

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

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**Monday, December 5, 2022**

**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 5th day of December, 2022, and transcribed by Amanda Godfrey, Court Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of South Carolina.



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**APPEARANCES**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Mayor Jake Evans, Chairman  
Councilman Edward Lamar Campbell  
Mayor Pro Tem Josephine 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, December 5th, the year 2022  
4 at 5:00 p.m. Roll call.

5 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

6 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Here.

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

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

9 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

10 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Here.

11 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Here. Council, seek a motion to go  
13 into Executive Session for Lot #9 Ocean  
14 Boulevard public easement and personnel  
15 matters.

16 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** So moved.

17 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second to go into  
19 Executive Session for those items. Any other  
20 questions or comments? Roll call.

21 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

22 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

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

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

25 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?



1 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

2 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

3 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The motion's granted.

4 Executive Session:

5 (Executive Session.)

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

8 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.

9 MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM: Second.

10 MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and second to come  
11 out of the Executive Session into the General  
12 Session. Any other questions or comments?  
13 Roll call.

14 CLERK: Councilman Edward Campbell?

15 COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Yea.

16 CLERK: Mayor Pro Tem Josephine Isom?

17 MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM: Yea.

18 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

19 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

20 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

21 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The motion is granted.

22 General Session:

23 MAYOR EVANS: I want to take this time to welcome  
24 the general public and ask at this time if you  
25 have any cell phones or anything that might



1           disturb the proceedings, would you silence  
2           those for us at this moment please. And stand  
3           for a moment of silence.

4                           **(Moment of Silence.)**

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

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

7   **MAYOR EVANS:** Ceremonial, Council members?  
8           Ceremonial? We're down to the approval of the  
9           agenda. Council, seek a motion for the  
10          approval of the agenda.

11 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

12 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Second.

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second for the approval  
14          of the agenda. Any other questions or  
15          comments? Roll call.

16 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

17 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

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

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

20 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

21 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

22 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

24 **Old Business:**

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** Down to Old Business, Town Council



1 meeting minutes, the minutes from Town Council  
2 meeting held on November 7th, 2022. Council,  
3 seek a motion for approval of those minutes.

4 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

5 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Second.

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second for the approval  
7 of the minutes held on November the 7th. Any  
8 other questions or comments? Roll call.

9 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

10 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

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

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

13 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

14 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

15 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. The motion's granted. We're  
17 down to Item B., municipal special election  
18 update which is January 17th, 2023. Mr. Joe  
19 Montgomery.

20 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Since we met  
21 the last time, four people have filed for one  
22 seat on Town Council and they are Michael Isom,  
23 John David, Brian Taylor and ---

24 **CLERK:** Lenny Evans.

25 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** And Lenny Evans -- Lenny Evans. So



1           those are the candidates. Early voting starts  
2           January 3rd but General Assembly passed a law  
3           last (inaudible) and they close it January 13th  
4           ---

5           **CLERK:** Yes.

6           **MR. MONTGOMERY:** --- January 13th. So, you have to  
7           go to Conway to do early voting, can't do it  
8           here. It's the voter registration law  
9           (inaudible). So, we'll be ready for January  
10          17th -- I'm sure (inaudible) candidates that  
11          are running. Are there any questions, or did  
12          I leave anything out? Okay, thank you, Mr.  
13          Mayor.

14          **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

15          **New Business:**

16          **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to New Business, Item A.,  
17          this is Ordinance Number 6-2022, an amendment  
18          to Ordinance Number 8-2021, and this is an  
19          ordinance establishing and adopting the  
20          operational procedures for the 2023 Atlantic  
21          Beach Memorial Day Black Pearl Cultural  
22          Heritage and Bike Festival, and this will be  
23          just the first reading. Council, seek a motion  
24          to adopt Ordinance Number 6-2022.

25          **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.



1 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Second.

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second to adopt  
3 Ordinance Number 6-2022, and this is the  
4 BikeFest Ordinance first reading. Any other  
5 questions or comments?

