR EVANS: Yay. The motion's granted.

8 GENERAL SESSION:

9 MAYOR EVANS: Take this time out to call the general
10 session to the meeting in order. And ask at
11 this time if you have any cell phones or
12 devices that might disturb the proceedings, put
13 those on silence for us at this time please.
14 And if you would, stand for a moment of
15 silence.

16 (Moment of silence observed.)

17 MAYOR EVANS: Pledge Allegiance.

18 (The Pledge of Allegiance is recited.)

19 MAYOR EVANS: We're down to the approval of the
20 agenda. And, Council, there appears to be an
21 amendment to the agenda that we need to add.
22 And if we put that under D under New Business,
23 is that where we want it?

24 UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

25 UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: Yes.



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** And this is a resolution to authorize
2 the municipal association of South Carolina to
3 act as claimant agency for the collection of
4 debt on behalf of the town of Atlantic Beach in
5 accordance with the setoff debt collection act.

6 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** So moved, Mayor.

7 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** Second.

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second to the
9 amendment to the agenda, to add that item. Is
10 there any questions or comments?

11 (No response.)

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Roll call.

13 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell.

14 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yay.

15 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro-Tem Josephine Isom?

16 **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:** Yay.

17 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yay.

19 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

21 **OLD BUSINESS:**

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** All right. Old Business Town Council
23 meeting minutes for approval. Council minutes
24 -- minutes from Town Council meeting held on
25 July 10th, 2023. Council, seek a motion.



1 UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: So moved.

2 UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: Second.

3 MAYOR EVANS: Motion and a second for approval of
4 the minutes for June [sic] 10th, 2023. Any
5 other questions or comments?

6 (No response.)

7 MAYOR EVANS: Roll call.

8 CLERK: Councilman Edward Campbell.

9 COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Yay.

10 CLERK: Mayor Pro-Tem Josephine Isom?

11 MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM: Yay.

12 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

13 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yay.

14 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

15 MAYOR EVANS: Yay. The motion's granted. Okay.
16 We're down to item number 5, public hearing for
17 ordinance number 8-2023. Council, seek a
18 motion to open the floor for public hearing for
19 ordinance number 8-2023.

20 UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: So moved.

21 UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: Second.

22 MAYOR EVANS: Motion and second on the floor to open
23 the floor for public hearing for ordinance
24 number 8-2023. Any other questions, comments?

25 (No response.)



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** Roll call.

2 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell.

3 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yay.

4 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro-Tem Josephine Isom?

5 **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:** Yay.

6 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

7 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yay.

8 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yay. The motion's granted.

10 **PUBLIC HEARING:**

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're now in the public hearing for
12 ordinance number 8-2023.

13 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor and Council, this is the
14 second reading recommendation for adjustments
15 on our planning and zoning fees which haven't
16 been updated in over 20 some odd years. I've
17 asked (inaudible) to survey a comparable
18 municipality and make sure that our fee
19 schedules were in line with other
20 municipalities in South Carolina. So these are
21 the recommendations. They've been posted on
22 the website. I don't know if (inaudible). So
23 with that, if there are any questions. Ms.
24 Leah Kane here from Waccamaw Cog to answer
25 questions.



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** Any questions for Leah from Waccamaw
2 Cog?

3 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** Nope.

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** Council, seek a motion to adopt
5 ordinance number 8-2023.

6 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** Close the public hearing.

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, I'm sorry. Council, seek a
8 motion to close the public hearing.

9 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** So moved.

10 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** Second.

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second on the floor to
12 close the public hearing. Roll call.

13 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell.

14 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yay.

15 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro-Tem Josephine Isom?

16 **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:** Yay.

17 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yay.

19 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yay. Council, seek a motion to adopt
21 ordinance number 8-2023, and this is the second
22 reading.

23 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** So moved.

24 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** Second.

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second to adopt ordinance



1 number 2023 -- 8-2023, second reading.

2 Questions, comments?

3 (No response.)

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** Roll call.

5 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell.

6 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yay.

7 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro-Tem Josephine Isom?

8 **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:** Yay.

9 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

10 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yay.

11 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yay. The motion's granted. We're
13 down to New business.

14 **NEW BUSINESS:**

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** Item A, resolution number 2-2023, a
16 resolution electing the standard allowance for
17 lost revenues under the American Rescue Plan.

18 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** So moved.

19 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Second.

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second on the
21 floor for resolution number 2-2023.

