

# **TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

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**Monday, October 4, 2021**

**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 4th day of October, 2021.



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**APPEARANCES**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Mayor Jake Evans, Chairman  
Councilman Lenearl Evans  
Councilwoman Josephine Isom  
Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore

**ADMINISTRATION:**

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

**GUEST:**

Valentino Bates, P.E.  
KHA FRA Engineering Consultants

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1 Call to Order:

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** This Town Council meeting is called to  
3 order this Monday, October the 4th, year 2021,  
4 at 5:00 p.m. Roll call?

5 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

6 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Here.

7 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

8 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Here.

9 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

10 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Here.

11 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Here. Council, I seek a motion to go  
13 into Executive Session for litigation with  
14 Hubert Williams, personnel and some  
15 contractual.

16 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** So moved.

17 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second ---

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second to go into  
20 Executive Session for litigation, personnel and  
21 contractual. Any other comments or discussion?  
22 Roll call.

23 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

24 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

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 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Second.

12 MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and it's been  
13 seconded to come out of Executive Session and  
14 enter into the General Session. Any other  
15 questions or comments? If not, roll call.

16 CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans?

17 COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.

18 CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

19 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

20 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

21 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

22 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

23 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The motion is granted.

24 General Session:

25 MAYOR EVANS: I want to take the time out to welcome



1 the general public and ask at this time if you  
2 have any cell phones or anything that might  
3 disturb the proceedings, we ask that you put  
4 those on silence for us at this time please.  
5 And if you would, stand for a moment of  
6 silence.

7 **(Moment of Silence.)**

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** Pledge of Allegiance.

9 **(Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison.)**

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** Council, we're down to ceremonial  
11 matters. Any ceremonial matters from any  
12 Council members?

13 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** No ceremonial matters but I want  
14 to say one thing for the Beatification  
15 Department, you all have did a terrific job on  
16 those trash cans and the benches and the signs,  
17 we -- I think we already mentioned the signs  
18 before, but the trash cans are just super nice  
19 and the benches, love it, just wanting to reach  
20 out to that.

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yeah, everything looks good, thank  
22 you, guys.

23 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yeah, real good.

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** Council, seek a motion for the  
25 approval of the agenda.



1 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.

2 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Second.

3 MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and a second for  
4 approval of the agenda. If there are no other  
5 questions or comment, roll call for approval of  
6 the agenda.

7 CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans?

8 COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.

9 CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

10 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

11 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

12 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

13 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

14 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The motion is granted.

15 New Business:

16 MAYOR EVANS: We have no Town Council meeting  
17 minutes, and New Business is the proposal by  
18 KHAFRA Engineering Consultants to provide grant  
19 writing services related to the Building  
20 Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant  
21 Program.

22 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: I'm gonna ask Ms. Gibson to  
23 introduce.

24 MS. GIBSON: Good afternoon. To those of you who  
25 don't know me, I am Denise Gibson. I am the



1 daughter of John T. and Gertha Gibson, and I  
2 have resided on Atlantic Beach with my parents  
3 for the whole 65 years of my life. My father  
4 and my mother poured all they had in this  
5 community. Many of you have referred to us or  
6 heard of us as the Gibson (inaudible). I am so  
7 grateful to be here with you today, and I'm  
8 grateful for the efforts of Jim Dewitt and the  
9 neighborhood association for bringing us  
10 together and sharing so much information about  
11 what was going on. Out of that conversation,  
12 Ms. Alice and Ms. Gloria shared about so many  
13 opportunities that are available through FEMA.  
14 As my sister and I thought about those  
15 opportunities, we reflected on the fact that we  
16 had seen Atlantic Beach when it was in its  
17 glory, when the streets were so full we  
18 couldn't move around, when in fact we couldn't  
19 even sleep at night, we just swayed to the beat  
20 of the music. And we also have seen it when  
21 Atlantic Beach has been at its lowest, when we  
22 were afraid to go into our house but we stood  
23 there anyway. And we've seen the times when  
24 people have come to offer us things to take  
25 advantage of us and we've -- we've sort of



1 looked at what our resources are we're very  
2 fortunate that we have in our family a person  
3 who works with communities like ours, he  
4 develops grants all over the country, and we  
5 thought what in the world have we been thinking  
6 not to bring our own family to the table. And  
7 tonight I am delighted to bring -- many of  
8 you've heard me say, I'm delighted to bring my  
9 favorite brother-in-law to the table to be able  
10 to describe the services that his engineering  
11 firm offers. He'll tell you all the fabulous  
12 things about himself, all the successes he's  
13 had in his firm. I just want you to know that  
14 we are here because we love Atlantic Beach.  
15 And when he married into our family, he married  
16 into the Atlantic Beach family, and he's here  
17 to share how he can help and bring resources to  
18 Atlantic Beach so that we can become the  
19 thriving community that so many of us have  
20 envisioned over the years. So I'm gonna turn  
21 it over to Val Bates and let him talk about  
22 himself and about KHAFRA and the wonderful  
23 things that he has done for other communities  
24 and that he has prepared for us. You're gonna  
25 see things that look just like your street







1 all the way to Washington, D.C., so primarily  
2 we're on the eastern side of the Mississippi  
3 River except for our office in Dallas, Texas.  
4 And this is a listing of the staff, we have 104  
5 people in our firm. We do about 10 million  
6 dollars in revenue per year. And here's what  
7 we're planning -- oh, and these are the  
8 services that we do: facilities design --  
9 primarily -- 75 percent of what we do is  
10 municipal water and wastewater but -- and  
11 there, we plan, design, construct, operate and  
12 maintain water and wastewater treatment  
13 facilities, but we also do grant writing and  
14 grant administration which is what we're here  
15 to talk about tonight.