6 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, Council, I just wanted to  
7 give some of the highlights for the public is  
8 that the BikeFest 2023, the dates -- will start  
9 on Friday the 26th through Monday the 29th.  
10 All of the fee schedules are carried over from  
11 last year -- 30th Avenue is \$675; alcohol from  
12 30th Avenue, \$2,000; beer and wine, \$750;  
13 retail \$650; exhibitors \$300; late registration  
14 fee will enact on March 31st if not registered  
15 before that time. The hours of operation are  
16 the same as last year, will end at 3:00 a.m.  
17 and on -- other than Monday, it concludes at  
18 3:00 p.m. on the 29th of 2023. So all of the  
19 other components of BikeFest will remain in  
20 effect and the same, as I indicated, rates and  
21 everything are the same as they were last year.  
22 This is the first reading, second reading will  
23 be in January.

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you. Roll call.

25 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?



1       **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:**   Yea.

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

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

4       **CLERK:**   Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

5       **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:**   Yea.

6       **CLERK:**   Mayor Jake Evans?

7       **MAYOR EVANS:**   Yea.   The motion's granted.   We're  
8               down to Item B., Resolution Number 7-2022, the  
9               nondiscrimination resolution.   Council, seek a  
10              motion to adopt Resolution Number 7-2022.

11      **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:**   So moved.

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

13      **MAYOR EVANS:**   There's a motion and a second on the  
14              floor to adopt Resolution Number 7-2022, the  
15              nondiscrimination resolution.

16      **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:**   Mayor, Council and public, this is  
17              a resolution establishing affirmative action  
18              policy for the Town of Atlantic Beach and  
19              basically indicating that the Town does not  
20              discriminate due to race, creed, sexual  
21              orientation, religion, color, origin, political  
22              affiliation, marital status or veteran status  
23              and it protects -- indicates that the Town of  
24              Atlantic Beach will comply with all applicable  
25              laws in hiring and promotion of employees and



1 the authority. Want to get on record updating  
2 our affirmative action policy for the record  
3 and this affirmative action policy does that.  
4 Secondly, we'll be working on developing an  
5 affirmative action plan which will go into more  
6 detail about implementation of the policy and  
7 how we will implement affirmative action in the  
8 Town of Atlantic Beach.

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you. Council, there's a motion  
10 and second on the floor to adopt Resolution  
11 Number 7-2022. If there are no other comments,  
12 roll 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:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

21 **Manager's Report:**

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to the Manager's Report.

23 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, Council and public, I just  
24 wanted to go through an updated view on a  
25 number of items. One, recycling which was



1 approved at the last Council meeting has begun  
2 in the Town of Atlantic Beach. Number -- I'll  
3 come back to number two, Chief Robinson on our  
4 annual Christmas Program here at the Community  
5 Center. Item Number 3, Santee Cooper Economic  
6 Development Grant, just wanted to reiterate to  
7 the Council and public that the Town has been  
8 granted up to \$10,000 a year to apply for  
9 economic development planning, marketing of the  
10 Town, and it's a reimbursable grant, we would  
11 have to spend resources in the area of  
12 developing our economic development plan and  
13 implementation and submit to Santee Cooper for  
14 reimbursement up to \$10,000 per year, not just  
15 this year, 2022, but in the years following.  
16 Number 4, just to alert Council and the public,  
17 the president has declared South Carolina's  
18 state of emergency as a result of Hurricane Ian  
19 and allows the Town and municipalities to apply  
20 for FEMA reimbursement for debris cleanup and  
21 security services that were provided after  
22 Hurricane Ian. I've already met with FEMA  
23 representatives, an initial meeting, before the  
24 declaration was official, I received word this  
25 week after the declaration -- emergency



1 declaration was actually implemented. Follow-  
2 up meetings in terms of supplying to them the  
3 documentation necessary to get reimbursed 75  
4 percent of the cost for debris cleanup for  
5 Hurricane Ian. One other note that's not on  
6 your agenda, I was -- received a notice from  
7 the Lowcountry Food Bank organization that they  
8 will be donating food distribution on December  
9 the 21st at the cul-de-sac from 4:00 to 6:00  
10 p.m. from a food distribution truck. All  
11 residents are eligible to receive for  
12 distribution. Ms. Isom I think facilitated  
13 this with Kari Hanna from the Low -- food bank,  
14 and they will do this I think monthly starting  
15 December the 21st. The last thing I had, been  
16 asked by Ms. Mallett to read a proposal being  
17 presented to the Council, if Council elects, it  
18 will be on the agenda for formal approval at  
19 the January meeting, but she asked me to read  
20 this on her behalf this evening and it's  
21 (inaudible). Atlantic Beach Gullah Geechee  
22 Cultural and Nature Festival, the only Black-  
23 owned incorporated oceanfront town on the East  
24 Coast. We would like to schedule June 24th,  
25 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. in Atlantic



