TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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APPEARANCES

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Mayor Jake Evans, Chairman
Councilman Edward Lamar Campbell
Mayor Pro-Tem Josephine Isom
Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore

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, July 10th, year 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Roll call.

CLERK: Councilman Edward Campbell?
(No response.)

CLERK: Mayor Pro-Tem Josephine Isom?

MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM: Here.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Here.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Here. Council, anybody know where Lamar is?

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: He came in earlier today, but he didn't say anything.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: That's what I was saying. He was home.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: I thought it wasn't going to be a quorum I think.

MAYOR EVANS: Well, Council, I seek a motion to go into Executive Session looks like for demolition of 430th Avenue South and proposed contract for Town's attorney.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: So moved.
UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: Motion and second to go into executive session for items listed.

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: Mayor, before you call, I'd like to officially change the -- we don't have a definitive address, but it's not 400. Let's just call it the kitchen.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay, all righty. It's not 400, okay. So we'll just call it the kitchen.

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: On 30th Avenue.

MAYOR EVANS: On 30th Avenue.

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: That's all the change.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay, roll call.

CLERK: Mayor Pro-Tem Josephine Isom?

MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM: Yay.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yay.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yay. The motion's granted.

(Executive Session)

MAYOR EVANS: Council, I seek a motion to come out of executive session into the general session.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: 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?

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: Better get you some order first.

MAYOR EVANS: Roll call.

CLERK: Councilman Edward Campbell?

COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Yay.

CLERK: Mayor Pro-Tem Josephine Isom?

MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM: Yay.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yay.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

GENERAL SESSION:

MAYOR EVANS: Yay. The motion's granted. We're now in the general session of our meeting. I want to take this time to welcome the general public and ask at this time if you have any cell phones that might disturb the proceedings please silence those for us at this time. And if you would stand for the invocation a moment of silence.

(Moment of silence is observed.)

MAYOR EVANS: Pledge Allegiance.

(The Pledge of Allegiance is recited.)

MAYOR EVANS: All righty. We do have some
ceremonial matters that we want to take care of at this time.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor, Council, Public, at this time we are modifying the order of the meeting this evening to give special recognition to a long time long standing employee of the Town of Atlantic Beach. I'd like to read this tribute to the employee that we wish to recognize at this time. Cheryl Pereira was hired by the Town of Atlantic Beach in October 1995 as the administrative assistant town clerk. Over the years Cheryl has served under many of the 19 town managers the Town has had in its history. In 2015 I was hired as the 19th town manager. Cheryl's institutional knowledge of the history of the Town assisted me greatly in getting acclimated to the administrative protocols, procedures required to manage the Town's operations. Over the last eight plus years Cheryl has been my right hand and left hand in navigating the complex town of Atlantic Beach. These are just a few of the outstanding qualities. To my knowledge she has never missed a Town Council Meeting in eight years. I can count on three fingers the time she has
been absent from work due to illness. If the office is open she is there. Over the past two years she has taken on additional duties assisting with grants administration, assisting with the Historical Committee, assisting with the Gullah Geechee Committee and others. I marvel at her ability to multitask and handle many issues that come across her desk daily. Cheryl is truly the Town's treasure. Her positive impact on the Town cannot be adequately quantified. We all owe her a debt of gratitude for her service. Respectfully, Benjamin Quattlebaum, Town Manager. I'd like Cheryl to come forward.

(Applause)

MAYOR EVANS: All right, recognition award presented to Cheryl Pereira, 22 years in sincere appreciation for your dedicated service and hard work as Town Clerk of the Town of Atlantic Beach, South Carolina. Jake Evans, Mayor, Josephine Isom, Mayor Pro-Tem, Jacqueline Gore, Council Member, Edward Campbell, Council Member and Benjamin Quattlebaum, Town Manager, July 10th, 2023. Thank you.

(Applause)
MAYOR EVANS: At our last Council Meeting I told her her check would be a little heavier. And also I'd like to give a personal gift for my gratitude and appreciation for all the things she does to make my job that much easier.

MS. PEREIRA: Thank you so much, everyone.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: We have another acknowledgment. Will Patricia Mallet.

MAYOR EVANS: We have a thank you award for you.

MS. MALLET: Thank you.

MAYOR EVANS: Ms. Mallet, in recognition of our hard work and outstanding dedication to 2023 Atlantic Beach Gullah Geechee Cultural and Nature Festival, thank you so much for your time and effort. Jake Evans, Mayor, Josephine Isom, Mayor Pro-Tem, Jacqueline Gore, Council Member, Edward Campbell, Council Member and Benjamin Quattlebaum, Town Manager, July 10th, 2023.

(Applause)

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: We want to also recognize some committee members who assisted her. When we call your name please come forward.

MAYOR EVANS: This is for Ms. Dianne Hill. Certificate of Achievement acknowledges that
Dianne Hill, Atlantic Beach Gullah Geechee Festival 2023. Thank you very much.

(Applause)

MAYOR EVANS: And we have another award here for Will Thomas. Gonna give it to the cop so we make sure it gets in the right hands.

(Applause)

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: I want to thank everyone for all y'all's support.

(Applause)

MAYOR EVANS: Okay, Council, I think we're down to the approval of the agenda. Seek a motion for the approval of the agenda as it is outlined.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: So moved.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and a second on the floor for the approval of the agenda. Any other questions or comments? If not, roll call.

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: Councilman Campbell? Approval of the agenda?

COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Excuse me?

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: Vote on the approval of the agenda.

COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Oh, yay.
UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: Councilwoman Isom?
COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yay.
UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: Councilwoman Gore?
COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yay.
UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: Mayor Jake Evans?
MAYOR EVANS: Yay. The motion's granted.

OLD BUSINESS:

MAYOR EVANS: We're down to old business. And this
the Town Council Meeting minutes from the
meeting held on June 28th, 2023. Council, seek
a motion for the approval of those minutes.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: So moved.
UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: Second.
MAYOR EVANS: Motion and second for the approval of
the June 28th, 2023 minutes. Any other
questions or comments?
(No response.)

MAYOR EVANS: Roll call.
CLERK: Councilman Edward Campbell?
COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Yay.
CLERK: Mayor Pro-Tem Josephine Isom?
MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM: Yay.
CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?
COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yay.
CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?
MAYOR EVANS:  Yay.  The motion's granted.  We're down to item 5.  And this is a public hearing for ordinances.  Council, I seek a motion to open the floor for a public hearing for ordinance number 3, 4 and 5 of 2023, ordinance 3-2023, 4-2023 and 5-2023.  Council, we seek a motion to open the floor for a public hearing.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:  So moved.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:  Second.

MAYOR EVANS:  There's a motion and a second to open the public floor -- I mean open the floor for the public hearing.  Any other questions or comments?

(No response.)

MAYOR EVANS:  Roll call.

CLERK:  Councilman Edward Campbell?

COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:  Yay.

CLERK:  Mayor Pro-Tem Josephine Isom?

MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:  Yay.

CLERK:  Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE:  Yay.

CLERK:  Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS:  Yay.  The motion's granted.

PUBLIC HEARING:

MR. QUATTLEBAUM:  Mayor, I'll just make some general
comments. These three ordinances are back on the agenda, requirement to hold a public hearing before their passage. They were passed previously but to make them valid we wanted to allow the public the opportunity to comment on each of the ordinances that are presented before. We have with us Ms. Leah Kane, director of the planning for the Waccamaw (inaudible), who has been consulting to us providing us leadership to get through this process, and at this time I'll bring her forward to make a presentation and answer any questions regarding the three items in this ordinance section. Ms. Kane.

MS. KANE: Good evening. Leah Kane with Waccamaw Regional Council of Government. These are definitely going to look familiar to you, but we definitely want to make sure the public has the ability to provide comment at Council. Previous public info was provided at the planning commission. And in order, as Mr. Quattlebaum said, for this to become valid we want to make sure that the public process is incorporated. So the first of these ordinances, which is 3-2023 is to minimize the
parking requirements within the MS1 and MS2 districts. And this is primarily to focus on non-residential uses and non-accommodation uses. So if it -- if a development is mixed use it could receive up to a 50 percent parking reduction in these districts. If it is just, say, a commercial or office use it would qualify for a 25 percent parking reduction. And this is related to the fact that these lots along the corridors where the MS1 and MS2 districts are located. They are relatively small in nature, so in order to develop this main street that's envisioned for the Town the parking is becoming a challenge for people that are trying to develop their properties currently. And there is already on-street parking available. So this is to reduce those parking requirements. In regards to ordinance 4-2023 this is to revise the flexible design district ---

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: Excuse me.

MS. KANE: Yes, sir?

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: Do we want to handle them, Mayor, individually?

MS. KANE: You want to do them all separately? Is
that what ---

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: Yes.

MS. KANE: For each one?

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: Let any comments. Public comments on that first one, and then we'll go to the second.

MS. KANE: Certainly.

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: Any -- open the floor. Turn the lights on. Any questions, comments on the first ordinance?

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: Could you first tell us how many people are online or on the phone listening as well so we'll know our total audience?

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: What's the question?

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: How many people are online. Do you know? Do you have a count?

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: 30.

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: How many?

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: 30.

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: Okay.

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: Any other questions related to the ordinance?

(No response.)

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Okay, we're gonna take a vote on
them each individually.

MAYOR EVANS: Council, I seek a motion to adopt ordinance number 3-2023. This is an ordinance to amend the land management ordinance to modify the parking requirements to support infill.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: So moved.

MAYOR EVANS: Mixed use develop-- and this is the second reading.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: So moved.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and a second to adopt ordinance number 3-2023, second reading on the floor. Any other questions or comments? If not, roll call.

CLERK: Councilman Edward Campbell?

COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Yay.

CLERK: Mayor Pro-Tem Josephine Isom?

MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM: Yay.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yay.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yay. The motion's granted.

MS. KANE: Thank you for handling the lights. I know it's a little bit difficult to see without
the lights. Regarding ordinance 4-2023, this is in relationship to the planned development district and the flexible design district. Currently there are no properties within the Town of Atlantic Beach that are zoned for these districts. One of the unique aspects of both of these districts is that they require that all the properties as part of the rezoning process be under the same ownership. This is different than any other rezoning requirement for other districts within the Town. It is also atypical for a rezoning to require that the ownership of the properties all be the same. I will note that when a rezoning application is submitted typically in any other jurisdiction as well as here, that all property owners to have to sign the application. This proposal is to not require that the properties be under the same ownership at the time of the rezoning. So if there's multiple properties involved in the rezoning request they would not have to be under the same ownership.

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: Open the floor for questions.
UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: Question over here.
MS. FINNY: You have stated that ---
MAYOR EVANS: State your name for the record please.

MS. FINNY: Elaine Finny, property owner 3106 Sea View Street, Atlantic Beach. May I speak now?

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: Yes.

MS. FINNY: Okay. You have stated that in the other areas that this is not the norm. So why would we want to change that for this particular area of Atlantic Beach. Is it just to meet the requirement for this proposed condominium to allow this?

MS. KANE: This is part of an effort to just clean up the land management ordinance. So one of the things when I came on as a technical assistance provider for the town is I'm looking through the develop- -- land development regulations to see where there are inconsistencies. And that is simply it. This was not specific to this property.

MS. BENNETT: Thank you. I'm Karen Bennett, property owner, 3112 Ocean Boulevard South. In your presentation did you say currently there are no zones that exist, that we're changing an ordinance for zones that currently do not exist? Did I understand that correctly?

