

**TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH  
TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL SESSION MEETING  
AND PUBLIC HEARING**

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**Monday, June 21, 2021**

5:00 p.m.

The Town of Atlantic Beach Town Council special session meeting and public hearing was held and recorded at Atlantic Beach Community Center, 1010 32nd Avenue South, Atlantic Beach, South Carolina, on the 21st day of June, 2021.



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**APPEARANCES**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Mayor Jake Evans, Chairman  
Councilwoman Josephine Isom  
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, June 21st, year 2021 at 5:00  
4 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:** Mayor Jake Evans?

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** Here.

12 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** For the record, Councilman Evans  
13 won't be able to make it due to medical issues.

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay.

15 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Okay.

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, Council, I'm seeking a motion to  
17 go into Executive Session for potential  
18 litigation with Paul Curry and personnel.

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

20 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** There is a motion and second to go  
22 into Executive Session for potential litigation  
23 with Paul Curry and personnel. Any other  
24 questions or comments? If not, roll call.

25 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?



1 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

2 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

3 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

4 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

5 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The motion is granted.

6 Executive Session:

7 (Executive Session.)

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

10 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: So moved, Mayor.

11 MAYOR EVANS: I need a second, Jacqui.

12 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: She got cut off ---

13 CLERK: Councilwoman Gore?

14 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Hello?

15 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yes, ma'am.

16 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: We need a second.

17 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Oh, second.

18 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Come out of Executive Session.

19 MAYOR EVANS: There is a motion and it's been  
20 seconded to come out of Executive Session into  
21 the General Session. Any other questions or  
22 comments? If not, roll call.

23 CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

24 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

25 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?



1 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

2 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

3 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The motion is granted.

4 General Session:

5 MAYOR EVANS: We're out of Executive Session into  
6 the General Session part of the agenda. And  
7 want to take this time to welcome the public as  
8 they're coming in the door, and one gentleman  
9 sits with us. So, at this time, if anybody has  
10 any cell phones or any devices that might  
11 disturb the proceedings, we ask that you shut  
12 those off or put 'em on silence for us at this  
13 time. And if you don't mind, stand with us for  
14 a moment of silence.

15 (Moment of Silence.)

16 MAYOR EVANS: Pledge of Allegiance.

17 (Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison.)

18 MAYOR EVANS: We're down to ceremonial matters.  
19 Councilwoman Isom, Councilwoman Gore,  
20 ceremonial items? Anyone?

21 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: I would just like to thank the  
22 public, for everybody who had us in your  
23 thoughts and your prayers (inaudible) or  
24 whatever, I just wanted to thank you all once  
25 again for thinking about us in our time



1 (inaudible). Thank you.

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** Jacqui, I guess nobody heard that but  
3 me and the Council members and staff -- I don't  
4 guess the audience heard that. We don't have  
5 the ---

6 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Okay, that's ---

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** --- microphone so they could actually  
8 hear that from you.

9 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** She just conveyed her thank you  
10 for the condolences they've received for the  
11 family in their time of bereavement.

12 **MALE SPEAKER:** Good.

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yeah, Jacqui's on the phone with us.  
14 As you notice, it's just me and Councilwoman  
15 Isom here. And Jacqui made the quorum by phone  
16 so she's on the phone with us. We're down to  
17 approval of the agenda. Council, I seek a  
18 motion for the approval of the agenda as it is  
19 outlined.

20 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Mr. Mayor, I make a motion that  
21 we approve the agenda ---

22 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

23 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** --- as outlined.

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** And I ---

25 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I second it.



1     **MAYOR EVANS:** And Jacqui seconded it. Okay, there's  
2             a motion and a second for approval of the  
3             agenda. If there are no other questions or  
4             comments, roll call, Cheryl.

5     **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

6     **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

7     **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

8     **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

9     **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

11    **Old Business:**

12    **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to Old Business, Town  
13             Council meeting minutes. The minutes from the  
14             Town Council meeting held on May 24, 2021.  
15             Council, seek a motion for approval of the  
16             minutes.

17    **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Mr. Mayor ---

18    **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

19    **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Go ahead ...

