

TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 1, 2022

5:00 p.m.

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APPEARANCES

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor Jake Evans, Chairman
Councilman Edward Lamar Campbell
Mayor Pro Tem Josephine Isom
Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore
Councilman Jim DeWitt

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, August the 1st, year 2022 at
4 5:00 p.m. Roll call.

5 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell? Mayor Pro Tem
6 Josephine Isom?

7 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Here.

8 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore? Councilman Jim
9 DeWitt?

10 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Here.

11 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Here. Council, looks like Lamar is
13 walking in.

14 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Here.

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** Alrighty, Council, I seek a motion to
16 go into our Executive Session for legal and
17 personnel matters.

18 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

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

20 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Did you -- second.

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** Well, I guess that didn't go well, I
22 guess I didn't -- seeking the motion, I need
23 the motion. I need the ...

24 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Oh ---

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** You make the motion, it's not a



1 second.

2 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Oh, okay.

3 **MAYOR EVANS:** I'm seeking a motion to go into
4 Executive Session ---

5 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Mayor, I make a motion that we
6 go into Executive Session for the following --
7 I didn't ---

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** Just -- no -- legal and personnel ---

9 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** For legal and personnel
10 matters.

11 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Second.

12 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Okay.

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second for
14 legal and personnel matters in Executive
15 Session. Any other questions or comments?
16 Roll call.

17 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

18 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Here.

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

20 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Here.

21 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

22 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Here.

23 **CLERK:** Councilman Jim DeWitt?

24 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Yea.

25 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. That was a motion to go into
2 Executive Session.

3 **Executive Session:**

4 **(Executive Session.)**

5 **MAYOR EVANS:** Council, I seek a motion to come out
6 of Executive Session into the General Session.

7 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

8 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Second.

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second to come out of the
10 Executive Session into the General Session. If
11 there are no other questions or comments, roll
12 call.

13 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

14 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

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

16 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Yea.

17 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

19 **CLERK:** Councilman Jim DeWitt?

20 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Yea.

21 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

23 **General Session:**

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** I want to take this time to welcome
25 the general public and ask at this time if you



1 have any cell phones or devices that might
2 disturb the proceedings, put them on silence
3 for us at this time please. And, if you would,
4 stand for a moment of silence.

5 (Moment of Silence.)

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

7 (Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison.)

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to ceremonial matters.
9 Council members, any ceremonial matters at this
10 time?

11 (Inaudible background noise.)

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** If not, we're down to the approval of
13 the agenda. Council, seek a motion for the
14 approval of the agenda.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

16 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Second.

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second for approval of
18 the agenda. If there are no other questions or
19 comments, roll call.

20 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

21 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

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

23 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Yea.

24 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

25 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.



1 **CLERK:** Councilman Jim DeWitt?

2 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Yea.

3 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

5 **Old Business:**

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to Old Business, Town
7 Council meeting minutes, the minutes from Town
8 Council meeting held on June 6th, 2022 and June
9 20th, 2022. Council, seek a motion for
10 approval of those minutes.

11 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

12 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Second.

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second for approval of
14 Town Council meeting minutes held on June 6th
15 and June 20th for 2022. If there are no other
16 questions or comments, roll call.

17 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

18 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

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

20 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Yea.

21 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

22 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

23 **CLERK:** Councilman Jim DeWitt?

24 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Yea.

25 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?



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

2 **Manager's Report:**

3 **MAYOR EVANS:** We have no New Business and we're down
4 to the Manager's Report.

5 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, Council, public, I just
6 have three items on the agenda for my report
7 this evening. One is an update on the
8 playground status. The -- I've given the
9 contractor -- well, first, let me back up --
10 the completion of the playground, I had hoped
11 that it would've been completed by now. The
12 contractor had some issues with the fabrication
13 of the equipment, had some of the wrong
14 equipment and had to have it replaced. I've
15 been on them to get it done and have a date of
16 August the 12th that it should be completed.
17 It is about 85 percent done, there is some
18 equipment I think they're doing tomorrow, as
19 well as the perimeter fencing that has to be
20 completed before the entire playground is done.
21 I just want to throw out to Council to be
22 thinking about a date once it's completed to
23 have a dedication ceremony, ribbon-cutting, and
24 also I think, Mayor, you indicated the
25 playground has not been formally named,



1 correct?

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** Right.