MS. KANE: There are currently no properties that
are zoned for these districts within the town. However the districts do exist within land management ordinance, so property owners could apply for those districts to rezone to.

**MR. FARA:** Hi, my name's Steve Fara. I'm a property owner at 706 32nd Avenue and I was just wondering what the advantage to the town is for these new districts or for using these districts as opposed to what they're currently listed as.

**MS. KANE:** These particular districts allow for mixed use development. And typically most of the districts within the town or even other places throughout the region, a planned development district allows for a more innovative design that would be a mixed use. Meaning that property could have a mixture of residential, office, commercial, things of that nature. It's -- those are pretty typical when you end up having, like, a downtown type feel. And they are incorporated in the land management ordinance. The benefit is not something that I'm, you know -- that's something that Council and the planning commission are there to weigh on.
MR. FINNY: I'm familiar with -- Elaine Finny again, 3106 Sea View Street. I'm familiar with the (inaudible). However I do not understand the reason for the FDD. As I read the proposal for the pending condominium. They were asking for FDD to allow them flexibility to pretty much do whatever they want with the property as far as setbacks, as far as the height of the property and other items. So I still don't understand from the Council what is the reason for requesting for FDD? I'd like to understand why the need for FDD at this point in time for Atlantic Beach.

MS. KANE: The flexible design district is something that's already defined within the land management ordinance. Anybody that has WF1 or WF2 which is waterfront district 1 or waterfront district 2 is eligible to be able to apply for this flexible design district. And the reason it's called a flexible design district is that there are density bonuses that can be awarded to a developer should they meet some criteria of benefits back to the town. So say they made improvements to beach access parking, they made public walkovers, there were
things that they made as a public benefit. And so that's the trade off in order for the density bonus. But that is not what this particular hearing is on today. This hearing is on the ownership requirement for these districts. Simply that.

**MR. FINNY:** I'm Jerry Finny, 3106 Sea View Street. But the ownership issue that you just spoke of, it has to change in order for the condo hotel project to move forward, correct?

**MS. KANE:** That is accurate.

**MR. FINNY:** Thank you.

**MS. KANE:** The only other alternative would be that they would have to acquire all of the properties involved in the rezoning. And that is a possibility.

**MR. BOOKER:** Good evening Council and residents. I'm William Booker 304 29th Avenue South. I'm also the president of the Association of Atlantic Beach Property Owners. Just a bit of the historical perspective. This -- the group that's planning this development was planning to come to the planning commission to ask for this FDD. And then all of a sudden this proposed eligibility change came up because if
they had come forward to try to apply for the FDD they wouldn't have met the requirements as you just stated. And so this group is talking about something that's called condominiums. And I came to Atlantic Beach with my wife in 2005 and there were two things that were very important to all the people associated with Atlantic Beach, that loved Atlantic Beach. One of the things we didn't want, one was condominiums, the other one was opening Ocean Boulevard. And so here we are today where we're offering a change to our zoning ordinance, which was adopted in December of 2019 in order to permit someone to come and put condominiums on our oceanfront. And no one in Atlantic Beach that I knew was supportive of condominiums. And I know that the Council members, from a meeting that occurred in November of 2019 weren't supportive of condominiums either because when that land management ordinance was developed, the preference was for hotels. And Mr. Quattlebaum with the help of your organization hired a Tyson Smith to look into this aspect about condominiums and hotels. And in Mr.
Quattlebaum's words, what they found is that if you allow a hotel you can't prevent condominiums. And so when most of us came here we were told, everyone supported, we don't want condominiums.

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: That's not right.

MR. BOOKER: Everyone that I knew and talked about did not want condominiums because the belief was that condominiums was gonna lead to the demise of Atlantic Beach for a lot of political reasons. And so here we are today passing an ordinance that will clear the way for a developer to come in to put condominiums. Now I don't know about everybody in this room, but most of the people in this room don't support condominiums.

(Applause)

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: That's not true.

MR. BOOKER: Most of the people in this room ---

(Mayor Evans: Hey guys, hey, hey, hey. This is a Council meeting. This is a Council meeting guys. Order, order. This is a Council Meeting.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: Sit down now, that's
enough. That's enough. He done spoke and said
what he had to say addressed to her, nothing
that pertains to her.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: I need y'all to do me a favor.
This is still a Council meeting. Y'all got to
hold on the applause now. This is a government
meeting. Mr. Armstrong, you have to calm down.

MR. ARMSTRONG: Okay. I'm just telling the truth.

MAYOR EVANS: So if you have any questions for her
please ask her because ---

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: Ask her the questions.

MAYOR EVANS: Concerning this ordinance that's on
the floor, if anybody got any questions you
need to address her about the questions.
That's what this public hearing is about.

MR. BOOKER: So as I was saying most of the people
in this room don't support condominiums. We
have 70 plus members in the Association of
Atlantic Beach Property Owners. We've had two
votes. And the last voting was unanimous not
supporting this condo. And so we're all where
we are starting out when I came here in 2005,
not supportive of condominiums. And it seems
like to me the people who are responsible for
this amendment are now supporting the
condominiums. So I want to know what changed. Why is that? Because before went we knew what the result would be. And now we're where we were told. We don't want condominiums. It's not good for our town. It's not good for the future of our town. And we're still there but the Council has changed. I don't know why. We've not been told. And as soon as we get this development with 7, 800 rooms the next thing we'll be told is we've got to open Ocean Boulevard. And then there goes Atlantic Beach. So that's all I have to say. Thank you.

(Applause)

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: Do you have a question specifically for her about the amendment?

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: I do not have a question. I have a statement -- a couple of statements.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: No statements, no statements. It's questions.

(Gavel banged)

MAYOR EVANS: Hey look, if you're not at the mic you have no business speaking. That's enough now. Order in here. This is a Council meeting.

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: Okay, thank you. My name's Alan (inaudible) and I am not a resident of
Atlantic Beach. I don't own property here. But I have two statements, brief statements I'd like to read and I can provide copies to the Council.

MAYOR EVANS: Sir, are you getting ready to make statements towards this ordinance number 2023? Is that what your statements are about?

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: Yes.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay.

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: Okay, the first comes from Columbia Friends meeting Quaker on the ninth day of the seventh month 2023 of the common era, Columbia Friends meeting stands in solidarity with the historic community of Atlantic Beach, South Carolina in the face out outside investors who seek to exploit the free gifts of nature to the detriment of African American South Carolinians who have lived here for generations. We exhort the Town Council in the name of justice to resist those who seek to enrich themselves ---

MAYOR EVANS: Sir.

(Gavel banged)

MAYOR EVANS: I hate to interrupt you but that has nothing to do with ordinance number 2023 ---
UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: You got to address her.

MAYOR EVANS: --- 4-2023.

(Crown murmuring)

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: May I read the second statement?

MAYOR EVANS: If it's got to do with that ordinance, yes.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: To her.

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: May I ---

MAYOR EVANS: Ordinance number 4-2023. Ask a question about it.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: A question.

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: I have no questions. I have a statement to read.

MAYOR EVANS: Well no, this is not time for statements. This is a public hearing about these ordinances that's on the sheet, okay? So if it's not about the ordinance that we're asking about we don't want to hear statements. If you have a statement to make you should filled out ---

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: Who are you?

MAYOR EVANS: --- a card to speak at public time.

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: I'll fill one out.

MAYOR EVANS: Well we'll call you at public time
UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: My question right now is will I have the opportunity to make these statements before you pass the ordinances in question?

MAYOR EVANS: Sir, public time is at the end of the agenda.

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: Is that before or after you've already ---

MAYOR EVANS: The public time is at the end of the agenda. That's the last thing we do here. Public time. And you've got a comment card in here to say whatever you want to say. But right now you have the mic, you need to say nothing but something about this ordinance that's on the table.

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: Okay. Then let me ask -- pose this as a question. Will you please give consideration to what I'm about to read?

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: No, sir.

MAYOR EVANS: No, you're not about to read anything if it's not about this ordinance here, sir. That's enough. Anybody else?

MS. BENNETT: Good evening again, everyone. I guess before we go further I'd like to understand the rules of engagement during this public hearing.
It is my understanding that comments could be made, and this was not just a question and answer session. I was told that anyone could speak, we did not have to sign up to speak for the public hearing. And those who wish to speak can make comments and not just question and answer. And secondly as we ask for order from the audience, I'd also like to ask for order from the Council and have the Council Members give the same due respect of listening and talking when the appropriate time comes. So if there is a public hearing I'd like to make a statement if I may.

**MAYOR EVANS:** Ms. Bennett, you need to address her. Is this about this ordinance that's on the table? You can ask her what you want to ask her.

**MS. BENNETT:** This is exactly about the ordinance.

**MAYOR EVANS:** Okay.

**MS. BENNETT:** And it is a part of a public hearing, which those who wish to speak at a public hearing may speak. And so I am going, because I have prepared and I thought I'd be speaking from the podium. That's why I have this information. So what I will do would be to
read a statement and then I'll ask you the 
question if that's acceptable.

MAYOR EVANS: Do you have a public comment card here 
at all?

MS. BENNETT: I was told when I called and emailed 
the office today ---

MAYOR EVANS: Uh-huh.

MS. BENNETT: --- that during the public hearing 
that I did not have to submit a public comment 
card for the public hearing.

MAYOR EVANS: No, you don't.

MS. BENNETT: I would not be limited to three 
minutes ---

MAYOR EVANS: You're not, no.

MS. BENNETT: --- for the public comment.

MAYOR EVANS: That is correct. I was just asking if 
you had one.

MS. BENNETT: No, sir.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay. That's fine.