20    **MAYOR EVANS:** Can you second since she so moved?

21    **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second.

22    **MAYOR EVANS:** There is a motion and a second for the  
23             approval of the Town Council meeting minutes  
24             held on May 24th, 2021. If there are no other  
25             questions or comments, roll call, Cheryl.



1 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

2 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

3 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

4 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

5 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

7 **Public Hearing:**

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to the public hearing.

9 Council, seek a motion to open the floor for a  
10 public hearing for the 2021-2022 Proposed  
11 General Fund Budget. Need a motion.

12 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

13 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second.

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second to open  
15 the floor for the public hearing for the  
16 2021-2022 Proposed General Fund Budget. If  
17 there are no other questions or comments, roll  
18 call.

19 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

20 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

21 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

22 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

23 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. The motion is granted. The  
25 floor is now open for the public hearing, and



1 this will be the second reading of the budget  
2 but, yeah, the floor is open for any questions  
3 concerning the 2021-2022 proposed budget.

4 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, Council, at the prior  
5 meeting, I went extensively over the budget --  
6 the main highlights -- and we continue the same  
7 budgetary levels due to COVID from 2019 to  
8 2020. I am recommending an increase in the  
9 budget reflected by projected increased  
10 property taxes ---

11 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Somebody's on the line.

12 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- hospitality taxes and also in  
13 terms of our franchise fees and permitting --  
14 permits. As I reported at the last meeting, we  
15 have online close to six new housing units  
16 under construction with a projection of five or  
17 more within this next calendar year (inaudible)  
18 in this calendar year but under construction.  
19 So anticipating an increase in revenues from  
20 permitting and property tax collection. Also,  
21 I reported later that we received a COVID  
22 relief fund of \$221,540 and some change that  
23 we're expecting to receive before the end of  
24 this fiscal year. It cannot be added to the  
25 General Fund Budget, but it has to be allocated



1 for COVID-related expenses, loss of revenue due  
2 to COVID-19, and has very specific guidelines  
3 on the expenditure of those funds. With that,  
4 the only new information I'd like to add --  
5 Council, has agreed to approve -- last year,  
6 staff received salary increases and approved  
7 performance-based increases for staff this year  
8 that is reflected in the budget. Also, I  
9 communicated the major capital items that we're  
10 looking to purchase this year -- it's a  
11 commercial-grade riding lawnmower, additional  
12 police vehicles for our Police Department and  
13 also have our Internet -- upgrade to our online  
14 website this particular year for these major  
15 capital improvements that we hope to make in  
16 this particular fiscal year. With that, the  
17 floor is open for questions.

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** Anyone have any questions on the  
19 budget? Or comments.

20 **MR. BOOKER:** I have a question.

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** Sure, just stand and state your name  
22 for the record.

23 **MR. BOOKER:** Okay. I'm William Booker. Live on  
24 29th Avenue. Good afternoon, Mayor ---

25 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Hold on a second, Ms. (inaudible).



1 Mr. Booker has the floor right now. He's  
2 asking a question.

3 **MR. BOOKER:** Okay, good after -- good evening, Mayor  
4 and Council, Mr. Quattlebaum. My question is  
5 concerning the statement that you made at the  
6 beginning of your presentation. You were  
7 talking about property tax increases ---

8 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** No.

9 **MR. BOOKER:** --- were you prefacing the fact that  
10 the budget amount is increasing or that the ---

11 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Collection.

12 **MR. BOOKER:** Collection?

13 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes.

14 **MR. BOOKER:** Okay, thank you.

15 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** I'm glad you asked that question.  
16 We received at the last meeting a notice from  
17 the State that due to the increase in  
18 population -- I think of 8.3 percent over last  
19 year -- that the State and Council could  
20 increase the budget by 9.23 percent. I'm not  
21 recommending any budget increases -- I mean  
22 taxes -- property tax increases, and I'm  
23 hopeful at the rate that we're going, based on  
24 the development that's going on in town,  
25 hopefully in the near future I can recommend a



1 decrease in property tax rate. But the  
2 increase I projected will be in collections  
3 and, with new homes coming online, property tax  
4 (inaudible) rather than a tax increase.

