

**TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL
TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

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5:05 p.m.

The Town of Atlantic Beach Town Council meeting was held and recorded via teleconference at Atlantic Beach, South Carolina, on the 1st day of March, 2021.



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COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

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

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1 Call to Order:

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** This Town Council meeting is called to
3 order this Monday, March the 1st, year 2021 at
4 5:05 p.m. Roll call.

5 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans? Councilwoman
6 Josephine Isom?

7 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Here.

8 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

9 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Here.

10 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

11 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Here.

12 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Here. Council, I seek a motion to go
14 into Executive Session for legal and personnel.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

16 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** So moved.

17 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Second.

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second to go
19 into the Executive Session for legal and
20 personnel matters. If there are no other
21 questions or comments, roll call.

22 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

23 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea -- nay. Yea. Yeah, I'm
24 sorry.

25 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?



1 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: (Inaudible.)

2 CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

3 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yea.

4 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

5 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The motion is granted.

6 Executive Session:

7 (Executive Session.)

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

11 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.

12 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Second.

13 MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and a second to come
14 out of the General Session -- I'm sorry -- out
15 of the Executive Session and enter into the
16 General Session. If there are no other
17 questions or comments, roll call.

18 CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom? Councilwoman
19 Jacqueline Gore?

20 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

21 CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

22 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Here.

23 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

24 MAYOR EVANS: Yea.

25 General Session:



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** I want to take this time to welcome
2 the general public and ask that you remain
3 silent throughout the meeting for us please.
4 And at this time, if you would, bow your head
5 for a moment of silence with us.

6 **(Moment of Silence.)**

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, thank you. Council, we're down
8 to ceremonial matters, any Council members have
9 any ceremonial items? If not, we'll move on
10 down to the approval of the agenda. Council,
11 seek a motion for the approval of the agenda as
12 it is outlined.

13 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

14 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Second.

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and second on the
16 table for approval of the agenda. If no other
17 questions or comments, roll call.

18 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

19 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Here (ph).

20 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

21 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

22 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

23 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Yea.

24 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. The motion is granted.



1 Old Business:

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to Old Business, Town
3 Council meeting minutes, minutes from Town
4 Council meeting held on February the 1st, 2021
5 and February the 9th of 2021. Council, seek a
6 motion for approval of those minutes.

7 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** So moved ---

8 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

9 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second ---

10 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Second ---

11 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** There is a motion and there has been a
13 second for the approval of the February 1st and
14 February 9th, year 2021 meeting minutes. If
15 there are no other questions or comments, roll
16 call.

17 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

18 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

19 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

20 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

21 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

22 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Yea.

23 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. The motion is granted. We're
25 down to Item B under Old Business and it is



1 Beautification Board appointment. Looks like
2 we had an application from Linda Cheatham and
3 she's requesting to serve on the Beautification
4 Board. Council, seek a motion to appoint Linda
5 Cheatham to the Town Beautification Board.

6 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** So moved ---

7 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved to appoint Linda
8 Cheatham to the Beautification Board.

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** Is there a second?

10 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second. Well, did I first and
11 second? I didn't (inaudible).

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, there is a motion and a second
13 -- I'm sorry. Did we get a second? Council,
14 did we get a second on the amendment --
15 Cheatham appointment?

16 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Ms. Isom made the motion.

17 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Oh, I second.

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. There was a motion made by
19 Councilwoman Isom and seconded by Councilwoman
20 Gore for the appointment of Linda Cheatham to
21 the Beautification Board. If there are no
22 other questions or comments, roll call.

23 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

24 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

25 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?



1 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

2 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Glenda Williams? Councilwoman
3 Glenda Williams?

4 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Yea.

5 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion granted.

7 **New Business:**

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to New Business, Ordinance
9 Number 1-2021, amendment to Ordinance Number
10 14-2020 extending the declaration of emergency
11 in the Town of Atlantic Beach until June 1st,
12 2021. Council, seek a motion to adopt
13 Ordinance Number 1-2021.

14 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I seek a motion to adopt
15 Ordinance Number 1-2021.

16 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second ---

17 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Second.