MS. BENNETT: Actually I did request one. Yes, sir. 
I do have one. So right now I rise to make and 
read a statement. I am Karen Bennett and I am 
a resident of the second home in Atlantic 
Beach. I've given my address. I'm also a 
member of the Georgia House of Representatives
in Georgia representing the citizens of the 94th House District. But I stand here tonight first as a citizen of the Atlantic Beach. And I am an elected official and I also understand that I stand before elected officials. But as I am reminded that elected officials listen to and are guided by the voices of the people, and I represent people just like each one of you, developing our community to have a very positive impact during our last Town Council meeting one of the largest revenue budgets in the history of our community was passed in large part due to the increase in development in our town. The current development has driven an increase in construction permits, business licenses and tax revenue. And there is every indication that this will continue. So as an elected official I am keenly aware that effective development and progress requires a working agreement and understanding of goals and objectives between town leaders and the citizens of the town. To achieve this on several occasions the Associations of Atlantic Beach Property Owners of which I am a member of, and individual members of the
community have requested that the Town engage an outside entity with the appropriate technical resources to create a community engagement plan to understand the development views and desires of those of us who live here full-time, on a seasonal basis or pay taxes at any time. A plan like this could have included a poll of community members of focused community decisions with an eye and understanding on the community desires and goals. And forgive me because I do have papers. I was planning to use the podium. The outcome of this type of work would be a community development plan which is shared with potential progress looking to develop in our Town. And it ensures concurrence and support by all. To date neither has been done. The Association of Atlantic Beach Property Owners held a quick poll earlier this year. The results of that poll was that the members of the Property Owners Group full-time residents, natives and seasonal owners who were on the meeting call voted opposition to the current development plan for Ocean Boulevard between 30th and 31st Avenues. That poll is only the
first step. Since the Town's elected leadership and advisors did not pursue the idea of understanding the residents' desire, a group of residents felt the need to go further and to be more inclusive so that as we talk we represent all members of our community. I am sure that each elected official would appreciate the need for this type of information before voting on any item, especially like the one being considered here tonight on flexible design district qualifications, which can make a very drastic change in our land management ordinance. There are three petitions that were developed, Mr. Mayor, as you recall one time we had a conversation about this very -- about this very development. And your reply to me was that you were not aware that so many people opposed this development. And if you were -- if you became aware of the opposition that you would consider the voices of the people. We had that conversation. And as a result of that conversation three petitions were developed. One petition was a petition for the community property owners and residents, of which we have
gained as of today 101 signatures. They are residents and property owners. There are only 150 people who voted in the last election. So 101 of those persons have signed this petition. The second petition was for a friends and family of Atlantic Beach. The third petition was from the Gullah Geechee Sea Island Coalition. And I have developed each one of those petitions to the sent each one of those petitions to the Council Members along with the most up to date numbers as of 4:00 p.m. today. So each of you have that information. The outcome of this type of work will be a community development plan which is shared with potential partners looking to develop in our town, and it ensures concurrence and support by all. So the Gullah Geechee nations petition was sent nationwide and we have almost 500 signatures to support the cultural preservation and protection of Atlantic Beach. We also have visiting with us tonight members from the NAACP who also have taken a special interest in this ordinance. Participants in the petition were requested to indicate their opposition to the change in property ownership eligibility
requirements which is the ordinance that we are here for tonight. So I rise again as a citizen of Atlantic Beach and a fellow elected official to share with the Council and our community the results of the surveys. 80 percent of member-- 80 percent of property owners on Ocean Boulevard oppose to this change in ordinance. And the reasons are very evident as we have discussed tonight as what could happen as a result of this. We are talking about potentially putting a 400 to 500 car parking garage within 14 feet of an existing native residential home. We have (inaudible) adjacent to are directly affected to Ocean Boulevard have opposed this. And this is a scientific -- this is supported as you have that information there. It is supported by individuals who signed this petition themselves and they were not coaxed to do it. This past Friday the Washington Post ran an article about out town entitled Atlantic Beach was a Black Pearl locals wanted to see shine again. We have so much to offer and it's not about the natives or the been-heres or the come-heres. We're all those who pay taxes, property owners, those who
vote. The majority have been overwhelming in opposition to the passing of this ordinance. So please, Mr. Mayor, hold up your word. Do what you said you would do, which is listen to the voices of the people and represent the people. So I thank you. So my question to you, ma'am, once again is should this ordinance go through tonight, does that open up the way for a parking garage be built on the corner of 30th Avenue or as a part of this development, which is adjacent to this condo/hotel project?

MS. KANE: What I can speak to is that if this application is received, because at this point in time a full rezoning application has not been submitted by this developer, there will still be another public hearing process for that. That's all I can convey.

MS. BENNETT: Thank you.

MAYOR EVANS: Anybody else?

MR. DAVID: John David, Councilman Elect, property owner at 3012 Sea View, voter and tax payer. Since it has not been -- you were talking about proposing (inaudible) ---

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: Speak into the mic.

MR. DAVID: --- that has not been submitted or
proposed, why is there a need to even ---

MAYOR EVANS: Excuse me one second.

(Gavel banged)

MAYOR EVANS: What happened with the same process here? Go get his mic and let her come to the podium.

MR. DAVID: A mic is a mic, right? Why do you keep interrupting me?

MAYOR EVANS: This is my meeting, sir. I'll interrupt whoever ---

MR. DAVID: It's not your meeting.

(Gavel banged)

MAYOR EVANS: Go to the mic or you're not going to speak.

MR. DAVID: Give me the mic. Over 101 voters, land owners and residents have signed the petition and I want to know -- and nearly 1000 total people around the country. And I want to know why was this ordinance generated and who does this ordinance benefit other than the Marant Group, spot zoning for the Marant Group. Who does it benefit?

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: You need to ask her.

MR. DAVID: I'm talking to you. You're the Council.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: You need to ask the lady
right there.

MR. DAVID: Aren't you voting?

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: You the one supposed to be talking to her.

MR. DAVID: Who does it benefit other than the Marant Group with their proposal? Who does this particular ordinance benefit? Does it benefit any people, any voters, any residents, who does it benefit?

MS. KANE: This amendment would benefit anybody that has the ability to apply for either one of these districts.

MR. DAVID: Has anybody applied for it?

MS. KANE: I've been here and involved with the Town of Atlantic Beach for about 10 months now.

MR. DAVID: No.

MS. KANE: No others.

MR. DAVID: Okay. So why would -- if you're combing through all the ordinances that would make Atlantic Beach better, why pick this one out?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: I'll answer that. I directed our consulting group as well as the building official and the staff to make recommendations to me that will help spur development in the Town of Atlantic Beach. 30th Avenue,
waterfront and anywhere else in the Town of Atlantic Beach where there are ordinances or impediments to restrict, to limit and to defer development in the Town of Atlantic Beach. I had to make recommendations on changes to the ordinances that will assist with any type of development in the Town of Atlantic Beach. So that's the genesis behind these three ordinances that are submitted.

MR. DAVID: So again, we know that parking benefits everybody in town. Again, this particular ordinance only benefits the Marant Group, right?

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: No, sir.

MR. DAVID: Who does it -- anybody else have planned proposal?

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: Let me ask you a question. If hypothetically the Marant project fails, okay. This ordinance will apply to any developer who wants to develop in the Town of Atlantic Beach, all right.

MR. DAVID: So again, there's only one developer that's coming to the table right now and that's the Marant Group. I just want to point out that this is a voting issue for November 2023.
Your vote is an issue that you will carry today (inaudible) with you, so I hope you vote accordingly.

MAYOR EVANS: Thank you.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: We'll worry about that.

MAYOR EVANS: Anybody else?

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: We will worry about that.

MAYOR EVANS: If not, Council ---

MR. VAUGHN: (Inaudible) Vaughn, property owner, 2812 South Ocean Boulevard. So you come off of Highway 17 and you turn down 32nd. You see the ocean. Turn down 31st you see the ocean. 30th and 29th you see the ocean. 28th you see this big monstrosity. Atlantic Beach has been able to preserve something almost no other part of the Grand Strand region can even imagine, a coastline unmarred by massive hotels and high rises blocking the view of the ocean. Our four blocks of unobstructed ocean front and historic governments are unique to Atlantic Beach. Against the recommendations of our planning commission and the overwhelming opposition by residents and property owners, our Town Council is pushing through an amendment that paves the way for unwanted high rise development and a
multilevel parking garage right on the beach front. We believe this development will destroy our beach front and forever change the cultural and historical significance of one of the last remaining ocean front communities predominantly owned and governed by African Americans. My question is the same question as Mr. Booker had that was not answered. What changed?

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: Greed.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: No greed here, hun.

MS. COOPER: Good evening. Tracey Young Cooper, third generation land owner, 3207 South Ocean Boulevard. And, Mr. Mayor, I want to ask if I can still approach the podium as I am a tax payer. And if this young lady who's not an Atlantic Beach resident can step to the mic, certainly blue blood residents should be able to approach the mic.

MAYOR EVANS: Well see, I was just trying to get some kind of quorum going here.

MS. COOPER: I know.

MAYOR EVANS: She's was answering at the mic, and I don't mean any harm. I mean I don't care where people stand. I mean it's not a big deal.
MS. COOPER: Okay, but I want to be respectful.

MAYOR EVANS: I mean if you want to come to the podium, come to the podium. Come to the podium.

MS. COOPER: Thank you. Greetings, Mr. Mayor and members of Town Council. As I mentioned, I'm Tracey Young Cooper, third generation property owner 3207 South Ocean Boulevard for the record. And I would like to preface my comments by thanking each of you, members of Council for your genuine service to Atlantic Beach. I thank you also for the opportunity to share my concerns. I drove in from Columbia today. My concerns about the proposed ordinances that you will undertake as review this evening. I am here urging you to forego making any decisions and taking any formal action tonight regarding ordinances A, B and C based on my following reasons and rationales. Number one, there is a veil (inaudible) over the lack of process fidelity and proper vetting and alignment with the antiquated comprehensive plan. I believe there has been no public transparency. And certainly there's a cloudiness, there's a veil of cloudiness
regarding how these proposed changes will impact the greater good of our town beyond impacting only a select chosen few as has been referenced earlier today. So I am asking that instead of piecemealing all of these ordinances together, that your body, you are empowered to represent us, that you take the bold courageous step to take a step back and empower the planning commission to reevaluate and update and bring current the comprehensive plan as a first step as mandated by law before you even take into consideration any of these ordinances. Because I want to pose a question to each of you. How can you propose modifications or suggestions to these ordinances and how can they be valid when they are referencing a plan that is out of sync, antiquated and outdated? A plan, which I will say should be regularly available to all taxpayers and members of Atlantic Beach. Try finding it on the website. It's a hard climb, you're not going to find it. These ordinances and modifications and suggestions should be viewed in totality and not marginally, especially since the comprehensive plan is the
guiding document that should be the guiding source for all of our land use provisions and covenants and our protections against parking woes as has been mentioned, building structures that are not characteristics of abutting and adjacent dwellings, congestion, adverse environmental issues and threats to our government structure. We need to slow down, we need to be more strategic and impart more inclusive public input and feedback about how we all collectively want our Town to look and develop into the future. We don't want these ordinances to be a backdoor workaround for a mass development, especially on our ocean front. And we don't want these ordinances to erode our town's character and our beautiful natural structural landscapes. Mr. Mayor, members of Town Council, let's rise together, let's work together, and let's truly protect the pearl. We're counting on you to do that. Thank you.

(Applause)

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Hello, I just want to say one thing. And I respect everybody's opinion and it's a great thing that everybody do have their
opinion. But you know it just amazes me to know that we welcome everybody to come in here and build the homes and they are gorgeous. But after they are full nobody else can stay on the beach. They got to go over to North Myrtle Beach. I don't think it's right for our folks to have to come and go to Baywatch to visit Atlantic Beach. I think if we had a high rise here we could house everybody in Atlantic Beach. I don't see what's so wrong with that. And that's all I want to say. I just think -- look, I wasn't answering the questions. I was just talking so I don't need y'all to respond to what said, okay?

MAYOR EVANS: Order, order. Y'all need to be quiet out here. She's speaking.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: I'll be ---

MAYOR EVANS: Be respectful.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: And I will be outside after this is over if y'all want to question me individually. That's fine. Just individual, that's fine.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: Can she go to the podium.

MAYOR EVANS: No, that's not -- she was to the podium. And the other people -- that's the
only thing. So I don't know why we making this
issue out of the podium. There's no issue with
the podium.

(Crowd yells)

MS. CHEATHAM: Mr. Mayor, Council Members, Mr. Town
Manager. My name -- can you hear me?

MAYOR EVANS: I can hear you. But it's not on I
don't think. Get closer to it. You gotta talk
in it.