5 **MR. BOOKER:** Okay, I understand. I have one more  
6 question. Under this professional services  
7 total, you are forecasting 127 (inaudible)  
8 thousand dollars, but you're estimating ---

9 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** At some time are we gonna be  
10 thinking about ---

11 **MR. BOOKER:** --- this year so why are you ---

12 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mr. Booker is still on the floor.

13 **MR. BOOKER:** --- so if you ---

14 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Oh.

15 **MR. BOOKER:** --- what's the thinking behind not  
16 forecasting what you think you're gonna spend  
17 this year, is there something you're not gonna  
18 do or something you (inaudible) ---

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** Professional services total.

20 **MR. BOOKER:** --- professional services total expense.

21 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** What about it?

22 **MR. BOOKER:** In here, you estimate that it's 136.55.

23 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes.

24 **MR. BOOKER:** But for the coming budget you're only  
25 forecasting 127.



1     **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:**  Oh.

2     **MR. BOOKER:**  You're forecasting less that you spend.

3     **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:**  Yes.

4     **MR. BOOKER:**  So my question is, can you talk a  
5         little bit about why that is?

6     **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:**  In the professional services  
7         category, it includes in terms of because I'm  
8         not an employee (inaudible) salary, all of our  
9         services in regards to building inspection, our  
10        consultant, in that regards, the cost.  It is  
11        our attorney services as well as our auditing  
12        service.

13    **MR. BOOKER:**  Is that legal too?

14    **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:**  And legal.

15    **MR. BOOKER:**  Okay.

16    **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:**  So I'm looking at -- to reduce our  
17        numbers in the legal category as well as  
18        auditing.  We've gone six consecutive years  
19        with a clean audit.  I (inaudible) negotiate --  
20        I don't want to put a number out -- reducing  
21        that cost because pretty much, in my opinion,  
22        the auditing process is pretty routine in terms  
23        of our compliance and what they have to do in  
24        terms of auditing our books and records.  So  
25        that's why I'm projecting an increase --



1 decrease.

2 **MR. BOOKER:** Okay, thank you.

3 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Sir, who is it, Mr. -- you had a  
4 question?

5 **MALE SPEAKER:** (Inaudible) ---

6 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** State your name please.

7 **MALE SPEAKER:** (Inaudible.)

8 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** There are other expense -- I mean  
9 income categories -- Bike Fest is not reflected  
10 in the budget. For the past two years, we have  
11 not had Bike Fest this particular year, but the  
12 budget only represents operating expense and  
13 income, and expense from taxes -- property  
14 taxes, business taxes, franchise fees, but no  
15 special other -- special festivals or services  
16 that we provide. But in addition to the  
17 general operating budget, we'll have a Bike  
18 Fest revenue should we have Bike Fest generated  
19 and we over the years have had an account with  
20 some reserve -- special reserve funds --  
21 emergency reserve funds for the Police  
22 Department. But those are -- those are the  
23 basis of the categories other than general  
24 operating budget.

25 **MALE SPEAKER:** (Inaudible.)



1 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Councilwoman Gore, you made the  
2 statement, and I thought I had -- and part of  
3 it, you asked -- I did project -- I think she  
4 explained the question, can we anticipate a  
5 decrease -- correct me if I'm wrong -- in  
6 potential property tax rates in the future?  
7 And I was saying that if development continues  
8 at the level and above where we are now, I can  
9 potentially recommend a decrease in property  
10 tax rates in the future. Can't say  
11 specifically what year, but we would have to  
12 see based on how development continues in the  
13 town.

14 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

15 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Any other questions?

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** You got any questions ---

17 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** None.

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you. Okay. Council ...

19 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** Council, I seek a motion to close the  
21 public hearing.

22 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved ---

23 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** So moved, Mayor.

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** Need a second.

25 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second.



1     **MAYOR EVANS:**  There's a motion and a second to close  
2                   the public hearing.  If there are no other  
3                   questions or comments, roll call.

4     **CLERK:**  Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

5     **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:**  Yea.

6     **CLERK:**  Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

7     **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:**  Yea.