16 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

17 **MR. BATES:** This computer's -- dates back to 1986 so  
18 it's a little slow. All right, this is the --  
19 can you see that written out there? This is  
20 the entire community of Atlantic Beach, and  
21 this grant proposal that I want to talk about  
22 tonight -- or actually, three different grants,  
23 is to address the needs on every street in the  
24 community. I'm trying to go to the next slide  
25 here. All right. And this is starting at



1 Ocean Boulevard. On the left-hand side of the  
2 street, that's a picture of Ocean Boulevard at  
3 like 3:30 this afternoon so this is the latest  
4 picture. And this slide over here on -- this  
5 is how Atlantic Beach could look, and I'll just  
6 -- and this is something that my firm developed  
7 and this is a rendering for what Atlantic Beach  
8 Ocean Boulevard could look like. All right,  
9 what you see here are different low-rise shops  
10 that could be built along Ocean Boulevard.  
11 These, of course, are the existing homes, and  
12 these are areas -- right now, we have this nice  
13 opening here to allow community to come in, and  
14 what I'm proposing -- let's go to the next  
15 slide here. This is how it looks right now.  
16 You have the little shower there and the  
17 pavers, and I'm proposing that you add  
18 bathrooms there and put pavers, sidewalks and  
19 everything along that street, Ocean Boulevard,  
20 would be paved parking, which you could have  
21 paved parking there so that you can create a  
22 revenue stream for the parking there and for  
23 the people to use those various shops. And I'm  
24 proposing that this access, as in the last  
25 slide, be done at each one of the streets so



1 you have four different access points to the  
2 beach. Now, this wasn't in your land ordinance  
3 or your comprehensive plan, this is something  
4 that I'm saying that this would be an  
5 opportunity to gain business opportunities  
6 along Ocean Boulevard and for the people that  
7 go back and forth to the beach, which my  
8 sister-in-law allows me to come up and stay  
9 every now and then, and we have to come back  
10 over to the house to get our refreshments but,  
11 you know, you were allowed to do those  
12 beachfront low-rise ice cream parlor or  
13 hamburger stand or something that, that's what  
14 could be there. Now, this is 17th Street, and  
15 this picture was taken like 40 minutes ago, and  
16 this is what 17th -- or 17 Highway could look  
17 like afterwards, going in there, streetscape  
18 it, sidewalks on either side, get all of that,  
19 put the light poles and everything down, and  
20 bury that underneath this -- underneath the  
21 sidewalk and the street, and you would have a  
22 nice, clean-flowing street there, and we've  
23 actually done this for each street within the  
24 community. So this is the 2nd Avenue and then  
25 pave -- repave 2nd Avenue, put sidewalks along



1 2nd Avenue and have parking along the side of  
2 the street. This is 3rd Avenue now, on the  
3 left-hand side, and this is what 3rd Avenue  
4 could look like in the future. This is 4th  
5 Avenue and that picture was taken, again, 40  
6 minutes ago, and this is what 4th Avenue could  
7 look like after you do the streetscape thing,  
8 remove all of the overhead telephone poles,  
9 electric poles, put those under, put in  
10 sidewalks and pave the streets with sidewalks.  
11 This is 29th Street -- it's 29th -- well, 31st  
12 Street. Go back to 29th. 29th Street now,  
13 it's primarily residential on 29th Street.  
14 Again, put sidewalks in there, trees along the  
15 side, which there's trees along there now,  
16 sidewalks and repave the streets and beautify  
17 the community. Same with 31st Street. This is  
18 32nd Street, I took that picture coming out  
19 32nd Street about 3:00 o'clock this afternoon,  
20 and this is South 32nd Street which, again, is  
21 primarily residential, to streetscape that  
22 area, sidewalks, lower the utilities underneath  
23 the street and you'll have a beautiful  
24 community. All right, and how much is all of  
25 this gonna cost? To bury the utilities within



1 the community, 17th Street, that would be 8.2  
2 million dollars, to redo the traffic signals is  
3 1.2 million, to do the sidewalks is about 3  
4 million, to do the streetscapes, which is all  
5 the curb and gutter, all the storm sewer  
6 facilities and paving all the streets, that's  
7 16.7 million, and to do parking along Ocean  
8 Boulevard, that's another \$250,000, for a total  
9 capital cost of 29.4 million. The engineering  
10 is 10 percent of that so that comes to a total  
11 of 32 million, and then the grant  
12 administration fee would be a total of almost  
13 34 million dollars. And I'm proposing to do  
14 this with at least three particular grants.  
15 The first grant would be a FEMA Hazard  
16 Mitigation Grant. The Hazard Mitigation Grant  
17 would allow you to bury the utilities and redo  
18 the traffic signals. If there is a -- a major  
19 storm would ever hit this community, the  
20 possibility is that the power poles are gonna  
21 get knocked down, the transformers will get  
22 knocked down and -- New Orleans, you're all  
23 familiar with what happened in New Orleans.  
24 They are still without power in portions of New  
25 Orleans because all those utilities were above



1 grade. FEMA has grants to allow that -- the --  
2 for the burying of those utilities. And in  
3 addition -- and this is just part of the hazard  
4 mitigation that you can do. If you need a --  
5 an emergency generator at this building or your  
6 police station, that can be thrown into the  
7 grant, so this grant can go up higher based  
8 upon the needs of the community for emergency  
9 management, that's what this grant would be.  
10 But right now, just to do those two things is  
11 9.4 million, then engineering is 10 percent and  
12 then the grant administration fee would be  
13 \$519,000. The next grant would be a Community  
14 Development Block Grant. Community Development  
15 Block Grants allow you to do parking, sidewalks  
16 -- that's again, 3 million dollars for the  
17 sidewalks, the parking along front -- Ocean  
18 Boulevard, so that grant total with the  
19 engineering and grant administration fee is  
20 about 3.7 million dollars. And then the last  
21 grant, and this is one that the Biden  
22 Administration has out right now, and that's to  
23 do streetscaping, put all of the curb and  
24 gutter, all of the storm sewers and bury all  
25 that stuff beneath the street and have a



1 beautiful, pristine community and neighborhood.  
2 So that's what I'm proposing that we would do  
3 for you. And with that, are there any  
4 questions of the illustrious group?