3 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** So, in terms of potentially coming
4 up with a naming of the playground at that
5 particular dedication and ribbon-cutting
6 ceremony that anticipate to happen probably a
7 couple weeks after the completion is done,
8 probably sometime in September so want Council
9 to be thinking about some names to designate
10 the park at that particular time. Any
11 questions? Also, want to -- pleased to
12 announce that the Town of Atlantic Beach has
13 won another grant award, \$50,000 grant award
14 from the Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley
15 Foundation for the continued accumulation of
16 artifacts, information data, history of the
17 Town of Atlantic Beach and getting it codified
18 in -- and the records. The Historic Committee
19 and also Ms. Denise Gibson have been working on
20 the first grant we received of \$25,000 from the
21 Preservation Society, we filed our first report
22 on the \$25,000, quarterly report on the
23 activity that was held primarily during Bike
24 Fest, accumulation and interviews with
25 residents of the town to gather history and



1 information and documentation on the history of
2 the Town of Atlantic Beach. This grant goes
3 further for -- and pays for the collection of
4 artifacts, data, history, and will be digitized
5 as well as in print form. The grant award was
6 to be received on July 29th. We received
7 notice that the actual award will be on August
8 the 12th, that -- the actual payment. The
9 first grant award is a reimbursable \$25,000.
10 We paid the first quarter payment and have
11 submitted -- Ms. Gibson has submitted the
12 invoices for reimbursement under the
13 preservation grant of \$25,000. Item C, with
14 very short notice, like to commend, first of
15 all, Ms. Gibson, Ms. Cheatham, KHAFRA, Mr.
16 Ballentine, Bates, the principal, for, on a
17 short notice, turning around an application for
18 \$500,000 to the County. The County notified us
19 I think around the end of June that they had
20 some additional American Rescue Recovery
21 funding and that municipalities were eligible
22 to submit grants up to \$50,000 -- sorry --
23 \$500,000 by July the 29th. In less than a
24 week, the team of professionals put together a
25 grant submission to the County on July the 29th



1 and we are waiting decision for the grant
2 award. We chose to apply for broadband
3 improvement, basically putting -- replacing
4 streetlights in the town with -- equipped with
5 cameras, Wi-Fi access and a number of other
6 amenities and lighting, improved lighting, for
7 the town. The grant is not large enough to do
8 the entire town, the primary focus of the grant
9 on this round of funding would be on 30th
10 Avenue and giving us the access, the
11 capability, to improve and bring broadband
12 enhancement and Wi-Fi to the Town of Atlantic
13 Beach. So like to, again, commend Ms. Gibson
14 and the team for working diligently on very
15 short notice to turn around an application and
16 get us in the running and consideration for a
17 grant award of \$500,000. That's all I have.
18 Any other questions? Any questions, Council?

19 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** No.

20 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Huh-uh.

21 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** Ben, may I -- I have a question
22 (inaudible).

23 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Okay.

24 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** Ben, I just happened to be walking
25 one morning. Michael and the (inaudible)



1 construction team were talking about two pine
2 trees needing to come down, do you know
3 anything about that?

4 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** No, that's news to me. We had,
5 before they started, a designated -- all of
6 trees that they wanted to have trimmed back, we
7 did that, but I -- this is the first time I'm
8 hearing that one has to be removed.

9 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** That's what -- what they've been
10 saying.

11 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** (Inaudible) I'll meet with the
12 contractor tomorrow ---

13 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** Okay.

14 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- get an update on that ---

15 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** It's two on this end (inaudible).

16 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Also, you triggered in my mind the
17 Lion's Club has agreed to donate and install,
18 I guess they call them book drop-off access for
19 the library. Here on the playground, they're
20 gonna put a bench next to it, they're gonna do
21 the actual contribution that (inaudible)
22 getting (inaudible) contractor to add that
23 library drop off of books access for the
24 community so I'm glad you reminded me of that.
25 That's the first I've heard. I know we've cut



1 back most of the trees in terms of that, that's

2 ---

3 (Inaudible background noise.)

4 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: --- but I'll talk to them
5 tomorrow, thank you.

6 MR. MONTGOMERY: Michael (inaudible).

7 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Okay. Any other questions?

8 (Inaudible background noise.)

9 MALE SPEAKER: The \$500,000 grant, do you know when
10 you're gonna hear back -- when you might hear
11 results from that?