MS. CHEATHAM: My name is Linda Cheatham. And I'm a
resident and a voter and a past employee of the
Town of Atlantic Beach. And my concern with
the approval of this FDD is the impact that it
will have on the traffic in the town. I don't
understand how the town can approve a 400 car
parking structure and a 20 story building and
not expect the egress and ingress of the town
to change. I routinely during the summer have
to complain to the police about the speeding
that's in the town. The speed limit I believe
is 30 miles an hour, which I think is too high.
But there's disregard to that every day of
people coming to the town, especially now since
North Myrtle Beach is charging for parking.
And there's free parking here. And so there is
an abundance of traffic in a town already. And I'd just like you to imagine 400 cars in this town to attend an event to stay for any period of time. And the moment there are no amenities so they have to leave town to eat, they have to leave town to grocery shop, they have to go to the outlet malls. And I live on 29th Avenue as I stay there. And that's a lot of traffic passing by my house where my grandchildren are trying to bicycle ride in the street because we don't have sidewalks or any public amenities on this side of town. And so I just like you to consider the traffic implications of what this FDD is going to do. And once the traffic started which we know has to occur, there's going to be a decision that Ocean Boulevard has to open. And I'm not going to be able to tell people anymore that I live in a gated community that's gated by dirt because years ago a certain part of the population didn't feel comfortable swimming in the ocean with me. And so they decided that they were going to shut us off. But because they and some other people now want to do some development in the town they're going to open up Ocean Boulevard. I
thank you for your time. I thank you for your listening and I hope you do the right thing. Thank you.


UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: This is me, (inaudible) and I've been here since 1963. I've been here since 1963, both children grown. My oldest daughter be 60 years old and she was born right there on that beach. And I'll be 80 this year. So you know what, (inaudible) we don't need it because if you all were here when that water came up from that ocean up this high, go ahead and put it down if you want to. But one thing about it, it's coming back again. But I'm telling you what I saw. Not what you think but I saw. That water will come back up underneath that ocean and come back on the whole -- can't even go down to the water. And then you putting people in here? We can't get out here to go to the store or nowhere. If you're going north you can go, but if you going south that light do not change. And it don't make no sense. Should be working on stuff like that, not trying to get more traffic in here, but get
rid of some of the traffic that's in here. And
I know I'm not the only one glad we're here.
Because I wouldn't have been here this long.
But I thank God he blessed me to be here this
long. But I don't know how much longer. But
I thank him. And I don't want to see nothing
down in that ocean front. Because if we go
down to North Myrtle beach and Myrtle Beach and
look at that ocean front, you change your mind.
But see, y'all don't look. Go down there and
look at that and see what happens. But I know
y'all are green, all y'all are green up there.
Y'all need to stop and think. You need to
think. Everybody gonna live here. I live here
24/7 and that's what you gotta think about.
And I want to stay here as long as God blessed
me to be here. But I don't want to be fighting
and fussing to get out that red light. Because
something needs to be done about that. That
light, I don't know when the hell it changes.

(Laughter)

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: And I know a lot of stuff
that's going on and will go on.

(Applause)

MS. MURPHY: My name is Brenda Murphy. And I'm the
president of the South Carolina State Conference NAACP. I started not to come today. But I decided to come. And I'm glad I'm here. I'm going to say, as a black person, as a black person, I'm disappointed. I'm disappointed. This was the first beach and the only beach that I could come to as a black person. There is a lot of history here. Much history. And to hear us not able to talk to each other, to listen to each other, consider what the community is saying. It breaks my heart. I'm just going to (inaudible). I'm going to ask you to please listen to what your community has to say. Look around to what is happening in our country. Look at it. Visit Hilton Head. Visit Charleston, South Carolina. How long do you think you will stand when that building stretches in front of all the dwellings of the people that have lived here all of their lives. Just think about it for a little while. Don't make any decisions. Consider, meet with the citizens of this town and decide. Because I'm just going to tell you what my impression is. If these changes occur, you are washing away history. And enough of that has been done.
Enough has been done. So please please think about it. Don't pass this today. Think about it and talk to the people of this town. Please. Thank you.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: I asked for speaking time at the end of the meeting. Is that still going to happen?

MAYOR EVANS: Yeah. We'll have public comments.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: Thank you.

MAYOR EVANS: If you've got a public comment card you'll be able to speak during public time. Of course those are limited to three minutes though.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: Good afternoon, Council ---

MAYOR EVANS: Hi.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: --- Town of Atlantic Beach. (Inaudible) as a native, someone who was born and raised here in Atlantic Beach. We've always dreamed of this town being developed. We always imagined what it would look like as a developed community. We always had to look around us to see what was going on, but didn't see it happening to our town. But as I grew up and left and came back I had to say I'm glad some of that did not happen here. What we have
here is invaluable. To develop it irresponsibly like the lady said is throwing away our history, our heritage. The dreams that we had growing up can still come to pass. It should just be done in a way that benefits everybody. Having a developer come in from out of town to make changes that will affect all of us forever, that's not what we want. A native is speaking now. That's not what we want. Please consider this. Development can happen. But make it something that benefits everyone. Don't block people who have invested in this town. Not because of money but because they believe in the vision, they believe in the history, they believe in the Black Pearl. Support those people because you're not going to find that anywhere else in this state. Everyone else is all about the money. People here are about the choice to be here. Recognize that, support that. Take some time, step back, talk to us as a community, find out what it is we need. And then let's make it happen together. To be a us and them, that's not how we should move forward as a town. Too much has been lost already by people that were
outside of our community by ways beyond our control. We have control of this town. Let's do what's right for the town of Atlantic Beach. Let's do what's right for the generations to come. I'm raising my daughter here. I want her to be able to come back and bring her children and have Atlantic Beach like we have it today, a community of people of color who are prospering and benefitting from the fruits of our labor. Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Carla, I thank you for that. And you addressed me. So I want to get back at you, okay? I didn't say that I didn't want the town to be in the best (inaudible) for the people. I honestly think with all my heart that a high rise would do us good. This developer that's coming here, and I don't know -- I don't want to step on anybody's toes, but this man is from Georgetown, South Carolina. Grew up coming to Atlantic Beach every weekend with his family. This is a black developer. And I don't know why it makes people think that black folks can't develop stuff. This man right here has been here coming in and out of Atlantic Beach from childhood. He has been
looking at this project for the last past 20 years. So I mean you know I mean I'm feeling what I'm feeling, not for me, it's for the community. But I understand what everybody says. And I understand when you said step back and whatever. I stepped back. I think we all stepped back. My parents, it's a little different. Our parents that was on 30th Avenue is going to be a little different than the parents that was on 29th and 32nd. Because on 29th and 32nd those were residential always. I don't even know one person off of 29th that worked over on the other streets too. Everybody else was actually a resident, right? Okay, 31st and 30th, those mothers and fathers that worked on those streets and those kids, they know and see the need for a high rise.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: Jackie, I was raised on 31st ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Your mama worked at the bank, baby.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: All my life I was on 31st.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: I'm saying though, I'm just saying -- and I'm not trying to get hostile with you. I'm just saying I'm talking about
the parents that worked in the town, that worked in the town that kept this town going.
It took -- those people had to keep this town. So that's what I'm saying. I understand everybody says about preserving the history. This is part of history for us I think, will be part of history for us. This man talked bringing some of the people that the natives could come back. They don't have to go to their mother's house. They'll go in the high rise.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: Remember, Jackie, you're representing all of us. That's all I said. You represent all of us.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Thank you.

MR. MATTHEWS: (Inaudible). It Certainly is a blessing to be in the house this evening. I'm JR Matthews. I have no property on Atlantic Beach but I love Atlantic Beach because as a little boy my sisters, five of them, are living in (inaudible), South Carolina, capitol of Columbia, capitol of South Carolina. And my sisters, the only beach they could go to was Atlantic Beach. My dad would not let my brother and I go. I guess he thought we were
too crazy to get in the water. But my first memories of Atlantic Beach is 1988 when I came here was a state trooper. I used to patrol down through here during bike week and all those times. And they were good times as now. Before I go I want to thank the Mayor and the Council and the Town Manager for what you do. You don't have an easy job. But you do have a very important job. And that is to speak on behalf of the people and that's important. And as a pastor, I pastor the greatest church on this side of Heaven, (inaudible) Baptist Church. And I'm here because I, as a pastor, I feel obligated. Not for Booker, not for Pastor Bennett, not for Mayor Evans. I'm obligated to be here because of God. And I invited other pastors here. I don't know if they came. Because the fact of it is as a pastor I have responsibility to speak truth to power. And the fact of the matter is is that what is about to happen, if it goes the wrong way will be detrimental to the beach from a historical standpoint. I'm here for people like Jerry Finny and all these other people who live here on this beach. Because as a pastor
I speak for everybody as God speaks through me. And let me say this. A few weeks ago someone asked me what do I have to do with Atlantic beach? And I told them the same thing I have to do with anything in this country. Because we need to understand it is about God and what God is doing, not what you're doing and not what they're doing. But what you're doing. And if you can live with doing what is not in best interest of the whole, then that's your choice. You have to deal with it. But we need to remember that the only way to us is through us. We need to remember whether it's black developer or a white developer, that has nothing to do with it. What it has to do with is what is the best for the beach. I don't know what will happen, but I think if this is passed I believe that the beach will cease to be as it is and North Myrtle Beach will come and take over. It's all about power. It's all about control. And right now the (inaudible) got the money, they will receive the power. So we need to understand that you have a very important responsibility here, and you know that. And I don't know if you've got your
minds made up or not. But when it comes to God -- I assume you're Christians. I don't know. I may have assumed wrong. I don't know. But if you're Christians then you want to do what's best for everyone and not what's best for yourself. There was a time in the book of Judges where there was a battle going on. I'm a preacher you know. There was a battle going on and the night was about to fall and an angel showed up. And Joshua wanted to know whose side are you on. He said, I'm on the Lord's side. And the sun stood still and the battle was fought and victory was won. We need to understand sometimes we need to stand still, mark time and really evaluate what we're trying to do, whether it's for us individually or whether it's for those collectively. And when we do that we may come up with a better answer. So I don't know what you plan to do. You know what you plan to do. I don't know whether these people on stage gonna change your minds or not. But think about what God would do through Jesus Christ. Would he not listen to the people? Would he not try and see and meet the needs that would best suit the people, and
not the powers to be? They're incentives. The powers that be in North Myrtle Beach are just waiting on y'all to make the wrong decision, but the right decision for them. And they will take over.

(Applause)

MR. MATTHEWS: And we need to understand that. And I want to say this in my closing, in my finishing. My number's 843-557-279. I'll talk with any and everybody. I'll be glad to sit and talk with you about anything anytime. But I want to say this to you, I'll leave this with you. Jesus, when he was meeting the demiac on the shores of the beach in Gerasenes, the eighth chapter of Luke when he stepped off the boat on the beach there. And this demiac came to him and begged him to help him and not to torment him. Jesus made that man whole. Certainly you're not Jesus 'cause you're sinners who've been saved by grace if you're a Christian. You're not Jesus. I'm not Jesus. But you are -- you have the responsibility not to break things but to help make the community, help make Atlantic Beach whole and help make it better by listening to the people. Thank you
for your time.