8     **CLERK:**  Mayor Jake Evans?

9     **MAYOR EVANS:**  Yea.  Motion granted.  We're down to  
10                   7, Ordinance Number 6-2021 adopt the budget for  
11                   the year 2022, and this will be the second  
12                   reading.  Council, seek a motion.

13    **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:**  So moved, Mayor.

14    **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:**  So moved.  Second.

15    **MAYOR EVANS:**  There's a motion and a second to adopt  
16                   Ordinance Number 6-2021, which is the 2021-2022  
17                   budget, and this is the second reading.  If  
18                   there are no other questions or comments, roll  
19                   call.

20    **CLERK:**  Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

21    **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:**  Yea.

22    **CLERK:**  Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

23    **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:**  Yea.

24    **CLERK:**  Mayor Jake Evans?

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



1 **New Business:**

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to New Business, Election  
3 Commission Chair, Joe Montgomery.

4 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** Thank you, Mr. Mayor. With  
5 reference to our election in November, I'm  
6 going to read these notes that we will place in  
7 the Sun News (inaudible) soon. The Municipal  
8 Election Commission of the Town of Atlantic  
9 Beach announces the general election for the  
10 Town Council, Town of Atlantic Beach to be held  
11 on November 2nd, 2021. The following offices  
12 shall be included in the election: two Council  
13 seats for a term expiring December 31st, 2025.  
14 The polling place is the Town of Atlantic Beach  
15 Community Center (inaudible) the address will  
16 be stated. The people desiring to vote in the  
17 upcoming election must be registered by October  
18 1st, 2021. To register, one can register  
19 online at the South Carolina -- scvotes.org.  
20 County Hall (ph) for registration, any -- or  
21 contact the County office in the library -- I'm  
22 sorry -- in the library or contact the County  
23 Hall. Citizens desiring to be a candidate for  
24 the (inaudible) may file at the Town of  
25 Atlantic Beach on 30th Avenue. Both will be



1 open for the following: from August 20th, 2021  
2 at noon and remain open during regular business  
3 hours and close on September 3rd, 2021 at noon.  
4 The filing fee is \$25. This is a non-partisan  
5 election. No party affiliation. The polls  
6 will open at 7:00 p.m. on election day and  
7 close at -- 7:00 a.m. on election day and close  
8 at 7:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. on said election  
9 day, the Election Commission will begin  
10 examining absentee ballots and return  
11 envelopes. The -- this examination will be  
12 held at the Town of Atlantic Beach Community  
13 Center. On November 1st, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.  
14 at the Community Center, the Commission will  
15 hold a hearing to determine the validity of  
16 challenged ballots -- or ballots challenged in  
17 this election. Any run-off election will be  
18 held two weeks after the election on Tuesday,  
19 November 16th, 2021. Are there any questions?  
20 This will be put in the newspaper. Any  
21 questions? Thank you.

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you. We're down to Item B.  
23 under New Business, approval for the Waccamaw  
24 Regional Council of Governments technical  
25 assistance contract.



1 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor and Council, public, this is  
2 a recommended contract with the Waccamaw  
3 Regional Council of Governments as we've had in  
4 the past to provide technical assistance to our  
5 -- primarily our Planning and Board of Zoning  
6 Appeals. This is a substantial reduction in  
7 what we've paid recently. They -- Waccamaw  
8 Regional wanted a flat amount for the year for  
9 their services and the specific \$17,500 for 150  
10 hours. I told them that I anticipated that  
11 that number of hours and services will be  
12 reduced this year and recommended and they  
13 accepted just taking a retainer of \$5,000  
14 up-front, which all of the billable hours at  
15 \$110 an hour would be billed against that  
16 \$5,000 until it's exhausted and then anything  
17 above that amount will be billed at the rate of  
18 \$110 an hour. The contract will run from July  
19 1st to June 30th of 2022 and it is on an  
20 as-needed basis for that particular technical  
21 services that they provide. Most of our major  
22 zoning, rezoning, land management ordinance  
23 which they assisted us in the -- past has been  
24 completed so these TA services will revolve  
25 around any amendments to the zoning or land



1 management ordinance and assistance with  
2 training as well as new Planning Commission  
3 members and Zoning Board of Appeals members.  
4 So it's a \$5,000 retainer up-front and \$110 an  
5 hour for one year. Mayor, Council, any  
6 questions?