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** It's 2-2021 -- I'm sorry. It is
19 1-2021. I'm sorry. Need a second.

20 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Second.

21 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Mayor -- and Williams, both of
22 us did.

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** So there is a motion and second to
24 adopt Ordinance Number 1-2021. Any other
25 questions or comments? If not, roll call.



1 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

2 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

3 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

4 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

5 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

6 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Yea.

7 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion is granted. We're down
9 to Item B, Ordinance Number 2-2021, and this is
10 an amendment to Ordinance Number 15-2020, an
11 emergency ordinance requiring individuals to
12 wear face coverings in certain circumstances
13 and matters related thereto June 1st, 2021.
14 Council, seek a motion to adopt Ordinance
15 Number 2-2021.

16 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved ---

17 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** So moved, Mr. Mayor.

18 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Second.

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second to adopt
20 Ordinance Number 2-2021. If there are no other
21 questions or comments, roll call.

22 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

23 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

24 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

25 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.



1 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

2 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Yea.

3 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. The motion is granted. We're
5 down to Item C, Bike Fest 2021, Atlantic Beach
6 Memorial Day Black Pearl Cultural Heritage and
7 Bike Festival discussion. I will just start
8 the discussion off about making everyone aware
9 of where we are with COVID and, of course, with
10 our citizens of the Town of Atlantic Beach in
11 mind, that not -- that we put any of our
12 community leaders, staff members or anybody in
13 harm's way, so I would be of the mindset thus
14 of us not following through with the 2021
15 (inaudible). So, Council, if anybody else has
16 any other opinion that they want to offer or
17 anything you all want me to discuss as it
18 relates to 2021 Bike Fest, the floor is open.

19 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Well, I would just like to say
20 that with there not being any cases in our town
21 that we know about right now, we're doing
22 really good. The people are very comfortable
23 in town. My parents live here in the Town and
24 they're very comfortable so therefore, if we
25 bring thousands of people in our town, we'll



1 end up sick whenever they leave and therefore,
2 I'm very much in agreement with canceling Bike
3 Fest for 2021.

4 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Mr. Mayor, this is Glenda
5 Williams. I am in agreeance as well in
6 canceling Bike Fest 2021 also for the sake of
7 our town financial and budgetary reasons as
8 well as for the sake of liability. So I am in
9 agreement with you.

10 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Mayor Evans, I ---

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay.

12 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** --- have just an opinion. I
13 also agree with canceling the Bike Fest for
14 2021.

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. Council, I guess I'm seeking a
16 motion to cancel the 2021 Bike Fest, or
17 Cultural Heritage Festival, in the Town of
18 Atlantic Beach. Seek a motion.

19 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved ---

20 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** So moved, Mr. Mayor.

21 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Second.

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and second to cancel
23 the 2021 Bike Fest. If there are no other
24 questions or comments, roll call.

25 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?



1 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

2 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

3 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

4 CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

5 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yea.

6 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

7 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The motion is granted. We're
8 down to Item D, the appointment of a Town of
9 Atlantic Beach, South Carolina Historian.
10 Council members, anybody want to lead on this
11 discussion?

12 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Well, Mayor ---

13 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: I would like to ---

14 (Inaudible background noise.)

15 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: I would just like to say that I
16 thought it was a great idea (inaudible) but at
17 the same time I understand the concept of where
18 my colleagues are coming from so at that note,
19 we'll just -- should table it and do it in a
20 different manner and so -- and I'm in agreeance
21 with that.

22 MAYOR EVANS: Okay.

23 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: So, Mr. Mayor, this is
24 Councilwoman Glenda Williams, and I would like
25 to (inaudible) by saying that the Historian --



1 I feel that the Historian could -- should be
2 open to whoever wants apply for it or, you
3 know, say that they want to be a part of it,
4 and we take the same steps as we did with the
5 Beautification Board or any other board,
6 whereby give all of the citizens the
7 opportunity to be able to partake in the
8 Historian Committee and then we just go from
9 there, I mean, after, you know, we have
10 applications submitted and you give lead to the
11 Town Administration on how we would do that
12 part. But that's my take on it, that it should
13 be open for an opportunity for everyone to have
14 the opportunity to apply.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Same for me ---

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, anybody else?