(Applause)

MS. FINNY: I'm Elaine Finny and this is my husband Jerry Finny. And I want to speak to you and ask a question. Because you talk about the Marant Properties owners and this condominium. You talk about the young man that wants to do it that's from Georgetown. I have over 20 years of corporate experience in management, contract writing, plant layouts, also an industrial engineer over those many years. So I went searching for this Marant Properties to evaluate what type of projects that this company has done. What was some of the successes of this company. I couldn't find any. This Marant Properties was incorporated in 2019. And I have not found one project completed by this company. And yet we are entertaining zoning changes, we're entertaining allowing a new company to come to our beach to put in over $100,000,000 project without seeing any evidence that this company has had success of doing projects on this scale. My husband, Jerry, his father bought this property in 1956. We have held on to this property Because we saw
the value of small community. We saw the value of Atlantic Beach and the government in Atlantic Beach providing for all of the people of Atlantic Beach. And if you put a 20 story high rise on that beach you are not allowing the people of Atlantic Beach to thrive to what they expected when this property was bought by the gentleman back in the early 40s. This property is a value to everyone in Atlantic Beach. It doesn't need a 20 story high rise with a 21st rooftop for people to be up there. It doesn't need a 12 story garage for the people of Atlantic Beach to thrive. What Atlantic Beach needs is small businesses. It needs a hotel, yes. But it doesn't need to be 20 story because when you put a 20 story high rise on that beach you are in essence making it just like any other beach along this Atlantic Ocean. We lose the value of Atlantic Beach. We lose the value of the small community, and we lose the value of what the people fought so hard to keep these four streets for the people of Atlantic Beach. You talk about you want to make Atlantic Beach greater? Speaking as an engineer, we don't have the infrastructure to
support it. We don't even have sidewalks on all the streets. We don't even have all of the streets paved. In front of the Cooper's house the paving was stopped before they even got to her street to her house. Councilmens, we expect more from you. We expect for you to listen to the people that you are elected to support. We expect for you to make the decisions based upon what the community can survive. We expect for you to do what's in the best interest of the community. And until this meeting over the last three months we've been talking about it, there has not been a cohesiveness of you interacting with us. It's been a them, as the sign says, natives. We're all natives. We were all brought here on the boat. So to see a sign like that is providing separation.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: No.

MS. FINNY: We don't want separation. We want one community. But we want a community that listens to each other. And just because you're on the Council or the Town Administrator or the policemen or my husband, that does not mean you cannot listen to each other and listen to what
we are asking you to do. So to vote on this
tonight, to base on this FDD with a company
that is coming in here with a proposal that I
have seen no research that it's a viable
company. Why would you do that? Why? Jerry?

MR. FINNY: I'm gonna make my comments brief. I've
been a licensed lawyer in South Carolina now
for 34 years. Elaine and I have been married
for 30 years, have grown children. My hero of
my life is my father. And he actually
introduced me to you all. Jackie, I know your
entire family your father, and have considered
my family as part of your family. I know that
we don't always agree within families. But I
know you intimately. And Mr. Mayor, I know
your family as well. Irene, I see her here.
Always friendly to me from the moment I hit
town. Ms. Isom, I met your mother when I was
a young man. She used to walk around with
these high heels and I was like, who is that
lady right there. She had a style about
herself. And I see that apple didn't fall far
from the tree. I know you all. And I want you
to know that I came here to continue my
relationship with my father, what he started.
And to add to Atlantic Beach. I would like for you all to just consider this. I don't think that an immediate vote for a change is necessary. I would like for you all to use me with the development that has been created thus far to see if we can find a way to work together for the benefit of everyone. The most -- and ladies and gentlemen, I'm not running for nothing. I'm not asking y'all for anything. But the most beautiful people I ever met in my life were right here in Atlantic Beach.

(Applause)

MR. FINNY: And that includes this whole community. So what I would ask you all to do is take your time, please be patient, don't pass this, and let's talk about this in an open fashion where we make better decisions together. Thank you.

(Applause)

MS. HILL: (Inaudible) and I asked two other people to give me their speaking time

MAYOR EVANS: Okay.

MS. HILL: If I may.

MAYOR EVANS: Go ahead.

MS. HILL: Thank you so much. My name is Dianne
Hill and I live on 30th Avenue. We've owned our property for nearly 40 years. I've been a full-time resident for oh 12, 15 years. And I want to speak tonight to my fellow residents, property owners and citizens of the Town of Atlantic Beach. I stand before you this evening to say we collectively and very possibly in all probability have lost our last chance and our last hope to save the legacy that was the Town of Atlantic Beach. Because very shortly after these grandiose plans for development came to fruition the Town of Atlantic Beach will cease to exist. Although I strongly objected to, and still continue to object to these plans, and the pace with which they have been embraced by the town management of the proposed developers, I include myself in the body collective as a resident. I and others who object obviously think I did not fight it hard enough to make all of us who live here recognize the eminent demise of our future. We who presently live here have no future as a community. The developers aided by some of our residents and our governing body have already come. And they have won. The
hotels will be built. The condos will be sold. And some of the owners will declare residency to our community with full voting authority. Do you really think that they will accept me? You? People who look like us as their governing body for their town? If we are (inaudible) we will become the Atlantic Beach section of North Myrtle Beach. Like Ocean Drive Beach or Crescent Beach, or Windy Hill and so on. With no mention of our history and justifiable so. We don't need to besmirch and besmear the accomplishments of our forebears. We don't need a reminder that we have deliberately and with full knowledge and intention stomped on, spit upon and destroyed all vestiges of the phenomenal accomplishments of their dream of a place for us. They created this for us and their descendants. And we have sold our birthright for a fist full of dollars. I realize that tens of millions of dollars may have changed hands and some of our children and grandchildren can and we can look just like the rest of North Myrtle Beach. We must realize that as seductive and intoxicating as the dream of untold riches can be, there really are some
things that ought not and should not be bought and sold.

(Applause)

MS. HILL: When my family bought the property over 40 years ago it was a deliberate choice. We didn't have to buy here. Up in Cherry Grove the waterway was just coming into being. We looked at it. We talked to the builders. We could have bought the same property in Cherry Grove for just about the same price as we paid for Atlantic Beach. We chose Atlantic Beach. We not only chose it. It took us years to find somebody who would sell to us. I mean years. We had just left a living (inaudible) environment with very few people who looked like us. On my job I saw one person, one hour a day who looked like me. Same person. Every day I saw this one person for one hour a day who looked like me. That was the only place I saw someone who looked like me other than my husband. On occasion when my husband worked he saw three people periodically, not all at the same time, not every day who looked like him. So of course we latched on to each other and we formed ourselves into a family so we could play
pinochle every Friday night, maybe go bowling
on Saturday or have a softball game. My
husband came to Atlantic Beach every summer as
a child with Auntie who is an original owner.
So we have a family connection here as an
original. And so we get to extend that third
generation or fourth generation back by family
until we got our own place. When he brought me
here I fell in love with this beach. We were
blessed to get a place of our own. When we
came across the bridge of North Myrtle Beach we
would breath deep. I can smell the ocean.
We're almost there. Breath deep. And it was
sometime later that I realized I was breathing
deeply of the ocean air like I haven't for
years. I didn't even know I had been holding
my breath for years. Now I know some of you
got really really rich with the developers.
And yes, it's your property and you can do
anything with your property that you want to.
And you deserve every dollar that you got or
that you will get. But you could be just as
rich selling it differently. For just as much
money. And still have held onto your parents'
and your grandparents' dream for the Town of
Atlantic Beach. So I say to the sellers, with a little more work you could have made (inaudible) to what you have already realized by selling to individuals that you made when you sold out to developers. I say to the developers, you could have found similar properties and opportunities elsewhere without destroying everything that we here in Atlantic Beach have. To my neighbors I say I wish we could have fought more, I wish we could have fought harder. I wish we had taught our children to know their history and to love this beach so they wouldn't sell it out. My sons will never sell. They continue to say, mom, dad, when I come here I just feel less stress. I feel different when I come to the beach. My son can't wait to get to his mom's. He says, this is priceless. I say, I know babe. And we're gonna keep it that way. And for the newcomers. I've been here 40 years and I'm still a newcomer. And they told me, we don't want you here. Go back where you came from. You can't tell us what to do with our property. And they were right. But Auntie had been here all the while, and we stayed. We didn't run
away. But we did decide to shut up and just be
and stay and enjoy, which is why I'd rather
speak. I know how to shut up, but I had to say
this to you. And I say to all the newcomers,
welcome. I'm so glad you came. And finally I
say let's take a really good look at ourselves
here in this place and know this place where I
know the Chief of Police, where is he? And he
knows my name. And he says, hey Ms. Hill, how
you doing? And I say, hey Chief. And I feel
comfortable smiling at the officers and wave
because I feel like they're here to protect and
serve and not just to snatch me down on the
sidewalk and my sons, scrape my face across the
pavement just to find out what my name is. You
don't have to do that to find out what my name
is. So in the future let's all go down to the
ocean while it's still open to the public. And
bid the Town of Atlantic Beach a fond goodbye.
It's gone. Once it's gone we're not getting it
back. We won't see ourselves in the future.
We'll see North Myrtle Beach including Ocean
Drive, Crescent Beach, Atlantic Beach and so
on. So I'm going to apologize to all of you.
I know I've probably offended some people this
evening. And I'm sorry about that. I'm not sorry for a word that I said. But if you've been offended, I'm sorry.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor?

MAYOR EVANS: Huh?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: May I make a statement?

MAYOR EVANS: Yes, yes.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Let me clarify for everyone here, the record.

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: Use the microphone.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Correct me if I'm wrong on what I'm about to say. There is -- the Marant Project has not submitted a formal proposal to the town. They have submitted a pre-application to the Town of Atlantic Beach. They have not for two years when they first introduced this project have not formally submitted their proposal. Okay? I just wanted everybody to know for the record. We're not deciding on a project this evening. We're deciding on an ordinance that's being proposed that we hope will impact the development across the board. So I just want you to know that tonight is not the approval of the Marant Development Project. If they get to the point
that they meet the requirements that the planning commission set for them and under the planning criteria and requirements from everything to height requirements, traffic studies, environmental studies, everything else. Should they meet that, okay, that application will be reviewed. And still need a public comment period to decide whether the project will go forward. These ordinances are proposed to be assistance to development in the Town of Atlantic Beach no matter who the developer is. So I just want to clarify for everyone here that this is not a decision on the project?

**UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER:** Is this a precursor to the decision?

**MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Excuse me?

**UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER:** Is this a precursor to the decision?

**MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** What do you mean precursor? What's your definition?

**UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER:** So we said that this approval for the FDD right? And this is what they need in order to push forward.

**MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** That's correct. Yeah, but I'm
saying the proposal still has not been presented. Okay, I wanted to clarify.

