

TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, September 11, 2023

5:00 p.m.

The Town of Atlantic Beach Town Council meeting was held and recorded at Atlantic Beach Community Center, 1010 32nd Avenue South, Atlantic Beach, South Carolina, on the 11th day of September, 2023, and transcribed by Travis McLeod, Court Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of South Carolina.



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APPEARANCES

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

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

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1 **CALL TO ORDER:**

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** This Town Council meeting is called to
3 order this Monday, September 11th year 2023 at
4 5:00 p.m. Roll call.

5 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

6 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Here.

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

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

9 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?
10 (No response.)

11 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Here. Council, seek a motion to go
13 into executive session for legal, Carolyn
14 Montgomery vs. Town of Atlantic Beach, status
15 of the Morant Properties and personnel matters.

16 **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:** So moved, Mr. Mayor.

17 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Second.

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second on the
19 floor to go into executive session for the
20 items mentioned. Any other questions or
21 comments?

22 (No response.)

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** If not, roll call.

24 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

25 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yay.



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

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

3 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

5 **(Executive Session)**

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

8 **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:** So moved.

9 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and second on the floor to come
11 out of executives session into the general
12 session. Any other questions for comments?

13 (No response.)

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** If not, roll call.

15 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

16 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yay.

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

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

19 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

20 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yay.

21 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

23 **GENERAL SESSION:**

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to in the general session.
25 And at this time I want to welcome the general



1 public and ask at this time if you have any
2 cell phones or devices that might disturb the
3 proceedings, silence those at this time for us
4 please. And at this time if everyone would
5 stand for a moment of silence, and keep in mind
6 the memory of the 9/11 victims as well as long
7 time residents of Atlantic Beach, Ms. Jenkins
8 and Mr. Bradley. Remember those.

9 (Moment of silence is observed.)

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** I pledge allegiance.

11 (Pledge of Allegiance is recited.)

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Council, we're down to approval of the
13 agenda. Seek a motion for the approval of the
14 agenda.

15 **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:** So moved.

16 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Second.

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second on the floor for
18 the approval of the agenda. Any other
19 questions or comments?

20 (No response.)

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** If not, roll call.

22 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

23 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yay.

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

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



1 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

2 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yay.

3 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yay. Motion granted.

5 **OLD BUSINESS:**

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to old business. Town
7 Council meeting minutes, minutes from Town
8 Council meeting held August 7, 2023. Council,
9 seek a motion for approval of those minutes.

10 **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:** So moved.

11 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Second.

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second on the floor for
13 approval of August 7th, 2023 minutes. Any
14 other questions or comments?

15 (No response.)

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** If not, roll call.

17 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

18 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yay.

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

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

21 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

22 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yay.

23 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

25 **NEW BUSINESS:**



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to number five, new
2 business. Ordinance Number 9-2023, an
3 ordinance relating to the recovery of
4 collection costs as part of delinquent debts
5 collected pursuant to the Setoff Debt
6 Collection Act. And this is the first reading.

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

8 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Second.

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second on the floor to
10 adopt Ordinance Number 9-2023, first reading.

11 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes, Mayor, Council and public.
12 I'm going to read the gist of the ordinance
13 that we're requesting to be adopted. Ordinance
14 relating to the recovery of collection costs as
15 part of the delinquent debt collection pursuant
16 Setoff Debt Collection Act where the Town of
17 Atlantic Beach is a claimant agency as defined
18 in the Setoff Debt Collection Act of South
19 Carolina Code annotated (inaudible)-56-10. And
20 therefore entitled to utilize the procedures
21 set out in the act to collect delinquent debts
22 owed to the Town of Atlantic Beach. Whereas
23 delinquent debt is defined in the Act to
24 include collection costs, court costs, fines,
25 penalties, interests which have accrued through



1 contract, subrogation, tort, operations of law
2 or any other legal theory regardless of whether
3 there is an outstanding (inaudible) for that
4 sum which is legally collectable and for which
5 a collection effort has been -- is being made.
6 Whereas the Town of Atlantic Beach has
7 contracted with the Municipal Association of
8 South Carolina to submit claims on behalf of
9 the South Carolina Department of Revenue
10 pursuant to the Act. And whereas Municipal
11 Association of South Carolina charges an
12 administrative fee for the services it provides
13 pursuant to the act. And whereas the
14 administrative fee charged by the Municipal
15 Association of South Carolina is a cost of the
16 collection incurred by the Town of Atlantic
17 Beach that arises through contracts and
18 therefore properly considered as part of the
19 delinquent debt owed to the Town of Atlantic
20 Beach as defined in the Act. That is the
21 request for approval for us to enter into this
22 debt collection agreement with the Municipal
23 Association. This is the first reading.

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** Any other questions or comments?