17 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** By application please.

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. Council, seek a motion to table
19 the appointment of the Town of Atlantic Beach
20 Historian.

21 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

22 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second ---

23 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Second.

24 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second to table



1 the appointment of -- the Town of Atlantic
2 Beach Historian appointment. There's a motion
3 and a second. If there's no other questions or
4 discussion, roll call.

5 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine ---

6 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Mayor, can I say something
7 before we get going with the roll call? Is
8 there any way ---

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yes, uh-huh.

10 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** --- we can get clarity. Is
11 there any way that you can make clarity for the
12 ones who want to apply what the date that the
13 applications would be -- begin taking through
14 the Town Administration. Can -- is there any
15 more clarity on how they can go about applying?

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** Mr. Q, when will you have the
17 applications ready for someone who wants to
18 apply or -- wants to apply for the appointment?

19 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** We can have it ready no later than
20 Friday. Anyone interested in applying for the
21 Historian position or Committee, you can pick
22 up an application from Town Hall. See Cheryl
23 Pereira, and she will make it available to you.
24 The timeline that Council will do consideration
25 for the next scheduled meeting in April.



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, is that clear enough, Glenda?

2 Is that good, everybody?

3 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Fine.

4 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yes, that's fine with -- that's
5 fine.

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, Council, I guess the motion is
7 still on the table to table the appointment.
8 There's a motion and a second.

9 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yeah.

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** We never did call the roll.

11 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

12 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

13 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

14 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

15 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

16 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Yea.

17 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. The motion is granted.

19 **Manager's Report:**

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to the Town Manager's
21 Report.

22 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, Council and residents and
23 public, I am pleased to announce that we will
24 be purchasing state-of-the-art radios for our
25 Police Department. It will greatly enhance our



1 communication with our neighboring police
2 agencies -- North Myrtle Beach, the County --
3 and will put us on par with other police
4 departments in our communications efforts and
5 with other municipalities. We hope to have the
6 purchase completed. They have to be ordered.
7 And I think -- correct me if I'm wrong, Chief
8 -- I think it's gonna be close to about six
9 weeks to get 'em purchased, fabricated and sent
10 to us -- around that time frame. Item B, we
11 got a letter. I issued the Council the
12 approval from HUD to draw down funds for the
13 renovation of the park playground across from
14 the Community Center. The Municipal
15 Association is leading the effort to do the
16 public advertisement and recommendations for
17 selection of a contractor to do the entire
18 renovation of the park. But we got clearance.
19 It was held up -- I announced in last meeting
20 -- due to the environmental reviews that had to
21 be completed. Took longer than expected, but
22 we have the go-ahead to get a contractor in to
23 start that work. Hopefully by next meeting
24 I'll have a definitive timeline on how long it
25 will take to get the renovations completed at



1 that site. Last thing I have is that Mr.
2 Waylands, the owner of the recently installed
3 digital billboard on Highway 17 and 30th,
4 graciously has donated three months of free
5 advertisement for the Town of Atlantic Beach to
6 promote positive events and programs that will
7 benefit the Town. If any of the Council or
8 residents have any suggestions of anything that
9 would be of interest to advertise during that
10 time period, please contact me and we will see
11 if we can get it approved and posted on the new
12 digital sign. Like to thank Mr. Waylands for
13 his donation and contribution to the Town of
14 Atlantic Beach. That's all I have, Mayor.

15 **Public Time:**

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** So, we're down to public time?

17 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes.

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, is Cheryl -- Cheryl still on?

19 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes, I have it here before me.
20 Ms. Kathryn Allen? Kathryn Allen?

21 **MS. ALLEN:** Yes, let me get -- thank you,
22 (inaudible) and Council, for acknowledging
23 this. I (inaudible) questions. I'm just
24 wanting to know how the Council decides items
25 that will be in executive sessions versus



1 general sessions. I'm particularly interested
2 in the challenge to the nightclub ordinance,
3 and I'm just wondering how we as citizens sort
4 of understand what happened or if there is a
5 challenge or what you all decided about it if
6 it's not part of the general meeting. I'm not
7 challenging it. I just want to understand the
8 process.