**MS. JENKINS:** Good evening, Council. Good evening, family. How about that? Y'all are like, I'm not sure who this woman is. I am a property owner. And I did see a couple of times when Bashia (ph) Jenkins. And I did see a couple of times when somebody said, I'm not a resident. There was like a little huff and a little puff. But what I'd like to share this evening is that even those of us who don't live full-time at the Black Pearl, the Black Pearl is in our DNA. So my big mama, Alma Jenkins if any of you all know her, purchased the property, oh it had to be over 40 years ago because I've been coming to the beach for about 48 years now. So I'm a little old school to the beach as well. But granddaddy had a 80 acre farm out in (inaudible). And all the kids from DC and Maryland and the city kids would come down and work that farm. And then my gramps would back us up in his pickup truck and we'd sit in the back and we'd drive to Atlantic Beach. And this was better than going to any amusement park, better than going to Disney World or
anything like that. Because Atlantic Beach spoke to our souls. It was a place where we could be free as children. And I remember as a young teenager, I remember just thinking, oh I can't wait one day for me to have a whole lot of money because I just want to make sure that this area is taken care of. That it's going to be passed on from generation to generation. That we take care of it. Now I didn't come to speak in the meeting. I came to listen. I wanted to hear both sides. And I was like, you know I always dreamed of things being really developed and it being nice. But as I listened to the community, what hit me so hard is that Atlantic Beach is not a vacation spot, it is a community, which is very very very different that North Myrtle Beach. These are families. I have purchased or I have three lots out on (inaudible) Beach. And it is my intention to pass that on to my children and they pass that on to their children and it not be ruined. For those of us who have African ancestry, 85 percent of Africans born in America also known as African Americans came through the ports of South Carolina. This
place makes us whole. This is where we come to heal. And I love that when I go to the beach there's a whole bunch of folks on that side and there's a whole bunch of folks on this side. But we can come right to our spot and it's wide open. And every time I come, and that's about five times out of they year, I go and I get flowers and I throw it into the ocean and I give thanks for my ancestors whose blood, sweat, tears and abuse have made it for me to be able to stand today. The pastor said, you all may have your minds made up. But I ask you, I ask you don't make any decisions with your mind. This is a decision that has to be made with your heart. This has to be made with your heart. The people come first. We can develop the Black Pearl. But it has to be with the best interest of the people who live there each and every day. It's not a vacation spot. It's a community. It's family. It's legacy. So I just ask you, lead with your hearts because we want the Black Pearl to stay the Black Pearl. I don't want it to be the white pearl. And no offense to anybody here, but I just want to be very very clear, I'm here
standing for Big Mama, the new Jenkins. My parents Mack Jenkins, Gale Jenkins. We are doing the work that you all sent us here to do. We love this beach. I love it better than my home (inaudible). But I give thanks for the work that y'all do each and every day. And I know it's a hard decision. And that's why I say don't lead with the mind, lead with the heart. Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: This will be the last one for tonight.

MR. NEAL: Good evening. First I'd like to just introduce myself. I'm Marvin Neal. I'm the past president of Georgetown Branch NAACP. I'm also a member of (inaudible) County Council District 7 in Georgetown. I'm not here to talk about Marant and the Marant Group Project. What I'd like to express though is the importance of preserving black history and this black community. Several voices have came today. I myself will say I'm the third vice president of the South Carolina State Conference of the NAACP also. Our job is to fight for preservation of the black people and the black community. I understand black people
and black businessmen have -- should have opportunities to build in these communities where they own property. But I also understand the importance and how critical it is for this property to be preserved. And I'll go into a little detail. Only yesterday the state president, President Murphy met with some black families from another part of Myrtle Beach where we were fighting and discussing means to try to preserve a black community where there weren't opportunity because there weren't anyone that looked like you on the council. That's what's different here today. You're on the Council. With that opportunity to preserve this black community. That's important. That's really unique within its own self. I drive up and down the coast of Georgetown. I'm from Plamersville, a little old country town where I'm trying to preserve myself with my people fighting that district where my councilmen fights with me. Councilman Marant. I'm not against him building anything. That's his choice. But the choice of this community should be the choice of the people that lives here. And I feel the same way in my community.
Every beach that's on the coastline from Georgetown to North Myrtle Beach, you have to go through a gate to pay or you can't even see the water unless you live there. These people live here on this beach, and I can see the water. My father and mother took us to this beach for a lifetime. I still have pictures, taken pictures of Atlantic Beach. It is critical that I say that because what we heard yesterday. It is critical that you all preserve this beach, Atlantic Beach. Gentrification should not come through black people. That shouldn't happen. That's just not good. I'm a retired serviceman, officer from the United States Army. And the things that we fight for in other countries, I fight harder here in my home to protect my own people. That's shameful. And I joined the NAACP for that purpose, to preserve black people and the opportunity for black people. Nothing in America became good because of white people. It happened because if black people. Let's not take away from ourselves when the opportunity is there to preserve it right now. Approval of that ordinance will open the door.
The Council that we're looking at today, with redistricting and everything else that comes with it, two elections from now if you were to do what you're doing right now it won't look like you. That's a fact. And I'm not bashing you. I'm talking from experience. I've worked redistricting (inaudible) over the last 20 years since I retired in 1998. And I have seen councils constantly change, especially in municipalities. Georgetown for instance. Used to be an all black council just like you. Now they don't even have a vote. Gentrification happening every day. It feels good right now. I think it's already in motion. I think it's personalized, the vote is. I feel that because I see the reaction from the Council to the audience. So it is personalized. They should not suffer at the hands of us. That's where I am. And that's all I'm saying. Give your own black people a chance. Don't give this up. This might be the only black beach, black community that's controlled by black people with such great historical significance and value. And I'm not saying that for response for anyone. I just need to ---
MAYOR EVANS: Excuse me just one moment.

(Gavel bangs)

MAYOR EVANS: Guys, try to keep your outbursts down in the audience please. You can go ahead and continue.

MR. NEAL: We have lost enough at the hands and we have hurt enough from our black leadership that's failing us, that look like us but don't sound like us. Look at the Supreme Court. Killing us. Look at our congressmen that look like us. Don't sound like us. Let's be careful. Look black, think black, live black, protect black. It is necessary for us to survive. A no vote would be the best vote you could make for these people. They love you, I love you. But God in mercy don't do that to them, don't do that to us. To us. 'Cause I come to Atlantic Beach, (inaudible), bikers' week and everything else. The joy of just showing up. Like they say, the only beach that you can still see from driving down the highway. Because a black developer shows up or potential, or white, it don't matter. That should not happen when you have the power in your hands to control. That just shouldn't
happen. Think twice about that. Get back with your people. Come up with a better plan. You have engineers, industrial engineers standing here tonight opening their hands of opportunity to do it the right way. They're sensitive 'cause what's going on right now just don't make sense. It just don't make sense to pass an ordinance. It's like a ghost ordinance. Why would you even pass something that you can't see? It makes no sense. Because the rest of the city of Myrtle Beach or wherever is doing that, that don't make it good for us. White people is doing that. We don't need to look like that. We need to look black. And make sure what we're doing makes sense. We've always done things that made sense. That's why we're here. That's why we're here. Black people's in American 'cause of how great we are. Don't look like them, don't try to look like them. Look black, it's all right. Think black. Feel it. Feel black. It's a heart thing. The pastor talked about it. It's important. Today is ours. Tomorrow belongs to God. He gave us today. Let's do our best work today. Let's take care of our own people.
'Cause you won't be able to eat, sleep, drink, live, whatever you're about to open up now, 10 years from now you won't even be able to stay in those hotels.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Why?

MR. NEAL: I don't know why. Look at the rest of America. (Inaudible) He stayed. Now is the accepted time, not tomorrow, not some convenient season that we can't even see. It's today that our best work is done. So do your best work today. That's all we have is today. Don't make that mistake. Be proud that you preserve Atlantic Beach for the people that looks like us. Do that for the people that look like us. Not because it's a black builder. But the people that lives here. He lives in Georgetown. We need to work on Georgetown. Thanks for your time.

(Appause)

MAYOR EVANS: Thank you.

MS. JENKINS: I'm so sorry. I just got a message from my sister and I just realized how the ordinance would impact me and my family. So we do have a property on the ocean front that we purchased. We purchased the land and we
haven't started building. But this ordinance would make it so that we cannot build our home. And that was a home that we were building, not just for us but for my parents when they got older. As they age we were building that so that they could come back to the beach and be on the ocean front. So if you pass this ordinance now it's, you know it was personal but now it's like super personal because what I had for my parents, what I had for my family and I am vested in North Myrtle Beach in this particular property. And now you are putting me in shackles, you're putting my family in shackles. So I want you to really consider that as well.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: That's really not gonna affect your property over there. That's not gonna affect your property on 32nd. Are you on 32nd?

MS. JENKINS: I am on that main ocean front. Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: On 32nd?

MS. JENKINS: Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: That wouldn't affect your property at all. That will not affect your property at all. She's on 32nd on a residential ---
MS. JENKINS: I'm on the ocean front. And I know that there is ---

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: Ocean Boulevard.

MS. JENKINS: Ocean Boulevard, yes. I'm on Ocean Boulevard.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: 32nd?

MS. JENKINS: Right.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Right.

MS. JENKINS: And we have a property and I think that there is a width requirement, yes. And I'm just maybe a little shy of that.

MS. KANE: The questions that you have are in regard to the next ordinance that's on the agenda. That would allow -- that's actually for the R2 district to help encourage the R2 district development. So that's the next ordinance. And it's actually to the benefit of your property.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: That's the last one.

MAYOR EVANS: Go ahead, yeah.

MR. JAMES: Okay, thank you, Mr. Mayor and Council. My name's Mickey James. I'm the president of the Myrtle Beach branch. What my colleagues stated, president and third vice president. I know you guys unlike my colleagues. I know you
personally. I've dealt with you (inaudible) historical. And I always say I don't know nothing. I don't claim to be smart like some people. And I'm a preacher, I don't claim to know everything. But I just want to say that I'm proud Atlantic Beach residents 'cause a lot of blacks in Myrtle Beach don't even come council meetings and stuff like this when things get tight. And divorce, you know it doesn't matter who you are. Divorce is -- means a lot. So when you have an oath as a preacher or as a judge or whatever, if you have an oath that's an obligation that you have pledged to the people that elected you to do a job. And then if it's tight sometimes the council's got to make a decision that people don't like or when you got a majority they're telling you something. It might be something you might want to consider. The majority always wins basically because we can't let our personal thoughts become habitual. We can't let it become an addiction to us because I don't like somebody or I don't appreciate somebody. That can't be the way our councils work efficiently. And I know Atlantic Beach
has its strides and ups and downs and so forth. This probably the most complicated case I ever seen since I've been in this area, the most complicated situation. Now I know that (inaudible) this evening see differently from maybe your views or vice versa. And I would look at what is right for anybody. That's what I would do. I can't tell you how to speak or to vote, but I would do that, what is right for the citizens who vote for you and have the power to make this decision on who's going to sit up here. And so these voices are the ones that can say, well it's time to move somebody out the way. But I tell you one thing, and before I sit down. If you build something you can't take it down. When I say you can't take it down, it's not going to come down over night, and I think the preservation thing is what people are looking at as -- you might agree or disagree. And I'm not here to tell you what to do. I'm only making suggestions because what's gonna happen is gonna happen. But I would think the right thing needs to happen to what these folks who feel, and I would listen to them more than I would listen
to myself. Because they're the ones that put me where I'm at. And I would listen to them. Because if I had my way I'd probably do what I want to do. But if I listen to them I'll do what they want me to do because they're the ones that put me in that position to do the right thing. And these people that have spoke tonight have been very articulate and very straight forward. And they have shown you that they have -- Ms. Hill 80 years old very articulate and know the history. These folks that I've known all these years (inaudible). But you've got folks that own property. Don't listen to what they say, but they have a right to say what they want to say. So I would do, and I appreciate all of you guys for let me sitting out here tonight. Now you know you can't win an argument, man. You're gonna lose. Nobody gonna win an argument. But do the right thing and that's what's going to count. You can't satisfy everybody. But what you want to do is make sure that whatever this town intended from its inception is what you want it to be now. Because even though we excited about change, you want to see some high rises
and see some things that look nice and happy, other folk want to see something better than you. Other folks want to see something that you might not even be thinking about. We want to see some income. But the love of money is the root of all evil. So people come in, they ain't thinking about nobody but them. They don't care about nobody on this Council, and they don't care about nobody in this room. All they want is the money. And so when you get involved with folks and you regret something, you can't take it back. And you on Council, you can't go back 20 years later and say, I wish I wouldn't have done that. A lot of us said many times we regret doing something because we didn't really analyze our thoughts before we even implement the idea. And so the TV's watching. The whole world is watching Atlantic -- it's on TV watching. What kind of decision are these fools gonna make? That's what they say. I'm telling y'all up front. Them black folks. I'm telling you what they saying. That's what it is. And I don't expect (inaudible). But what I do, I love me. And if I love me then I'm gonna protect me. And I
protect what the Lord intrust me with. And so if you have something in Atlantic Beach you wanna keep it, and you want folks that are on this council here to help you keep what you have worked hard for all your life. And last but least, Mr. Quattlebaum, I have dealt with him. I've dealt with Jake. (Inaudible) I came to rescue the best that I could. To see what I can do. And if I can't help you I ain't gonna mess with you. I didn't come here to talk tonight. But my spirit telling me that you need to look at, whatever this is it's gonna impact for the next 50 years. And y'all will be dead and gone, and this will affect us the rest of our lives. Thank you.