5 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** If we was to approve this right  
6 here -- say we was to approve of this today,  
7 what would be the time frame, I mean, how long  
8 would it take where we could see something  
9 that's actually -- not saying finished so much,  
10 but where would see where we start breaking  
11 ground?

12 **MR. BATES:** Okay. First of all, we've got the -- my  
13 firm is proposing to do the grant proposals ---

14 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Right.

15 **MR. BATES:** --- so that grant proposal for the last  
16 grant, the BRIC Grant, that has to be done by  
17 December 30th or January 3rd, somewhere in here  
18 at the end of the year so -- and that grant has  
19 to be submitted to the State of South Carolina  
20 then the State of South Carolina is in turn  
21 going to lump all the grants in from all the  
22 different communities and apply for the grant  
23 on behalf of the -- all the people in the State  
24 of South Carolina. Now, if you get that grant  
25 -- I'm not sure how long that -- what that --





1           what the time frame is to review the  
2           applications and get that grant, but if you  
3           were to win that 16 million dollars for that  
4           BRIC Grant, then to do all of the work would  
5           probably take two and a half years -- 'cause  
6           the first thing that needs to be done, we need  
7           to win. That grant and the Hazard Mitigation  
8           Grant -- 'cause the first thing that needs to  
9           be done is to take all of the power lines,  
10          telephone poles, telephone lines, cable,  
11          anything that's overhead, that needs to be done  
12          first and put that all underground and then  
13          come in there and do the rest of this --  
14          sidewalks -- so you're not tearing up the  
15          street twice. And I will say again, for all of  
16          that to be done, is probably a two-and-a-half-  
17          year period for the engineering, design and the  
18          construction.

19       **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I don't think they can hear you.

20           I've just got a sense that they can't hear you.

21       **MR. BATES:** Okay.

22                           **(Inaudible background noise.)**

23       **MR. BATES:** I can hear them.

24       **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Are you all hearing the  
25          presentation on the line?



1 (Inaudible background noise.)

2 **MR. BATES:** Okay. So the question was asked is how  
3 long that it -- would it take to get all of  
4 this work done. To get the grant done, the  
5 grant has to be put in to the state by January  
6 1, and then we have to wait on the state and  
7 the federal government to approve that and, if  
8 the grants are successful, then it'll take  
9 probably two and a half years to get all of the  
10 utilities redone and then do all the  
11 streetscape work.

12 **MS. BOOKER:** I have a question. I just want to know  
13 if the Town has any financial liability for any  
14 of this.

15 **MR. BATES:** That's a very good question, and that's  
16 why I'm suggesting that we apply for multiple  
17 grants. The BRIC Grant, which is the one that  
18 -- Building Resilient Infrastructure for  
19 Communities Grant, that grant requires ---

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

21 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Mr. Hill ---

22 (Inaudible background noise.)

23 **MR. BATES:** The question was is there a financial  
24 liability for the city in any of these grants.  
25 The answer to that question is yes. The



1 Building Resilient Infrastructure for  
2 Communities Grant requires that the city or the  
3 town come up with 25 percent so 16 million  
4 dollars, the community has to come up with 4  
5 million. You get that 4 million by winning the  
6 Hazardous Mitigation grant, and so you will  
7 have way over the amount of money that you are  
8 -- that is necessary in order to pursue that  
9 BRIC grant, and you will meet your financial  
10 obligation in that way. And there are certain  
11 other activities that the city can do. Because  
12 we're doing a streetscape project, there are  
13 safety concerns -- and I'm sure you've seen  
14 this along building construction sites, what  
15 they -- they will have ---

16 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** They're confused. I think ...

17 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

18 **MR. BATES:** Okay ...

19 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Okay, you can hear now. They  
20 can hear you now.

21 **MR. BATES:** All right, you can hear me. Again, the  
22 question was what was the financial obligation  
23 of the city in these grants ---

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

25 **(Inaudible background noise.)**



1 **MR. BATES:** Can you hear me now?

2 **MALE SPEAKER:** Yes, we can hear you ---

3 **MALE SPEAKER:** Yes.

4 **MR. BATES:** Ah, okay. Question again is what is the  
5 financial obligation of the city or the town in  
6 these grants. In the Building Resilient  
7 Infrastructure Grant, which is the gigantic  
8 grant which I'm proposing to do for the town,  
9 which is 16 million dollars, that grant has a  
10 25 percent match by the city so the city would  
11 have to come up with 4 million dollars. The  
12 way I'm proposing that we get that 4 million  
13 dollars is to apply for that federal FEMA grant  
14 which is 9 million dollars. Nine million  
15 dollars is great than 4 million dollars so you  
16 will have the money for the BRIC Grant. So  
17 it's a combination of all of this stuff  
18 together that will make this work.

19 **MS. GIBSON:** You also want to say that there are  
20 opportunities in the grant process to -- for  
21 the government ---

22 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

23 **MS. GIBSON:** --- opportunities as well to show that  
24 there may be some hardship on the Town.

25 **MR. BATES:** Okay. Other questions?



1 (Inaudible background noise.)

2 **MR. BATES:** Is there another -- yes?

3 **MR. BOOKER:** Are there other requirements of the  
4 Town other than that financial requirement, and  
5 what needs to happen if you're working on this?

6 **MR. BATES:** You'd just sign a contract with my firm  
7 to do the work, that's what's required and,  
8 other than that, there's no other requirements  
9 from the city -- or from the town ---

10 **MR. BOOKER:** So follow-up question, so if none of  
11 these grants are approved, then what is the  
12 Town's commitment and obligation to you, your  
13 firm?