22 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor and Council, this resolution
23 -- excuse me, on June 26 at our special meeting
24 the Council adopted the fiscal year budget for
25 '23-'24. Within that I provided each Council



1 with a list of items totaling 64,000 to be paid
2 for under the American Recovery Act Program,
3 which was approved along with the budget. Our
4 accountant has indicated that this resolution
5 is necessary in order for us to book for
6 reprogrammed funding back to the -- I'm sorry,
7 spend funds out of the ARP Program and repay
8 the general fund for those purchases that you
9 approved totaling 64,000. This resolution is
10 required in order that the language for us to
11 make that formal transformation or transaction.
12 Any questions?

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Questions, Council?

14 (No response.)

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. Motion on the floor for
16 resolution 2-2023. Roll call.

17 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell.

18 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yay.

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

20 **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:** Yay.

21 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

22 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yay.

23 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yay. The motion's granted. Item B
25 under New Business. Memorandum of agreement



1 for the detention of juveniles between the
2 South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice
3 and the town of Atlantic Beach.

4 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** So moved.

5 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** Second.

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** A motion and second on the floor.

7 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor and Council, this memorandum
8 of agreement is required because our
9 municipality does not have its own detention
10 center. This is an agreement to pay South
11 Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice on
12 behalf of the (inaudible) in Atlantic Beach for
13 detention of juveniles in the town of Atlantic
14 Beach. This memorial agreement is that
15 specified that agreement with the South
16 Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice.

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** Roll call.

18 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell.

19 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yay.

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

21 **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:** Yay.

22 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

23 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yay.

24 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yay. The motion's granted. Okay,



1 we're down to Item C, approval of grant
2 agreement for Santee Cooper evolve grant
3 electric vehicle charging stations.

4 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** So moved.

5 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** Second.

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and second on the floor.

7 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, Council and Public, I'm
8 pleased to announce that the town of Atlantic
9 Beach was granted a \$25,000 grant to establish
10 evolve grant electric charging station. We
11 have proposed one to be funded by Santee Cooper
12 and committed to an additional one to be placed
13 somewhere on 30th avenue up to \$25,000. The
14 location for the one evolve station on this
15 side will be at the, either at the Housing
16 Authority property at the corner of where the
17 playground ends or on property we're currently
18 leasing to the valve house in back of this site
19 west side of Atlantic Beach. I would like to
20 thank Denice Gibson Bailey, Ms. Cheatham, our
21 partner Capra (ph) Engineering Firm going above
22 and beyond their scope of services to provide
23 us the technical assistance necessary to apply
24 for and to be awarded this grant award.

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** Roll call.



1 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell.

2 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yay.

3 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro-Tem Josephine Isom?

4 **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:** Yay.

5 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

6 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yay.

7 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yay. The motion's granted. We're
9 down to Item D, which is resolution number 3-
10 2023, a resolution to authorize the municipal
11 association of South Carolina to act as
12 claimant agency for the collection of debt on
13 behalf of the town of Atlantic Beach in
14 accordance with the Setoff Debt Collection Act.

15 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** So moved.

16 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Second.

17 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor and Council, this was the
18 resolution added to the agenda. I just
19 received it in from our accountant indicating
20 that the town of Atlantic Beach and other
21 municipalities are required to adopt this
22 resolution. Since it was added I'll read it.
23 It's very short as is. Whereas the Setoff Debt
24 Collection Act of South Carolina Code annotated
25 12-56-10 allows the South Carolina Department



1 of Revenue to render assistance in the
2 collection of debt owed to political
3 subdivisions of the state, and whereas the
4 municipal association of South Carolina will
5 act as the claimant agent as provided by South
6 Carolina Code annotated 12-56-10 for political
7 subdivisions in South Carolina. And whereas
8 the town of Atlantic Beach desires to
9 participate in the Setoff Debt Collection
10 Program of the municipal association. Now
11 therefore be resolved that the town of Atlantic
12 Beach authorizes the Town Manager to enter into
13 an agreement with the Municipal Association of
14 South Carolina for the collection of debt owed
15 the town of Atlantic Beach. We further resolve
16 that the town of Atlantic Beach indemnifies the
17 Municipal Association of South Carolina to the
18 extent permitted by law against any injury,
19 action, liabilities or proceedings arising from
20 the performance under the Setoff Debt
21 Provision.

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** Council, motion and second's on the
23 floor for resolution number 3-2023. Roll call.

24 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell.

25 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yay.



1 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro-Tem Josephine Isom?

2 **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:** Yay.

3 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

4 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yay.