25 (No response.)



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** Roll call.

2 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

3 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yay.

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

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

6 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

7 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yay.

8 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yay. The motion's granted. We're
10 down to Item B under new business, municipal
11 general election November 7th, 2023, Mr. Joe
12 Montgomery.

13 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** Good evening. Thank you, Mr.
14 Mayor. As all of you know or as most of you
15 know, an election will be held on November 7th,
16 and these are the candidates for Mayor and
17 Council. For Mayor we have John David, Jr. and
18 Ms. Josephine Isom. Councilperson we have
19 Jacqueline Gore, Jarred Finey, Sr. and Shawn
20 Swinson. I hope I pronounced that correctly.
21 Shawn Swinson, Sr. And Carl Tate. Those are
22 the candidates. And the requirements for
23 voting are basically the same as they were last
24 year. We'll close the general assembly updated
25 some of the laws. And I've read most of them.



1 I haven't gotten the book yet, in '22. But the
2 requirements are basically the same. And you
3 must register 30 days before the election to
4 vote. And you must be a resident of this town.
5 And last time we had some problems. So I'm
6 going to be more visual this time, and I'm
7 going to ask my commissioners to be here so we
8 can watch. Last time I was in and out
9 (inaudible). The person I had running the
10 election, it's her job to call the police if
11 necessary to get people out. But she asked us.
12 So I'm going to be a little more visible this
13 time. I'll be here most of the day. I was
14 told last time we have candidates talking to
15 voters, and the community say, you can't do
16 that. So it's not to be done this time. You
17 can't do that. Any questions?

18 (No response.)

19 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** Thank you.

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you, Mr. Montgomery.

21 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** Okay.

22 **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to the manager's report.

24 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, Council and public, just
25 one -- two issues, items I want to report out.



1 One, to give the community an update on the two
2 grants that we received, Under represented
3 Communities Grant. As a reminder, Horry County
4 was awarded this grant by the National Park
5 Service to prepare the Atlantic Beach
6 submission for inclusion on the National
7 Register for Historic Places. Thanks to Ms.
8 Cheetham, Ms. Graham and Ms Mollett's
9 leadership in collection of historic data
10 review and artifacts on -- and the town's
11 architectural survey have been completed by
12 Chronicle Heritage. Special thanks to you,
13 each of the Committee Members who came out to
14 share part of this project. Chronicle Heritage
15 is now preparing their findings on the report.
16 It will be interviews conducted with residents
17 from the community to ascertain the history of
18 the town and documentation of artifacts that
19 were held. The second component (inaudible)
20 the Narrative Grant received from the Gaylord
21 Dorothy Donnelly Foundation is designed to
22 continue Atlantic Beach's historical
23 collection, planning and preservation work.
24 This grant is designed -- designated to support
25 the digitaztion of the historic material in our



1 homes, finalize the storage plan for the
2 Atlantic Beach data, and develop a plan for the
3 Atlantic Beach Museum to ultimately showcase
4 our history. There's an RFP response being
5 sent out, and is due Friday, September 15.
6 That had been advertised for a firm or company
7 to actually take down the information that was
8 developed and reviews and surveys done, and to
9 actually formally digitize and have those
10 recordings done so that we can have them on
11 physical display in a hopefully museum or
12 location in the Town of Atlantic Beach. The
13 other thing I just wanted to announce. The
14 Lion's Club is doing a collection of eye
15 glasses for underprivileged individuals,
16 possibly set up in my office, Town Hall from
17 the hours of 9:00 to 4:00 for anybody who wants
18 to make donations. Glasses will go to
19 underprivileged individuals in the surrounding
20 community. Thank you. That's all I have,
21 Mayor.

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

23 **PUBLIC TIME:**

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to public time. We've got
25 one public comment card. John David.



1 **MR. DAVID:** I don't have anything at this time.
2 **MAYOR EVANS:** Council, seek a motion to adjourn.
3 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** So moved.
4 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** Second.
5 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second to adjourn. Any
6 other questions or comments?
7 (No response.)
8 **MAYOR EVANS:** If not, roll call.
9 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?
10 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yay.
11 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro-Tem Josephine Isom?
12 **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:** Yay.
13 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?
14 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yay.
15 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?
16 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yay. Motion granted. Meeting
17 adjourned at 6:12 p.m.
18 **(There being nothing further, the meeting concluded**
19 **at 6:12 p.m.)**



CERTIFICATE

This is to certify the transcript of the Atlantic Beach Town Meeting consists of thirteen (13) pages. This transcript was prepared by me without the benefit of my being present during the meeting. Additionally, this transcript was prepared from a audio recording provided to me.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal this September 27, 2023.



Jamie L. Barrs
Court Reporter

Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: March 24, 2031