14 **MR. BATES:** Just the application fee for the grant  
15 which is \$2,500 per grant. So, the city is  
16 only out the \$5,000.

17 **MR. McIVER:** (Inaudible.)

18 **MR. BATES:** Yes?

19 **MR. McIVER:** If the grants go through, would your  
20 firm have to be here to administer the grant to  
21 make sure it's done correctly if that should --  
22 -

23 **MR. BATES:** That's what I'm here for. Now, that's -  
24 - that's the 10 million dollar question. If  
25 you go back to the slide that talked about the





1           what is in it for our firm, the engineering for  
2           that 16 million dollar BRIC Grant and the grant  
3           administration fee.           Now, this grant  
4           administration fee is something that can be  
5           shared among the city and town -- or the town  
6           and our firm. If the city would like to hire  
7           -- and there's money here -- to hire a grant  
8           administrator, that's something that you can do  
9           and add staff within the city with that grant  
10          administration fee. Otherwise, our firm could  
11          handle administering that grant. Did that  
12          answer your question?

13       **MS. EVANS:** I can't see the cost that's being paid  
14          to your firm.

15       **MR. BATES:** Okay, the total streetscape grant we're  
16          applying for is 16.7 million dollars.  
17          Engineering fees are 10 percent of that so 1.6  
18          million. The grant administration, the federal  
19          government allows you to have a 5 percent grant  
20          administration fee so that grant administration  
21          fee is \$920,000. And again, that's money that  
22          could come to our firm or that's money that  
23          could be -- that could go to the city to hire  
24          a grant administrator as well, or it could be  
25          a shared responsibility between the city and



1           our firm. But again, the feds will allow us in  
2           this grant to get \$920,000 to administer the  
3           grant. Did that answer your question?

4   **MS. EVANS:** Yes, you're saying that the grant would  
5           ---

6   **MR. BATES:** And all of this.

7   **MS. EVANS:** --- of your participation in?

8   **MR. BATES:** Right.

9   **MS. EVANS:** Okay.

10   **MR. BATES:** All that money is in the grant to do  
11           that. Mr. Quattlebaum will not be raising  
12           property taxes.

13                   **(Inaudible background noise.)**

14   **MR. BATES:** Well, I guess it would be the Mayor and  
15           the Council that would be raising -- Mr.  
16           Quattlebaum would just be doing what they tell  
17           him to do. Yes, sir?

18   **MR. DEAS:** The property on Ocean Boulevard, who owns  
19           it and who determines what businesses open  
20           (inaudible)?

21   **MR. BATES:** I believe the -- on the ocean side, that  
22           property is owned by various ---

23   **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Individuals, yeah.

24   **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Uh-huh.

25   **MR. BATES:** --- and I believe that that property is





1           now zoned commercial so when they come in and  
2           apply for a building permit, this group here  
3           gets to determine whether or not they're gonna  
4           build an ice cream parlor or a hamburger or a  
5           hotdog stand, the community will be determining  
6           that with the building permits.

7           **MR. DEAS:** The other question, in a perfect world,  
8           when all this grant money comes, you have an  
9           excess of 5 million, where does that go?

10          **MR. BATES:** You have an excess of 5 million?

11          **MR. DEAS:** Well, the -- if -- based on what -- the  
12          numbers I'm seeing, unless I'm seeing 'em  
13          wrong, 'cause you were saying you could take --  
14          -

15          **MR. BATES:** Yes, let me go back to another slide.  
16          All right, this Hazard Mitigation Grant, that's  
17          10 million dollars, so that would cover the  
18          amount of money that you owe for the BRIC  
19          Grant, but it's gonna cost 8.2 million dollars  
20          to bury those utilities. There's no money  
21          that's gonna go into anybody's pocket here.  
22          This is all work that's gonna be done, all of  
23          those utilities are gonna come down, go up  
24          underneath the street, those traffic signals  
25          are going to be redone, you probably need --





1 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** We've got all our audits and  
2 stuff done now. That's what I thought -- we've  
3 got a clean slate.

4 **MS. MALLETT:** We've got a clean slate?

5 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** We've got a clean slate.

6 **MS. MALLETT:** Well, thank you, Jacqui.

7 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** Now, we've gotten -- we've gotten  
8 many grants in the past.

9 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Right.

10 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** Right.

11 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** We've gotten some ---

12 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Right, and everything that has  
13 lingered on us was really the audit. They're  
14 all taken care of now so we're up to par so we  
15 can roll on.

16 **MS. MALLETT:** Thanks, Jacqui ---

17 **MR. BATES:** And I think Mr. Quattlebaum told me that  
18 the city has -- or is about to receive some  
19 CARES Act money which is grant money. So if  
20 something was wrong ---

21 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** That wouldn't have happened ---

22 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** We wouldn't be getting that ---

23 **MR. BATES:** You wouldn't be getting that money. So  
24 I married into to a good family. Yes, sir?

25 **MR. BOOKER:** So you've talked about grants, but are



1           there any particular requirements, I mean, she  
2           talked about hardship, that sort of thing, but  
3           are there other factors which would influence  
4           our ability to get grants?

5   **MR. BATES:**   I -- it's all need-based.   And again,  
6           this is an ocean community so the potential for  
7           a catastrophic failure of a hurricane resides  
8           each and every day during the hurricane season,  
9           and you've been blessed to not have one.   Was  
10          it 1974 one ...

11   **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:**   '89 we had Hugo ---

12   **MR. BATES:**   '89?

13   **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:**   --- we didn't have a lot -- we  
14          just hadn't had nothing to his us since, what,  
15          Hazel?