12 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Oh, good question. I can't recall
13 the notification deadline ---

14 (Inaudible background noise.)

15 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: --- hopefully by September. I'll
16 check that. Any other questions?

17 MAYOR EVANS: Thanks, Ben.

18 Public Time:

19 MAYOR EVANS: We're down to Public Time and we've
20 got one public comment card from Lynda Booker.

21 MS. BOOKER: Good evening.

22 IN UNISON: Good evening.

23 MS. BOOKER: I have -- I have ---

24 MAYOR EVANS: Is that turned on?

25 (Inaudible background noise.)



1 **MS. BOOKER:** Good evening. I had a concern. There
2 is some work going on back behind our homes on
3 29th Avenue, so that would be Pete Johnson's
4 lots, Mark's (ph) lot, my lot, Pat Mallett's
5 lot and all down to where the Lattimers' place
6 is. It's being done by North Myrtle Beach, and
7 we don't have any update, we don't have any
8 information formally from North Myrtle Beach on
9 what's going on. The workers told my husband
10 that they were going to put up an eight foot
11 fence back there, that -- those were the
12 workers, that was not the City officials. And
13 Ms. Mallett mentioned to me that she ---

14 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

15 **MS. BOOKER:** --- that she spoke with an Horry County
16 commissioner and he said he can actually go as
17 high as 12 feet, which is better for us. Right
18 now, the problem is -- you all know that little
19 pathway that people are constantly walking
20 through from -- well, now they're driving cars
21 through. Cars were driven through there
22 yesterday so it's like even though (inaudible)
23 taking our their (inaudible) they've made a
24 connection right there because they filled in
25 that drainage ditch with dirt so by filling in



1 the drainage ditch, they can just drive right
2 on over through our beach. This is a problem.

3 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Who -- can I ask you, whose
4 property is it coming behind that they're
5 driving through, is it coming by ---

6 **MS. BOOKER:** It's the path where -- I think part of
7 it belongs to the (inaudible), the other part
8 belongs to the Lattimers -- the Lattimers.

9 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Well, the -- is it like the --
10 where -- the street, you go straight across the
11 street right there, like you're just leaving
12 off of -- I want to say Seaview -- and you're
13 going straight through, which would be Seaview,
14 is that where they're coming from ---

15 **MS. BOOKER:** They can come straight to 29th and then
16 go straight up Seaview.

17 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Right. So therefore, maybe we
18 could put some stakes there.

19 **MS. BOOKER:** But they need to -- they need to
20 address that.

21 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Well ---

22 **MS. BOOKER:** Because they're the ones that filled in
23 the drainage and, when they filled in the
24 drainage, that did not -- they did not have
25 permission to have their people come from North



1 Myrtle Beach and drive through our beach,
2 that's not an access for them but they're
3 making it one. So we were out there yesterday
4 and we saw the cars driving through, a tons of
5 golf carts, but that's normal, they squeeze
6 those through, but now, they're cars. So ---

7 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

8 **MS. BOOKER:** --- presented to our town from them.
9 We need to know what's going on. I called
10 Kevin today, Kevin did not return my call, but
11 Kevin gave us our card -- his card and asked us
12 to call him if we had any questions so we did
13 and he's not returning our calls so we need to
14 find out what's going on.

15 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Is that Kevin Blake?

16 **MS. BOOKER:** Yes.

17 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** I will -- I have requested from
18 the Town Manager -- or City Manager the plans
19 of what they're doing. I have not received it
20 yet, but I'll follow ---

21 **MS. BOOKER:** Please because the workers actually
22 shared with William, but they -- we can't -- I
23 can't accept that that's the gospel coming from
24 the workers, they may have heard something,
25 that doesn't mean that's what is actually is



1 going on. So that's really what I wanted to
2 talk about this evening, that addresses
3 (inaudible).

4 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Sure, all right.

5 **MS. BOOKER:** Okay, anybody? You all straight?

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

7 **MS. BOOKER:** You're welcome.

8 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** Council, seek a motion to adjourn.

10 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

11 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Second.

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second to adjourn. Any
13 other questions or comments?

14 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

15 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Second. Did you get the
16 motion?

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yeah. Roll call.

18 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

19 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

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

21 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Yea.

22 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

23 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

24 **CLERK:** Councilman Jim DeWitt?

25 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Yea.



1 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion granted. Meeting
3 adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

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

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