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** I don't.

8 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** I don't have any.

9 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Not me.

10 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Seek approval.

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. Council, I seek approval to  
12 enter into a contract with Waccamaw Regional  
13 Council of Governments for technical  
14 assistance.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** So moved.

16 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

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

18 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Councilwoman Gore, we need a  
19 second. Councilwoman Gore ---

20 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second to enter  
22 into a contract with Waccamaw Regional Council  
23 of Governments for technical assistance. If  
24 there are no 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:**        Mayor Jake Evans?

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

6     **Manager's Report:**

7     **MAYOR EVANS:**        We're down to Item 9, Manager's  
8                                Report.

9     **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:**    Mayor, Council and public, I'm in  
10                              my Manager's Report. I just wanted to -- each  
11                              year our municipality and all the  
12                              municipalities have to affirm fair housing  
13                              under federal guidelines with (inaudible). In  
14                              April of 2021, we had to publicize and affirm  
15                              and ask a resolution or -- that we support fair  
16                              housing in the Town of Atlantic Beach and  
17                              everyone -- was voted and adopted and  
18                              publicized. Also -- sorry about that -- also  
19                              under the requirements -- federal requirements,  
20                              we have to post and give notice to public  
21                              residents about affirming nondiscrimination in  
22                              housing and support for fair housing in the  
23                              Town of Atlantic Beach. So this an effort and  
24                              information we provided and will be posted as  
25                              we have done in the past and publicized the



1 fair housing ordinance back in April. That's  
2 it. Also, I just want to point out -- only  
3 have one copy -- at the end of the meeting, the  
4 public, there are photos of the proposed  
5 playground renovation work. Status of it is  
6 that I'm currently negotiating with one of the  
7 companies on the safe contractor list to have  
8 the renovation work done. Based on materials  
9 and shortages, the housing industry and the  
10 other segments, the earliest construction can  
11 start is probably in August -- at the earliest.  
12 We are trying to finalize. There are two  
13 options in terms of designs -- they're pretty  
14 much the same color scheme -- or similar to the  
15 design in terms of what type of activity cells  
16 will be in the community location itself -- a  
17 little different. They proposed the name --  
18 Pearl Park is the suggested name for the park  
19 once it's done. So, hopefully we'll finalize  
20 and enter into a contract with the contractor.  
21 Looking to defray the cost of demolition of the  
22 old equipment, playground equipment, by a  
23 contractor and donate it to a public daycare  
24 center with a hold harmless clause that we're  
25 not liable for any actions of -- or any



1 injuries that people may suffer. So to get --  
2 reduce our cost, I'm getting a contractor to  
3 donate to do the demolition and removal of the  
4 old equipment. So that's all the information  
5 I have, Mayor, and you can take a look, public,  
6 at the two options we're proposing.

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, thank you, Ben.

8 **Public Time:**

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to public time, and it was  
10 from Ken McIver that he wanted to give us an  
11 update on the Beautification Committee. I see  
12 he's not here, and I see we've got Will and Ms.  
13 Booker. One of you guys want to do that for  
14 Kenneth? Or both of you?

15 **MS. BOOKER:** Good evening.

16 **IN UNISON:** Good evening.

17 **MS. BOOKER:** Mayor, residents, we're representing the  
18 Beautification Committee. We wanted to just  
19 let you know that the Committee -- we had  
20 mentioned to you that we are getting benches --  
21 two benches donated. They were supposed to be  
22 here at the end of this month. There's a slow  
23 down in manufacturing. They won't be here ---

24 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Excuse me.

25 **(Inaudible background noise.)**



1 **MS. BOOKER:** Is this better?