16   **COUNCILMAN EVANS:**   Hazel ---

17   **MAYOR EVANS:**   Hazel.

18   **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:**   '57, '60 -- fifties ---

19   **MALE SPEAKER:**   Nothing before ---

20   **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:**   Right.   But we haven't had --  
21          we've just been, like you said, blessed.   But  
22          we sit above sea level too so that's one good  
23          thing.

24   **MR. BATES:**   Yeah.

25   **MR. DEAS:**   Say you get the BRIC approval but don't



1 get the other grants, what happens next?

2 **MR. BATES:** Then we gotta figure out a way to get  
3 the 4 million dollars, and that is, as Denise  
4 was saying, we'll apply for some hardship just  
5 -- I understand that there's not a lot of deep  
6 pockets in this community except for yours.

7 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

8 **MR. DEAS:** Find extra money to lower our taxes.

9 **MR. BATES:** And there are hardship measures to  
10 offset that, and we will look at that as well.

11 **MR. McIVER:** I just want to get the terminology  
12 right, two of them are FEMA grants, right? And  
13 one of them is a grant for infrastructure?

14 **MR. BATES:** Yeah ---

15 **MR. McIVER:** Right?

16 **MR. BATES:** --- the BRIC Grant, Building Resilient  
17 Infrastructure for Communities Grant, that's  
18 the 16.4 million dollar grant. This grant,  
19 this Hazard Mitigation Grant, that's a FEMA  
20 grant.

21 **MR. McIVER:** And then what's the other?

22 **MR. BATES:** And the other one is a Community  
23 Development Block Grant ---

24 **MR. McIVER:** Oh, right ---

25 **MR. BATES:** --- the Community Development Block



1 Grants are everyday, all the time, Congress  
2 appropriates money each and every year for  
3 Community Development Block grants.

4 **MR. McIVER:** I just want to make sure 'cause I'm --  
5 I just -- I'm just a little -- with the BRIC  
6 Grant, that -- the funds are available or is  
7 that pending that infrastructure ---

8 **MR. BATES:** No, just -- Biden has a -- has signed a  
9 bill for that grant, and I believe he's  
10 increasing it to 5 billion or ... So the  
11 amount of money that's in that grant is going  
12 up so now is a good time to ---

13 **MR. McIVER:** So my question is that infrastructure  
14 bill that's supposed to -- that'll hopefully  
15 pass, is there additional funds that may come  
16 out of that grant as well, out of that funding?

17 **MR. BATES:** The Building Resilient Infrastructure  
18 Grant is the 16 million that we're applying  
19 for.

20 **MR. McIVER:** No, I was wondering, all right, there's  
21 another bill that's pending ---

22 **MR. BATES:** Oh, this infrastructure grant?

23 **MR. McIVER:** Right.

24 **MR. BATES:** That he's got? No, that's not part of  
25 that.



1 **MR. McIVER:** So that could be another source of  
2 funding may -- hopefully?

3 **MR. BATES:** Yes.

4 **MR. McIVER:** Okay, okay ---

5 **MR. BATES:** Yes.

6 **MR. McIVER:** All right.

7 **MS. LANCE:** Kenneth, this is the grant that I talked  
8 about at the last meeting, the City of  
9 Princeville, North Carolina, the oldest  
10 municipality -- black municipality in the  
11 country, they just received from last year's  
12 funding, 2020, 11 million dollars so the grant  
13 period is from September 30th -- it starts  
14 again on the 30th ---

15 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** That's passed.

16 **MS. LANCE:** --- up until, like Mr. Bates said,  
17 January 1, but we want to get it in as quickly  
18 as possible because Conway just put in for the  
19 grant and they did not have a certain  
20 paperwork. (Inaudible) saw this on the news,  
21 on local news, so now Conway has to go back and  
22 (inaudible) Conway had, and they have to go  
23 back and submit it again, the whole package, to  
24 the State of South Carolina. There is  
25 (inaudible) here and so we have to first get



1 over that hurdle then hopefully have all the  
2 paperwork in that the federal government needs.  
3 I must stress because Alice and I are really  
4 aware you must put in the documents that are  
5 requested. This goes back again to this, you  
6 know, gotta start all over like Conway.  
7 (Inaudible.)

8 **MR. BATES:** And that's why you're hiring our firm --  
9 -

10 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Right (ph).

11 **MR. BATES:** --- to dot all the Is and cross the Ts  
12 to make sure that you have everything that's  
13 necessary when that grant goes in.

14 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

15 **MR. BATES:** Other questions? Yes, ma'am?

16 **MS. GORE:** So are you saying that if you do it then  
17 we won't have to worry about nothing  
18 (inaudible)?

19 **MR. BATES:** That's what I'm saying. I'm going to,  
20 you know, do my professional best to make sure  
21 that everything -- that all the Is are dotted  
22 and all the Ts are crossed for that grant so we  
23 don't have a hiccup. But I'm not perfect. I  
24 will do my level best to make sure that that  
25 happens.





1 (Inaudible background noise.)

2 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor and Council, I'm recommending  
3 that the Council approve an agreement,  
4 contractual agreement, with the Consulting Firm  
5 KHAFRA to pursue the FEMA Hazard Mitigation and  
6 the BRIC Grant as a priority to a contract not  
7 to exceed \$5,000 in the timeline that Mr. Bates  
8 indicated in submission of the grant  
9 applications, the BRIC and the Hazard  
10 Mitigation at this time.

11 **MR. BATES:** Do I need to leave the room.

12 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** No.

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, Council, I seek a motion to  
14 accept the proposal by KHAFRA Engineering  
15 Consultants with the BRIC and Hazard Mitigation  
16 Grants not to exceed \$5,000?

17 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes, sir.

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

19 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second.

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's been a motion made and a  
21 second. Any other questions or comments? If  
22 not, roll call.

23 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

24 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

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 (Applause.)