9 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Well ---

10 **MS. ALLEN:** Please.

11 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- Mayor, if I may?

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yes, go ahead ---

13 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Items that -- items that are
14 eligible to be discussed in Executive Session
15 are dictated by State ordinance, which is
16 allowed -- legal, personnel matters and
17 contractual matters.

18 **MS. ALLEN:** Got it.

19 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** So any issue that could be a
20 potential -- lead to litigation, real estate
21 matters, purchase, personnel matters,
22 contractual matters, sale of property,
23 acquisition of property -- those are the
24 example of things that can be discussed within
25 the Executive Session. Many times Executive



1 Session is held with no action. All actions in
2 -- decided in Executive Session must be made
3 public. If no action is taken then there is no
4 reporting of any actions through the Executive
5 Session process. But those are the general
6 parameters that are allowed by State law that
7 board -- I mean councils can go into executive
8 session.

9 **MS. ALLEN:** Thank you, I appreciate that.

10 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** You're welcome. The next request
11 is Ms. Dianne Hill.

12 **MS. HILL:** Thank you very much. I'm here. And my
13 question probably is aligned with Ms. Allen's
14 question, Ms. Kathryn Allen's question. And
15 just for at item of clarification, let me
16 rephrase what I wanted to say which is if
17 there's an item in Executive Session, then
18 you're saying that if there -- if it involves
19 any legalities or personnel or things of this
20 nature, then it cannot be discussed in General
21 Session. Is that what I interpreted you had
22 said?

23 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes.

24 **MS. HILL:** Okay. Well, that kinda cancels the
25 question that I had to an extent, but there's



1 still a part of it that I have. My question
2 was could you please -- and this is nothing to
3 do with the Town -- but could you tell us what
4 Ordinance 12-2020 is?

5 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Ms. Pereira says she sent you a
6 copy of it. When you say what it is ---

7 **MS. HILL:** Oh.

8 **CLERK:** This evening.

9 **MS. HILL:** The ordinance? Okay. So you sent me a
10 copy of the ordinance?

11 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes, she e-mailed you a copy of
12 it.

13 **MS. HILL:** Fantastic. I haven't seen my e-mail
14 since ---

15 **CLERK:** This evening.

16 **MS. HILL:** --- thank you so much.

17 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes, this evening, you have a copy
18 of it.

19 **CLERK:** No, to her e-mail.

20 **MS. HILL:** Thank you so much. And all I can say is
21 Ms. Pereira is just so efficient, you know,
22 she's way ahead of me, miles ahead. Thank you
23 very much for entertaining my question, and
24 that's all I have to say.

25 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** All right. But in general, the



1 ordinance was adopted I think two months ago,
2 and it set forth some parameters for the
3 operation of nightclubs in the Town of Atlantic
4 Beach.

5 **MS. HILL:** Okay. And that was basically my question
6 -- what was it? And just -- is a new ordinance
7 or does it supercede or amend an existing
8 ordinance, et cetera and ---

9 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** It's a new ---

10 **CLERK:** It's a new one.

11 **MS. HILL:** --- when I look at the ordinance itself.
12 Thank you very much.

13 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes, it's a new ordinance.

14 **MS. HILL:** And of course, my next question was, what
15 is the basis of Thee DollHouse challenge, but
16 I now realize that that is not a question you
17 can answer for me because it's a legal -- it
18 pends on a legal matter I assume.

19 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes, ma'am, you're correct.

20 **MS. HILL:** Thank you.

21 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** All right. Mayor, that's it for
22 public participation.

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, Ben. Okay, that's it for public
24 time? Council, see a motion to adjourn.

25 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved ---



1 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Mr. Mayor, I make a motion that
2 we adjourn.

3 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Second.

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second to
5 adjourn. Roll call.

6 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

7 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

8 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

9 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

10 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

11 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Yea.

12 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion granted. This meeting is
14 adjourned at 6:26 p.m. Thank you.

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

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