2 **IN UNISON:** Yes ---

3 **MS. BOOKER:** Okay. We had mentioned that the  
4 benches would be here at the end of June. I've  
5 been -- I received a note the other day and the  
6 manufacturing is slow and for a lot of reasons,  
7 and I guess you all know why it's slow right  
8 now. So they will be here at the end of  
9 August. We also in our last meeting had a  
10 discussion about having the trash cans -- not  
11 the trash cans for the residents, but the trash  
12 cans that are in the cul-de-sac and over here  
13 and up at the Town Hall -- we'd like to get  
14 those to match the benches. It makes it -- the  
15 matching trash cans. So I am going to ask  
16 Atlantic Watersports if they would donate those  
17 to us. And that leaves still the request to  
18 the Council to donate the last two benches that  
19 we need. So ... what else?

20 **MR. THOMAS:** Okay, the update on the signs. They  
21 were supposed to be delivered here on the 16th,  
22 but they've been having a lot of trucking  
23 problems. The gas shutdown and all that stuff  
24 put us on like -- they say about three more  
25 days. That's the update on the signs.



1 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** What's the cost of the benches ---

2 **MS. BOOKER:** The benches? The benches are like  
3 \$1,100 a piece. And I can give you the -- he  
4 said he had invoices -- not for us. It's so --  
5 for our records so that we will know what they  
6 paid for the benches. So I'll forward -- I'll  
7 give you that invoice.

8 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** So the Beautification Committee is  
9 donating two ---

10 **MS. BOOKER:** We have a business in town that we  
11 asked to donate two of them. They've agreed  
12 to.

13 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Okay.

14 **MS. BOOKER:** And they've already been ordered.

15 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** And you're looking to do how many  
16 more?

17 **MS. BOOKER:** And we need two more. And then there's  
18 one that should be in front of the Town Hall to  
19 replace the one that's there, but I think we're  
20 gonna try to work and get that one too. So I  
21 think that's it for the update on  
22 Beautification. Did you have anything else?  
23 Okay, that's it for us. Thank you.

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thanks, guys. Thank you, guys.  
25 You're doing a wonderful job.



1 **MS. BOOKER:** Thank you ---

2 **MR. THOMAS:** Thank you.

3 **MAYOR EVANS:** Oh that's it, isn't it? Council, seek  
4 a motion to adjourn.

5 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** So moved.

6 **MS. HILL:** I ---

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** You did? Okay, I'm sorry.

8 **MS. HILL:** And I know you may not have received it.

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** You can step to the podium and state  
10 your name for the record -- it's fine.

11 **MS. HILL:** Thank you. I'm Diane Hill. I live on  
12 30th Avenue. Can you hear me?

13 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

14 **MS. HILL:** Pull it closer.

15 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yeah.

16 **MS. HILL:** Diane Hill, 30th Avenue. I asked to  
17 speak and, in the meantime, Ms. Jay -- no, Jay  
18 Divine asked me to speak on her behalf also.  
19 Is that appropriate?

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yeah, that's fine.

21 **MS. HILL:** Okay, first, for Jay Divine. She asked  
22 that I speak to the fact that there was a  
23 Planning Commission -- there was a Planning  
24 Commission meeting scheduled for Friday I  
25 believe ---



1     **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:**   Yes.

2     **MS. HILL:**   --- the 18th.  Yes, for Friday the 18th.  
3           And it was -- Friday the 18th at 1:00 o'clock  
4           p.m.  A notice went out on Thursday, June 17th  
5           at 2:57 p.m., which is about 21 hours in  
6           advance canceling that meeting because a quorum  
7           was not available.  And of course, the issue  
8           here is that all the times residents, people in  
9           general who are interested, make arrangements  
10          to attend meetings that they know are being  
11          held and when those meetings are canceled  
12          abruptly just before they occur, less than 24  
13          hours before the scheduled meeting, because a  
14          quorum cannot be met, it presents some problems  
15          for those persons who would like to attend --  
16          particularly when it's not in the emergency  
17          area of maybe having a (inaudible) or  
18          catastrophe of some kind (inaudible).  A quorum  
19          is a number of people and to think that several  
20          people find out less than 24 hours ahead of  
21          time that they cannot attend a meeting because  
22          -- can become problematic.  And I need to say  
23          it can become problematic because people like  
24          to attend the meeting.  And that was Ms.  
25          Divine's answer.  Now, my principal concern was