7 MAYOR EVANS: Okay, we're on the agenda ... Okay,  
8 proposal to provide legal services to the Town  
9 of Atlantic Beach, South Carolina by the  
10 Charleston Group Law Firm. Ben, I think this  
11 is something that we're wanting to table until  
12 we get some more information.

13 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Yes, sir.

14 MAYOR EVANS: So, I seek a motion to table Item B.  
15 under New Business.

16 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: So moved ---

17 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.

18 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Second ---

19 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Second. So moved.

20 MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and a second to table  
21 Item B. under New Business. Any other  
22 questions or comments? If not, roll call.

23 CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans?

24 COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.

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's granted. We're  
6 down to Item C. which is the Beautification  
7 Committee request to utilize 1020 30th Avenue  
8 South for a temporary community park.

9 (Inaudible background noise.)

10 MR. McIVER: So I'm Kenneth McIver with  
11 Beautification Committee, and I do want to  
12 thank you for acknowledgment of the benches and  
13 the trash cans at the beachfront. Also want to  
14 thank all the committee members and thank you,  
15 Linda, for kinda putting all that together, I  
16 mean, she raised a lot of the money that was  
17 donated that the Town had gotten (inaudible).  
18 It's looking good. We've got still some  
19 tweaking to do. There's some more benches to  
20 come in so hopefully we'll get that project  
21 finished a little bit later. There's some --  
22 still some work we have to do with the signs,  
23 but just love the colors and just want to thank  
24 everyone for their hard work that was -- that  
25 we're still working on that project. What I'm



1 coming to you today to ask for a green space,  
2 and I want to make sure that we get the wording  
3 right. It's not a park. We're not committing  
4 anything 'cause ---

5 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

6 **MR. McIVER:** --- anything in terms of permanent  
7 structures at the place. And what we want to  
8 do is create a green space. So the green space  
9 is located -- and I'm not sure, Mr. Town  
10 Manager, that address is correct. The -- it  
11 should be lower, in the 300s.

12 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** It's 305.

13 **MR. McIVER:** 305, okay. And then that's one other  
14 thing we're -- needed that I know that our  
15 committee is working on is trying to get some  
16 of the numbers better so -- for -- both for  
17 safety reasons, to make sure all the structures  
18 are labeled like in case of a fire or anything  
19 that needs to be addressed in an emergency  
20 standpoint, but it's the structure of the --  
21 the space that used to be with the Housing  
22 Authority is, west of Seaview Street across  
23 from Wango Tango restaurant and bar. Do you  
24 all kinda know where I am? It's like where the  
25 Housing Authority used to be?



1 (Inaudible background noise.)

2 **MR. McIVER:** I don't think it's a club, but this is  
3 where there's a restaurant. I'm just trying --  
4 -

5 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** (Inaudible) I don't even know  
6 where Wango Tango is ---

7 **MR. McIVER:** Yeah ---

8 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** --- I know where there was ---

9 **MS. BOOKER:** It's in front -- it's in front of where  
10 ---

11 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Right. So right there on that  
12 corner right there, yeah.

13 (Inaudible background noise.)

14 **MR. McIVER:** You all know where I'm talking about?

15 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** I know where that is.

16 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Uh-huh.

17 **MR. McIVER:** Okay. And that ---

18 (Inaudible background noise.)

19 **MR. McIVER:** So what we're asking for is use that  
20 space as a green space but in the -- what I did  
21 ask with the Town Manager is that, you know,  
22 we'd be able to ornament that space with maybe  
23 some benches, chairs, trash cans, flowers,  
24 garden and/or other items to enhance the  
25 peacefulness of the space. This space will not



1           be given to us, we will not rent it, lease or  
2           anything else like that, it is still in the  
3           possession of the Town but we just want to sort  
4           of decorate that space and be open for the  
5           citizens of the Town of Atlantic Beach.

6           **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Just something more like -- just  
7           like the cul-de-sac, you can go down there and  
8           ---

9           **MR. McIVER:** Yes. Yes, it is not anything -- it is  
10          not a park, it's not anything else like that.

11          **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** And we're not trying to get any  
12          CRT grants, or whatever you call it, no grant  
13          -- no money is gonna come ---

14          **MS. BOOKER:** Right.

15          **MR. McIVER:** And we hope to reutilize some of the  
16          benches that we've taken up. We still have  
17          those.

18          **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Uh-huh.

19          **MR. McIVER:** So we're gonna use the benches and  
20          maybe some trash cans and just, you know, maybe  
21          a community garden or some flowers or things  
22          like that. Is there any questions or anything?

23                                   **(Inaudible background noise.)**

24          **MR. McIVER:** Tell me, am I explaining that okay, or  
25          ...



1 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: It's fine.

2 (Inaudible background noise.)

3 MAYOR EVANS: Okay, and the address you said is 305  
4 30th Avenue?

5 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yeah.

6 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: 305.

7 MAYOR EVANS: Okay, thanks. Council, I seek a  
8 motion to accept the request from the  
9 Beautification Committee to utilize green space  
10 at 305 31st Avenue ---

11 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: 30th.

12 MAYOR EVANS: --- 30th -- I'm sorry -- 30th Avenue  
13 South in Atlantic Beach.

14 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.

15 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Second.

16 MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and a second to  
17 accept the request as a green space. Any other  
18 questions or comments? Roll call.

19 CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans?

20 COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.

21 CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

22 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

23 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

24 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

25 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?







1           The ordinance has to be revenue neutral,  
2           meaning that they cannot substantially increase  
3           or tax businesses more than what they're paying  
4           now on a percentage basis, it has to remain the  
5           same. Our Business License Ordinance I think  
6           has not been up -- or the last time it -- the  
7           ordinance was in 2002 if I'm correct, Cheryl  
8           ...