(Applause)

**MS. ARMSTRONG:** I wasn't going to say anything. I really had planned on being to the meeting tonight. All of you know that I haven't missed a meeting in over seven years. 'Cause Jake Evans is my brother. And I'm a former mayor of Atlantic Beach for 12 years. The first African American female mayor in the history of Atlantic Beach.

**MAYOR EVANS:** Ms. Armstrong, step back and speak
into the mic so we can hear your voice.

**MS. ARMSTRONG:** Elected in 1995. Before I left the government I said I wasn't going to say anything. But I (inaudible). I'm her daughter. You don't sit there idly. You know whenever there's one side to a story, guess what, there's an other, am I right? I'm right. I know I am. I don't have to ask for your permission. I know I am. My heart is filled. My heart is filled. Let me tell you why. When I left -- well first of all whenever I was elected Mayor, and these Council Members know this. When I was elected Mayor not once, not two, three times over, four year terms. So I wasn't the head of Atlantic Beach for no reason. Okay? And I love each of you who have invested in Atlantic Beach. Because the first time that I took seat in '95, my fear, my genuine fear was what will Atlantic Beach look like at the end of my term. I don't want to grow to be an old woman in a rocking chair and Atlantic Beach store shelves are bare like they are now. For over three generations the shelves in Atlantic Beach store have been bare. Folks started going -- the small amount of
hotels and businesses in Atlantic beach were thriving. What was only a few during the 90s because (inaudible) had taken hold. Blacks were welcome to go anywhere they wanted to go throughout the Grand Straight. And guess what they did. They abandoned Atlantic Beach for Myrtle Beach and North Myrtle Beach. And we're trying to hold on by this string, hold on by a string because our economic base had left the town. So now the next element of the issues were we have public houses. They were great for Atlantic Beach. That's why we're here today because you don't know that. You don't know that, most of you new owners. Public housing was our savior. Guess what. Why? Because developers would not develop in a community where there's public housing even thought it was on the ocean. That's why Atlantic Beach looks the way it does today, because public housing 56 units of them over on the ocean, the tenants could throw a stone in the ocean from our public housing complex. Three streets in Atlantic beach we had public housing. And the tenants decided who would be the leaders of this town because they were in
the majority. Because Atlantic Beach is always been an absentee community. It's only been like 10 percent if that many that was year round, year round property owners. And these are folks who are the founders of this community that lived in Atlantic Beach. So I'm gonna close out by just letting all of you know that I do appreciate everyone's passion. And I have a tooth pulled so I'm not speaking very clearly tonight. So please forgive me. Reverend JR made mention to someone asking him a question what did he have to do with Atlantic Beach. So I hope Reverend is still here because I want to respond to that just a little bit. It's because whenever it comes to Atlantic Beach, if you hadn't been down in the trenches digging and fighting tooth and nail with the South Carolina Supreme Court for over two decades about them trying to railroad and pass special legislation to harpoon Atlantic Beach. That's where I work. I was in Columbia at least three days out of the week fighting the legislature. Judge Finny, you know it, Jerry. Judge Finny was our savior too. So we know about holding on and hold (inaudible).
think someone else alluded to that. You said hold on for a little while longer. You know what. We've been holding on and just holding on just like we were just holding on to the last thread for so many decades. For so many decades. So I appreciate your passion because we all want the same thing. We want the same thing. But guess what, I got to put my trust in a government who has been down in the trenches and been fighting for this town and have held it together. We're still here today because of the government that has been elected. So whenever that time comes, whenever that time comes if you're not pleased with their decision, it's about Atlantic Beach, folks, it's about Atlantic Beach. You can't keep nothing really black anymore. Come to your senses. Thank you, Council. I trust your decision. You can't do that. Federal funds come to this town.

MAYOR EVANS: Order. Order please. Council, seek a motion to adopt ordinance number 4-2023. Okay, that's right. Seek a motion to close the public hearing.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: So moved.
UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:  Second.

MAYOR EVANS:  Motion and second to close the public hearing.  Roll call.

CLERK:  Councilman Edward Campbell?

COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:  Yay.

CLERK:  Mayor Pro-Tem Josephine Isom?

MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:  Yay.

CLERK:  Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE:  Yay.

CLERK:  Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS:  Yay.  The motion's granted.  We're down to -- okay, ordinance number 4-2023.  Seek a motion to adopt ordinance number 4-2023.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:  So moved.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:  Second.

MAYOR EVANS:  There's a motion to adopt ordinance number 4-2023.  There's a motion and a second. And this is an ordinance to amend the land management ordinance to modify the eligibility for designation requirements for the planned development and the flexibility design zoning district.  And this is the second reading. Roll call.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:  Question.

MAYOR EVANS:  You're out of order.
(Gavel banged)

CLERK: Councilman Edward Campbell?

COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Yay.

CLERK: Mayor Pro-Tem Josephine Isom?

MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM: Yay.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yay.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yay. Motion granted. We're down to ordinance number 5-2023.

MS. KANE: Okay, so onto 5-2023. There are numerous revisions as part of this ordinance and it's primarily to the bulk dimensional and density standards. One of the things when I started looking at the zoning ordinance and the dimensional requirements -- and I don't know if it's easier without the light.

MAYOR EVANS: We need another light off back there please.

MS. KANE: There we go. One of the things that I realized is that the minimum lot requirement is currently 7,500 square feet for the MS1 MS1R and the MS2 districts. But I started looking at what the plats actually said. So one of the things that I have recommended is to reduce
that minimum lot size down to 7,000 just because there's a number of lots that do not meet that minimum requirement currently. And that's to ensure easier ability for those owners to be able to develop their property.

Also in the R2 district there's a recommendation to reduce the minimum lot width down to 35. In some cases, yes, there are a lot that are 50 foot wide width, but there are also some that are in the 40s and down to 40 feet and possibly smaller if a survey was done. So this is to ensure that the R2 district lots can fully be developed without any variance request. Similarly if you look down at the bottom of this table just for a cleanup effort, last year Council approved the minimum lot area for a two family dwelling to go down to just 3,000 square feet. So that way if you had, say, a 6,000 square foot lot that had a duplex going on it, that each unit would only require 3,000 square feet. The revision you see there from 6,000 to 3,000 is just to allow if it had property line down the middle for it to be -- if it were a single family attached. So we have apples to apples. So you wouldn't end up...
having a minimum 12,000 square foot lot for one duplex. So that correction is there. And then also there was a scrivener's error with the land management ordinance. It identifies that two family dwellings are allowed in the MS1 district. But when you actually go to the approved used it's not an approved use. So that was just removed there. And this is all to ensure that we don't have a confusing land management ordinance. Regarding rear setbacks, there is a reduction from a 60 foot to a 30 foot rear setback for any lots that are over 8,000 square feet within the MS1, MS1R and the MS2 districts. As you're aware, most of the lots in the town are about 150 feet. Some of them are 140 feet. If that 60 foot requirement was there it pretty much would eliminate the ability to be able to develop some of those properties. And so it's just to make sure that we can develop the land intended for the main street corridors in town. And that is the summary there.

MAYOR EVANS: Thank you. Any questions or comments as to this ordinance?

MR. DAVID: In your analysis, how many lots were
affected by this change?

MS. KANE: There's a couple of -- I'm gonna try to summarize here because knowing each individual change. One that has the greatest benefit is the reduction down to 7,000 square feet. I think it was close to 40 percent of the lots in those districts did not meet that minimum lot size requirement.

MR. DAVID: Thank you.

MAYOR EVANS: Ordinance number 5-2023. Council, I seek an ordinance to adopt -- I seek a motion to adopt ordinance number 5-2023, and this is the second reading.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: So moved.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and a second to adopt ordinance number 5-2023. Motion and a second, and this is the second reading. Motion and second's on the floor. Roll call.

CLERK: Councilman Edward Campbell?

COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Yay.

CLERK: Mayor Pro-Tem Josephine Isom?

MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM: Yay.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yay.
CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yay. The motion's granted. We're down to new business.

NEW BUSINESS:

MAYOR EVANS: This is ordinance number 8-2023. This is an ordinance amending ordinance number 2-2022 to adjust the planning and zoning fee schedule, and this is the first reading.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor and Council, Public, I'll be very brief. This is an ordinance adjusting our fee schedule for various development activity, application fees, I don't think we have updated our fee schedule for various development functions, review of class applications and for development. I ask consultant (inaudible) to look at comparable fee schedules of municipalities and make a recommendation for modification of our fee schedule for various development functions. You have it in your packet. The strike-outs of the adjustment of the increases and also where there were no fees charged there are proposed fees being proposed in that.

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: Will the public ---

(Gavel banged)
MAYOR EVANS: You're out of order. You can't just ask a question from the floor like that. The hearing is closed. You can't just speak from the public. You can go ahead.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: I don't know, do you have copies? This is the first reading.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay. Council, seek a motion to adopt ordinance number 8-2023 first reading.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: So moved.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: Motion and a second to adopt ordinance number 8-2023. Any other questions or comments?

(No response.)

MAYOR EVANS: Roll call.

CLERK: Councilman Edward Campbell?

COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Nay.

CLERK: Mayor Pro-Tem Josephine Isom?

MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM: Yay.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yay.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yay. The motion's granted. We're down to B under new business. This is resolution number 1-2023.
MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor, Council and Public, this is an ordinance Horry County Waste Management Plan developed by the Horry County Solid Waste Authority and municipalities are asked to sign on for the plan, solid waste plan for the county deals with conservation, reduction of solid waste material and set some goals and parameters for trying to modify or eliminate a lot of excessive solid waste in the county. It makes no financial commitments. But just has a sign on for all municipalities support the solid waste plan from the Solid Waste Authority in Horry County.

MAYOR EVANS: Thank you. Council, seek a motion to adopt resolution number 1-2023.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: So moved.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: Motion and a second's on the floor to adopt the resolution number 1-2023. Any other questions or comments?

(No response.)

MAYOR EVANS: Roll call.

CLERK: Councilman Edward Campbell?

COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Yay.

CLERK: Mayor Pro-Tem Josephine Isom?
MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM: Yay.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yay.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yay. The motion's granted. We're down to the manager's report. Oh, no. Okay, contract agreement to enter between the town of Atlantic Beach and Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments for technical or professional planning services. I'll take a motion, Council.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and a second on the floor.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor and Council, this is the renewal of a contract with Waccamaw Regional Council of Government. Ms. Leah Kane is the lead consultant to the town of Atlantic Beach on development operation. This continuum, the contract we had ran from July 1st of last year to June 30th of this year in the amount of $40,000. And seeking the same scope of assistance that we received or will continue to receive. We will receive Waccamaw Regional
Council Buildings.

**MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, a motion and second on the floor. Roll call.

**CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

**COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yay.

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

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

**CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

**COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yay.

**CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

**MAYOR EVANS:** Yay. The motion's granted. We're down to the manager's report.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor and Council and Public. Before I bring Ms. Malet on to give a report on the Gullah Geechee, let me just thank the Mayor and Council and residents, property owners and everyone who sent condolences on the passing of my father. I greatly appreciated all of your acknowledgment and really am overwhelmed by the support for our family during our time for bereavement. So I just wanted to thank you all for your condolences. At this time I'd bring Ms. Malet forward to give an overview of the Gullah Geechee Festival.
MS. MALET: Good evening everyone, Mayor and Council. Thank you so much for us to have back into our lives -- and members of the community. That we had the Gullah Geechee Festival we haven't had for I know over 20 years, 30 years before. I had a calling for this, truly a calling. I wanted this community to have a celebration that we haven't had in a long time celebrating our black history, celebrating why we were founded. And as you mentioned -- I didn't get up at the time of public speaking 'cause I knew I would have this time to speak. But 1934 George W. Tyson founded this town for us. And this was segregation. We couldn't go no where else. Now we maybe wanted to go to the ocean, but you couldn't go. But this man had a vision. And as I live here for nearly 40 years myself I want to see that vision come back to fruition again. Now we've had our ups and our downs, but in our hay day we -- everybody wanted to come here. No, I was not born here. I've been here at least since I was five years old (inaudible). But I want to say that beach, y'all, we are the Black Pearl. So what does Black Pearl mean? Pretty. There's
a song that goes, Black Pearl, pretty little girl, let me put you up where you belong. And that's what I want to do, and that's what I think we tried to accomplish with the help of the Council people. Y'all were so supportive. And Lord knows Cheryl, Mr. Quattlebaum. I know they got tired of seeing me in their office, but I thank you because I wanted to put us up where we belong. And we need to stay up. And there are so many in here that have (inaudible). Let me tell you been-here people, come-here, I don't care what you want to call it, we're here. And so I want to say because of that we had Friday night, oh my God, this place was packed. We had to cut the number off because we couldn't let everybody come in. But the joy that came telling the history of it. The MC Mr. James Stevens speaking about the town, having Mr. Cecil Williams that was honored at that time speaking about the Civil Rights Movement and what this town went through as well. Having Ryan Days come and speak about the Gullah Geechee. And that was just the beginning of it. And then on top of that, this went on Saturday morning, we came out with a
parade. Everybody came out moving and (inaudible) and dressing up and enjoying the celebration of our town the Black Pearl. And after the parade we had speakers. Yes, we had Ryan Days but guess what, we also had the Harvard professor that spoke and explained how Gullah Geechee should be put up just like any other language that's here in our United States of America, even more so because we couldn't read or write when we came here. We had to figure out a way to communicate. Now today I can't believe it, we can communicate. Look how we're communicating today. I think we're coming back. I feel a coming together, I pray. I pray from the bottom of my heard 'cause this Black Pearl was just given to us for a short time that we could pass it on to the next generation. Please don't walk over this time. Please don't let us lose what we have fought, as everyone has said, so hard for. But please let us preserve it and let us go forth. And on Sunday we did a non-denominational thing. But we had Father (inaudible) to come to do the libation. We had people doing poetry. We had a big old circle in the old path of Ocean y'all
and we all held hands. And we just kinda pulled the energy back here where I want this to be not just once in 30 years but be a continuation, not to say that I would be doing it. But I want it to be done. I want us to keep doing this. We have things that people die for. We can be the miniature Wall Street Journal, Black Wall Street Journal of our time. Our little (inaudible). Don't let us lose it now, I pray. We've got to keep it, we've got to be strong and united and look for every reason that we can, and research. History is my major. Research. Don't come in here and say I got this -- no, show me. Like she said, show me where you have been successful. Don't let me -- I want to respect you, but play me. I'm not crazy. We've been here too long now to be foolish now. Please. I beg you, please let us live for our future generations. Let us do the right thing. And thank you again for letting me do the festival for you. I'm so honored. Thank you.

MAYOR EVANS: Thank you.

(Applause)

MAYOR EVANS: Chief.
CHIEF ROBINSON: Good afternoon. I'll try to get y'all out of here fast as I can. We did have our first movie night, not the past Friday but the Friday before that. We had a small little turnout. The people that did come, they enjoyed it. We did watch the second Black Panther. I think the kids and the resident that did come out and join. We got a second one this Friday right here. We gonna have it down at the (inaudible) Center. Everybody in the community is welcome to come. We'll start at 8:00. And the only reason we're starting that late is because the big movie screen you got, we gotta make sure the sun is down. And I hope it'll be a lot cooler. If it do rain don't be alarmed, we can move it back to the (inaudible). We got a back up plan. But I'd like for everyone in the community to come out, bring kids. We have popcorn, drink and I think a lot of people ate a lot of candy and a lot of popcorn. I think they enjoyed theyself for the first movie night. And this is something we're gonna try to do every two weeks. But Summer's running out so we got about two more after this Friday. So like I say, I want the community to
come out. It's a time we all can get together, kinda mingle, talk to each other, get to know your neighbors. I know we're a small community but sometime you really don't get to bond and get to know each other unless you come out and break bread. And it's a great time all of y'all can come out and enjoy a movie night. The second thing I got on my agenda -- oh, the movie that will be playing is the Mario Brothers. It's the new Mario Brothers that just came out. I try to go on the kids side. I try to cater for the kids. Hopefully whenever they drop the new Color Purple movie we gonna try to show that. I know a lot of the older folks like me that seen the first Color Purple. I would like to see what they did with the second one. It's gonna be kinda interesting to me. So when that drops we'll be playing that. The second thing we got is the neighborhood watch program. Our first meeting that I know of since I've been here -- we tried to start a neighborhood watch program. And it's something to give back to the community. This is kinda to put the community back in y'all's hands. Without y'all's ears, y'all's
eyes we can't do our job. Y'all see a lot more than what we see. And me personally I think this is the safest place in Horry County, probably in South Carolina. That's how I feel. We don't have a lot of major crimes here. And I want to keep it that way. I want to make sure y'all can go home, don't have to worry about somebody following you, don't have to worry about somebody breaking in your house. And y'all the one that do that. It's not my officers, but it's y'all. And I think it's very important. To me this'll tell me how much y'all care about your community if y'all come out Monday at 4:00 p.m. 4:00 to 5:30. Come out. Tell us what y'all want from us. Tell us how we can both work hand in hand. We got a lot of information to pass on to you. And I promise, together we can make the Black Pearl even better. So that's all I got. Any questions from Council?

MAYOR EVANS: Nope. Thank you. That's it.

(Applause)

MAYOR EVANS: Council, seek a motion to adjourn.

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: So moved.

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: Public time.
UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: Public time.

MAYOR EVANS: Oh, okay.

(Laughter)

MAYOR EVANS: All right, where he at. John David.

PUBLIC TIME:

MR. DAVID: First I'm gonna request that the City Manager either email out to the community or get out to us some how the new proposed planning and all the fee schedules so that we can all see it and look at it. Secondly on July 20th we -- myself along with Council Campbell have partnered with the United States Business -- Small Business Administration and the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development. And the Small Development Center at Coastal Carolina as well as Score and I Hope Women's Business Center as well as Coastal Carolina Bank in addition to several other banks and with a few builders to start a series of economic development seminars to help build out 30th and 31st street. At the seminar on July 20th from 1:00 to 3:00 here in the community center all those people will be here. There will be tables, booths set up so that people in the public or land owners can talk to
all these folks to try to get money, to try to
get avenues to get money, to try to build and
develop on your land. You can register. I
have flyers here. There are some in the back.
You can register via the QRS code or you can
call me directly. We hope there's a large turn
out and we hope that we can finally get 30th
and 31st street developed fully. Any
questions?
(No response.)

MAYOR EVANS: Okay, Elaine and Jerry Finny?

MS. FINNY: I just want to reiterate what I had
stated earlier. The first one is concerning
the FDD. We're looking at the land commission
meeting back in January where they talked about
the Marant Properties Project that they had
submitted to the land development commission.
And in there it stated that currently that
property that they proposed in their pre-
conceptual plan could not be built as they had
required because of the number of stories, it
being 20, because of the setbacks that are
currently zoned, and because of the impervious
surface that they're wanting to do. If you're
not familiar with impervious surface, because
of the drainage and because there's that, I assume as an engineer, there's not enough land to have, what do you call that area -- for drainage -- runoff. They're proposing to use an impervious surface in that condo area in order to meet it, okay? So the FDD is being planned by the land development commission to be presented by the Administrator for that condo area. So that is why they're seeking a change. Okay, so make sure you understand that. The second thing is that -- oh, go ahead Jerry.

MR. FINNY: No, go ahead.

MS. FINNY: Second thing we talked about is please note that we as a community, and I speak for all of us, want development in Atlantic Beach, and I want everybody to know that that are listening in. We want development. We want the right type of development. What we are against is a 20 story structure that would obscure the look of the water front. We want hotels. We want lower level condos. We want restaurants. We want buildings. We want economic development. But we want it done the right way to support what the community wants.
And so with the input of the community we all can thrive and have the development that we are seeking, okay? So please don't get it twisted and don't let anyone tell you we're not for development. Jerry's dad, Earnest Finny, Judge Finny, has always been for development and has supported that. And he has been in the trenches, the Supreme Court on the ground working in the community, and had the vision that this will be a community for the people. And if you put that high rise there, think about this. The flow on the beach. If you have 20 stories of people on a four street beach, where you gonna walk? Where you gonna lay? There will not be access for us, the owners that are here supporting this right now with a 20 story structure. Along with the visitors we have that come in from Windy Hill, that come in from the Baywatch area and sit on our beach because their beaches are too crowded.

MR. FINNY: Thank you. I just wanted to say thank you for letting my wife and I address this group tonight, the Council. This is our first time addressing Council. We are registered to
vote here. Our residence is our primary residence here. We are here and we are here to stay. And I'd like to say in my comments to the public, I heard comments about being black. And we live in a world -- we have three children where I tell our children all the time, you cannot just look at color. You've got to feel the culture inside of you. And your words tonight really really touched me. We may have lost this battle, but I don't think we've lost the fight. And I have heard the comments of all people in this community. I think that this fight is not over, and I would ask that we pull ourselves up and keep fighting. 'Cause it's worth fighting for. Thank you.

MAYOR EVANS: Thank you. Ms. McNeal?

CLERK: No, Ms. McNeal is not ...

MAYOR EVANS: Okay, all righty. Is this Arnold Carr?

(No response.)

MAYOR EVANS: No? Who else I got? Dianne Hill?
MS. COOPER: I yield my time.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay, all right. Is that it?

Council, seek a motion to adjourn?

UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and second on the floor to adjourn. Roll call.

CLERK: Councilman Edward Campbell?

COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Yay.

CLERK: Mayor Pro-Tem Josephine Isom?

MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM: Yay.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yay.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yay. Motion granted. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

(There being nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.)