5 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yay. Motion's granted. We're down to
7 the Manager's Report.

8 **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

9 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Ms. Malett sent me an email
10 indicating that she was running late. She and
11 I went over the financial statements for the
12 Gullah Geechee program. I asked her to give a
13 summary report to the Council and to the public
14 on funds collected. I'm out of town running
15 late. Just in case I don't get to the meeting,
16 Gullah Geechee made \$22,235.74. Our expenses
17 so far are \$13,271.47. We now have a balance
18 of \$8,974.27 with a few more expenses pending.
19 Thank you all for your support. Tricia Malett.

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

21 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** We -- Ms. Malett and I went over
22 the funds, grant funds and donations that were
23 submitted to the town, and reconciled the
24 information that we have available. She did
25 mention also that there may be another \$1,800



1 grant award potentially coming. It should have
2 been received already but it has not. She
3 asked for me to mention that. Any questions?

4 (No response.)

5 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Item 2, historic preservation
6 survey meeting, August 10th. As you may recall
7 I previously reported that the Horry County was
8 awarded an unprecedented Counties Communities
9 Grant by the National Park Service on behalf of
10 Atlantic Beach to complete a submission of our
11 designation to the National Registry of
12 Historic Places. This grant supports the
13 overall Horry County Historic Preservation
14 Strategic Plan and the Atlantic Beach
15 Comprehensive Plan. I am pleased to share
16 tonight that Chronological Heritage has been
17 selected to compete -- complete our town survey
18 for this submission. I am also pleased to
19 announce that this selection was made with two
20 Atlantic Beach residents serving as member of
21 the selection committee. Now the work begins.
22 Chronicle Heritage will be conducting field
23 work in Atlantic Beach which will be
24 documenting Atlantic Beach history for its
25 submission. There will be included two parts,



1 individual interviews, physical reviews of
2 structures in the town, which are more than 50
3 years old. The individual interviews will take
4 place on August 10th here at the community
5 center. Because of the importance of the
6 project to our town, our Mayor will kick off
7 the interview process. Photographers and
8 historians will be conducting structural
9 reviews in Atlantic Beach from August 14th to
10 August 16th. Chronicle employees will be
11 identifiable with vests and identification
12 cards. You may observe them discussing the
13 structures, taking photographs of structures,
14 or they may even ask questions about the
15 structures. (Inaudible) Graham, Linda Cheatham
16 and Ms. Pat Malett are available to answer any
17 questions about this process. Last thing I
18 have, Mayor, on my report, I wanted to inform
19 the Mayor, Council and the Public that the town
20 of Atlantic Beach did receive reimbursement for
21 Hurricane Ian. Initially they said we would
22 receive 75 percent of the amount expended. We
23 received 100 percent to the total of \$9,885
24 reimbursed for all of our expenses for debris
25 removal after Hurricane Ian. We received it in



1 June. Just wanted to report that.

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you. We're down to Public Time.

3 **PUBLIC TIME:**

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** And we have Ms. Linda Cheatham.

5 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Council, Mr.
6 Manager, Ms. Clerk. My name is Linda Cheatham.
7 I'm a resident of the town of Atlantic Beach.
8 And I just wanted to convey the importance of
9 the interviews regarding the history of the
10 town. There's a lot of historic history. We
11 had a lot of builders here. There's a lot of
12 brick work in individual houses. And so if you
13 all know of anyone who could provide some more
14 detail, when you come to the interviews, Ms.
15 Isom has signed up, the Mayor has signed up, if
16 you could please identify those for us so that
17 we can make sure that we have a well rounded
18 history of the town. Thank you, very much.

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you. Council, seek a motion to
20 adjourn.

21 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** So moved.

22 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** Second.

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and second to adjourn. Roll
24 call.

25 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell.



1 COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Yay.

2 CLERK: Mayor Pro-Tem Josephine Isom?

3 MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM: Yay.

4 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

5 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yay.

6 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

7 MAYOR EVANS: Yay. Motion granted. Meeting
8 adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

9 (There being nothing further, the meeting concluded
10 at 6:20 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

This is to certify the transcript of the Atlantic Beach Town Meeting consists of twenty (20) pages. This transcript was prepared by me without the benefit of my being present during the meeting. Additionally, this transcript was prepared from a audio recording provided to me.

I further certify that I am neither employed by nor related to any of the parties in this matter or their counsel; nor do I have any interest, financial or otherwise, in the outcome of same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal this August 14, 2023.



Travis McLeod
Court Reporter

Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: January 3, 2027