9           **CLERK:** Yes.

10          **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** 2002. With the state law  
11          requirement that is uniform, we will be  
12          presenting at the November and December meeting  
13          an ordinance to revise our business license  
14          renewal fee schedule as well as the process.  
15          In addition to collection through the Municipal  
16          Association, they're making it possible for  
17          businesses to pay their business license fees  
18          online in addition to -- we thought initially  
19          everything would have to be paid online through  
20          the Municipal Association, but businesses have  
21          the option of paying their business license  
22          fees online or paying them directly to the Town  
23          be -- coming May 1st. We have joined what they  
24          call the repositioning, submitting all of our  
25          paperwork to the Municipal Association, the



1 State, in terms of our business license  
2 collection. Businesses will receive a business  
3 license number that will be uni -- I mean  
4 utilized to identify your businesses and the  
5 category that your business is in within the  
6 Town, and they will be designated whether you  
7 are manufacturing, whether you are retail,  
8 whether you're rental property -- all of that  
9 will be classified and designated and  
10 coordinated by the State. So I just want  
11 everybody to be aware, beginning in November  
12 you'll receive our revised requested ordinance  
13 with the business license change and fees. Any  
14 questions? Okay. Number 2 -- B., all of you  
15 may recall that we were in litigation -- we  
16 along with other municipalities were in  
17 litigation with the County on the collection of  
18 hospitality fees. That settlement was on --  
19 that litigation was done in April. As I  
20 informed you, the Town will be receiving its  
21 portion of those funds that have been escrowed  
22 since 2019. As of this week, the Town has  
23 received its portion of the settlement fee from  
24 that lawsuit. This week we were -- transferred  
25 into our (inaudible) \$20,739 from the



1 settlement of the -- hospitality tax settlement  
2 lawsuit, \$20,739. Business hospitality taxes  
3 and fees are now collected by the County as it  
4 was prior to 2019, and they are optional to pay  
5 directly to the Town, which most of them are  
6 doing online portals or paid directly to our  
7 administrative offices. Any questions? Item  
8 C. Playground. At our last meeting, I reported  
9 that the Waccamaw COG, who is leading the  
10 procurement effort in us expending funds to  
11 revitalize the playground adjacent to the  
12 Community Center with the CDBG Grant of  
13 \$150,000. The Waccamaw Regional COG, along  
14 with us, and we posted just last week the bid  
15 advertisement for the renovation of the park.  
16 The return date is November the 8th. Bids are  
17 posted -- specifications are posted online on  
18 our website and we have done direct mailing to  
19 those contractors who are specialized in  
20 playground renovation and equipment. The  
21 return date, again, is November the 8th. Bids  
22 will be accepted on the 20th of October. We  
23 will have a pre-bid meeting here to go over  
24 with those proposed contractors interested in  
25 bidding on the renovation of the park



1 playground. Any questions? Yes, sir?

2 **MR. SIMMONS:** I have a question about the Community  
3 Center in general, this park and playground.  
4 There's a lot of kids in general and, like with  
5 the basketball court, many of these (inaudible)  
6 kids that's now growing in this era, there's  
7 not a lot of amenities like -- with that right  
8 there, that's one thing, but when I grew up  
9 here we had where -- community, we had a  
10 community center as like learning of how to  
11 interact with each other as kids and stuff like  
12 that, we had different, you know, the  
13 playground's one thing, but the kids in a whole  
14 is a major thing, you know, we had that side  
15 over there with a tennis court -- at times a  
16 tennis court but it was a basketball court  
17 first. And when we grew up -- when I grew up  
18 down here, that's what we had. And to -- in  
19 terms of the tennis court, you know, that  
20 basketball court there has a lot of gravel so  
21 it's hard for them to play basketball because  
22 of that. We have the one across the street,  
23 it's different, we all grew up there but it has  
24 -- not the amenities that it needs, you know?  
25 Playground stuff, people just want to -- but



1 with playing basketball, that's how we lived --  
2 I lived down here and that right there, the  
3 kids have something -- some outlet to do and  
4 amongst a bidding war on swings, you know, I'm  
5 just being honest, sir ---

6 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** No, I hear you ---

7 **MR. SIMMONS:** --- and my thing is I just want the  
8 kids to have a better future than I have and I  
9 had down here because that's what I remember,  
10 and the kids now, they have nothing but  
11 computers, you know, with something that they  
12 can do with the community so they'll learn who  
13 the kids are and be more of a community amongst  
14 the kids.

15 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Well, I -- all I can say is in  
16 terms of your suggestion ---

17 **MR. SIMMONS:** Yes, sir.

18 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- it is something that if the  
19 community supports and wants to see, it's  
20 something that we can apply for additional  
21 funding ---

22 **MR. SIMMONS:** Yes, sir.

23 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- I'm reporting out grant money  
24 that we have already been committed and  
25 received ---



1 **MR. SIMMONS:** Yes, sir.

2 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- and it's for the  
3 revitalization of this park. This park, the  
4 age that is targeted to service is two to 13.  
5 I hear your point ---

6 **MR. SIMMONS:** Yes, sir.

7 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- it is something that the  
8 Council would have to consider, and the  
9 community, in terms of other playground areas  
10 or park space that they want to see in the  
11 Town. So something we can consider in the  
12 future.

13 **MR. SIMMONS:** All right. Thank you.

14 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** All right. The last thing I want  
15 to report on the -- to the Council, Officer  
16 Matthew Hobbs (ph) has resigned and accepted  
17 employment in the Town of Loris as an officer  
18 so we're down one police officer. We have one  
19 officer that has passed all of their written  
20 and other requirements to attend the academy  
21 and will be attending in a couple weeks ---

22 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** October the 10th.

23 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** October the 10th and will be six  
24 weeks ---

25 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** I think it's eight



1 (inaudible).