1 Beach to highlight the significance of Gullah  
2 Geechee cultures and the wider African  
3 diaspora. Gullah Geechee refers to the  
4 descendants of enslaved individuals,  
5 predominantly from West Africa, who retained  
6 many of the -- their African traditions and  
7 cultures because of their relative isolation  
8 from the rest of the world. Also, the day will  
9 feature amplified main stage and performers and  
10 musicians, a vendor market with food vendors,  
11 an arts and crafts station and will recreate  
12 the punk patio style experience. We are  
13 requesting the cul-de-sac on Main Street and  
14 closure of up to 400 Block of 30th Avenue since  
15 that is the central location where most of the  
16 historical events have been held. We will  
17 coordinate parking with private lots. Most  
18 events will be free and open to the public,  
19 anticipated participation will be 300 to 500  
20 people with 10 to 15 vendors. We are  
21 requesting police assistance, porta-potties  
22 and increased trash cans. Sincerely, Patricia  
23 Mallett, Wilbert C. Thomas, Gullah Geechee  
24 Cultural Heritage Corridor, Director Victoria  
25 Smalls, Joyner Institute of Coastal Carolina,



1 Zenobia Harper and Alli Crandell, Director, The  
2 Athenaeum Press and Digital Initiatives Edwards  
3 College of Humanities and Fine Arts of Coastal  
4 Carolina. This is all of the sponsors that are  
5 requesting that this event be put on in June  
6 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. A formal  
7 proposal will be presented to Council at the  
8 January meeting for your decision and approval.  
9 At this time, I'd like to bring Chief Robinson  
10 up to talk about our annual police-sponsored  
11 program for our youth in the Town of Atlantic  
12 Beach. Chief Robinson.

13 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** Good afternoon. Real quick,  
14 December the 16th between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.,  
15 we will have our annual Christmas party for the  
16 community so I hope the Council, people in the  
17 community, everybody'll come out and enjoy our  
18 event this year. Anybody that wants to donate,  
19 we're still taking donations for our Christmas  
20 party. You can talk with my clerk or either  
21 reach out to Ms. Cheryl, they'll get the  
22 information to me (inaudible) donations.

23 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** The date again?

24 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** December the 16th.

25 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** And the time?



1     **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** From 6:00 to 8:00. Try to  
2           get here at 6:00 because a lot people come  
3           around about 8:00 so we do feed and a lot of  
4           food does run out so try to get here early.  
5           And I know some people do work and have to get  
6           the kids together from school and stuff, I  
7           think if -- I believe that Thursday or Friday  
8           is the last day school and I think they're out  
9           after that. So, just come out and enjoy and  
10          have (inaudible) times.

11     **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** I appreciate it ---

12     **IN UNISON:** Thank you.

13     **Public Time:**

14     **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to Pubic Time and I have  
15           Ms. Diane Hill.

16     **MS. HILL:** Thank you so much but ---

17     **MAYOR EVANS:** You're welcome.

18     **MS. HILL:** --- Mr. Q., I was gonna speak on the  
19           Gullah Geechee event, thank you so much.

20     **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you. Council, seek a motion to  
21           adjourn.

22     **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** So moved ---

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

24     **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second to adjourn. Roll  
25           call.



1     **CLERK:**    Councilman Edward Campbell?

2     **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:**    Yea.

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

4     **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:**    Yea.

5     **CLERK:**    Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

6     **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:**    Yea.

7     **CLERK:**    Mayor Jake Evans?

8     **MAYOR EVANS:**        Yea.        Motion granted.        Meeting  
9                adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

10        **(There being nothing further, the meeting was**  
11        **adjourned.)**

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