1 today's meeting, the fact that I think I found  
2 out about this meeting about 10 minutes before  
3 it happened. And that's on me. I don't read  
4 my e-mail very often. I'm sure this notice  
5 went out on Thursday or Friday the way they  
6 always do. Ms. Pereira is very, very timely in  
7 getting the notices out, but I am not always  
8 timely to my e-mail. But I'm always timely  
9 Thursday or Friday before the first Monday of  
10 the month because I know that's when scheduled  
11 meetings are and that's when I like to check  
12 with you all. Well, I looked at this -- the  
13 fact that the first Monday in May was canceled  
14 -- I understand that. There were several  
15 people (inaudible). That meeting was held on  
16 May 24th. I understood that. We were having  
17 a make-up meeting. But a week or so later, we  
18 had a meeting on the 7th of June, and now we're  
19 on the 21st of June. And I find that somewhat  
20 problematic when normally those meetings are  
21 scheduled for the first Monday of the month  
22 bearing holidays and natural disasters as -- at  
23 the time. So, my thought would be if we could  
24 really get our meeting dates set and some kind  
25 of protocol in place when they're not gonna be



1 at the scheduled time -- five days ahead of  
2 time, even three days ahead of time would  
3 really let the residents know to prepare  
4 themselves to be in attendance, or at least to  
5 be informed. Thank you so much. I appreciate  
6 your time.

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

8 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Let me ---

9 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Can I just speak on that. I  
10 didn't think -- nobody -- and he could not be  
11 here. We had a death in our family that caused  
12 Tim Vereen along with Derrick Stevens not to be  
13 here. We had a wake at 1:00 o'clock that same  
14 day so therefore the meeting got (inaudible)  
15 that happened to come up and he was (inaudible)  
16 as well. So therefore, (inaudible) but we are  
17 not ready for (inaudible) so therefore the  
18 whole (inaudible) knows that we don't  
19 (inaudible) because they didn't a quorum  
20 because family members had to be at a wake at  
21 1:00 o'clock on Friday for whomever is  
22 (inaudible) of that.

23 **MS. HILL:** Did everyone hear that?

24 **IN UNISON:** Yes.

25 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Let me speak to the Council



1 meeting schedule and notification. The reason  
2 we are having this special meeting of the  
3 Council this particular month is by state law  
4 the budget has to be approved by June 30th or  
5 the Town will be in default. Because of the  
6 schedule in terms of my medical condition, in  
7 terms of being out and not having the budget --  
8 normally have the budget hearing in early  
9 April. I was in -- had an operation the early  
10 part of April so we could not. So we got  
11 backed up and we had to call a special meeting  
12 by law to be in compliance before the end --  
13 June 30th. So that's why a special meeting.  
14 All Council meetings are standard set the first  
15 Monday of every month unless a change occurs in  
16 terms of, you know, cancellation or lack of a  
17 quorum. We had members of the Council -- one  
18 to resign, one that has medical conditions  
19 right now -- speaking for the Council -- so in  
20 terms of trying to maintain the minimum  
21 requirement -- we have to have at least three  
22 Council persons to participate to conduct Town  
23 business. But we try as much as possible, as  
24 you indicated, to get the notices out. These  
25 special meetings in terms of that, by law, how



1 many days of -- prior to ...

2 **CLERK:** 24 hours.

3 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** 24 hours. If there's an  
4 emergency, it has to be stated. But special  
5 meetings, we try to get notices out as quickly  
6 and as far in advance as possible, but we can't  
7 control the Council members participation  
8 should something come up in their schedules.  
9 So -- but we try to do the best we can getting  
10 that information out. That's why we -- this  
11 month having a special meeting in June.

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** That it? Okay, Council, seek a motion  
13 to adjourn.

14 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** So moved.

15 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Need a second. Did we lose her?

16 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** (Inaudible.)

17 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Oh, need a second. Need a second  
18 on the motion to adjourn.

19 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** There is a motion and a second to  
21 adjourn. Roll call.

22 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

23 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

24 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

25 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.



1 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion granted. Meeting  
3 adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

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

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