2 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Eight weeks and, if she's  
3 successful, we will have another certified  
4 officer. We're down one officer at this time.  
5 Last thing I want to report is today that I had  
6 to terminate Maintenance worker Charles Canty.  
7 It's a personnel issue and matter. I'm letting  
8 you know that Mr. Canty has been terminated  
9 effective today. Thank you, Mayor and Council.

10 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Thank you.

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

12 **Public Time:**

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to Public Time and I guess  
14 Mr. Hubert Williams, is he online or where is  
15 he? He's online, isn't he?

16 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yeah, he's online, uh-huh.

17 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

18 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Mr. Williams, you have to unmute  
19 yourself. There you go ---

20 **MR. WILLIAMS:** Am I unmuted now?

21 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Yes, you are now. We can hear you  
22 now.

23 **MR. WILLIAMS:** Okay. Did you want me to proceed?

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** You can proceed, yes, sir.

25 **MR. WILLIAMS:** I received a letter dated September



1 30th, 2021 from the Town of Atlantic Beach that  
2 stated a lot at 513 29th Avenue was in  
3 violation of Section 12-1-7 of the Atlantic  
4 Beach Ordinance Number 4-2003(e)-1204  
5 (inaudible) 12 Public Nuisance Ordinance. I  
6 cannot find that on the -- listed in the Code  
7 of Land Management Ordinance or anything other  
8 ordinance for the City of Atlantic Beach. The  
9 letter stated that this matter must be adhered  
10 within 15 -- within five business days. On the  
11 other notices, the time given was 15 days. The  
12 adjoining lot on 30th Avenue was completely  
13 fenced in with locked gates until the City of  
14 Atlantic Beach had the existing fence and  
15 locked gates removed. The top of the existing  
16 septic tank is now open due to the actions of  
17 the City of Atlantic Beach. My family has  
18 owned this lot on 29th Avenue for over 70  
19 years. Trees and scrubs have existed on this  
20 lot during the years owned without a problem to  
21 the city. This lot is completely fenced in  
22 with locked gates. The interior of this lot is  
23 clear and open. The interior of this lot is  
24 cut at least three times a year every year. I  
25 take exception to this notice due to the fact





1           that some of the lots on 2nd and 37th -- and  
2           32nd Avenue side across from Highway 17 on  
3           Virginia Street, Carolina Street, Atlantic  
4           Street and Tyson Street have never been cut  
5           and/or maintained from the City of Atlantic  
6           Beach. When George Tyson bought the land to --  
7           -

8           **MAYOR EVANS:** Make it short, Mr. Williams. Your  
9           time is up ---

10          **MR. WILLIAMS:** --- thank you.

11          **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you, sir.

12          **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Thank you.

13          **MAYOR EVANS:** We have Lamar Campbell.

14          **MR. CAMPBELL:** Good evening, everyone.

15          **IN UNISON:** Good evening.

16          **MR. CAMPBELL:** Mayor, Council and citizens of  
17           Atlantic Beach, for starters I would like to  
18           apologize for (inaudible) Atlantic Beach's  
19           local -- my flyers. It was an honest mistake.  
20           For the record, the Town of Atlantic Beach does  
21           not endorse or promote my candidacy in any way.  
22           To the constituents of Atlantic Beach, I would  
23           like to end by saying please vote to elect  
24           myself and Jim Dewitt for Atlantic Beach Town  
25           Council. We both need your support. If





1 Town and we're in litigation so we did not  
2 respond.

3 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

4 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** Well, just since you mentioned, I  
5 will mention the election is Tuesday, November  
6 2nd so we want all of you all to come out and  
7 vote ---

8 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

10 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Also, let me thank Ms. Gloria and  
11 Gibson for bringing this recommendation to the  
12 Council and to the Town that benefits -- one of  
13 the issues that I've struggled with as an  
14 administrator here as the Town Manager, to have  
15 the adequate capacity to pursue major grants  
16 for revitalization of the Town. I want to  
17 thank you all for your recommendation and  
18 support in terms of doing something to benefit  
19 and enhance and improve the Town. Thank you,  
20 ladies.

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

22 **(Applause.)**

23 **MS. LANCE:** Mayor, can I say something (inaudible)?

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yeah, you can go ahead.

25 **MS. LANCE:** It's gonna be short.



1       **MAYOR EVANS:** Well, know the roll, you know when --  
2               you know why I look at you like that, you know  
3               better than anybody else in this building that  
4               I'm not supposed to be doing it, but go ahead.

5       **MS. LANCE:** Thank you, Mayor. But I wanted to tell  
6               Mayor and Council and the Town Manager and  
7               staff it was because of Jim Dewitt who got the  
8               property owners together, and we Zoom the first  
9               Thursday of every month. And so it was just  
10              not Denise and Gloria, it was everybody on that  
11              team. I just saw the grant because I saw my  
12              administrator on TV talking about it, and I  
13              knew that we -- it could be a benefit to our  
14              community. And so Ms. Graham and I, because we  
15              work for FEMA, I was like, okay, we can get  
16              some of this funding, hopefully. And Denise  
17              contacted us and we were so delighted in order  
18              to have Mr. Val here, to be her brother-in-law,  
19              her favorite brother-in-law. Also, just last  
20              week, Mayor and Council and the Town Manager,  
21              you got an accolade from a friend of Alice and  
22              I from Charlotte, North Carolina. This young  
23              couple lives in Florida, but as a young kid  
24              they used to come from Charlotte, come here and  
25              visit. And he wanted to say to us for the





1 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Second.

2 MAYOR EVANS: Motion and second to adjourn. Roll  
3 call?

4 CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans?

5 COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.

6 CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

7 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

8 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

9 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

10 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

11 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted. This meeting is  
12 adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

13 (There being nothing further, the meeting was  
14 adjourned.)

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