

**TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
AND PUBLIC HEARING  
FY 2022-2023 PROPOSED BUDGET**

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**Monday, June 6, 2022**

**4:03 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 6th day of June, 2022, and transcribed by Amanda Godfrey, Court Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of South Carolina.



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**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, June 6th, at 6:03 p.m. --  
4 I'm sorry -- 4:03 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:** Councilman Jim DeWitt?

12 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Here.

13 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** Here. Council, seeking a motion to go  
15 into Executive Session for legal and  
16 contractual and personnel items.

17 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

18 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Second.

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second. Any  
20 other 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: Councilman Jim DeWitt?

3 COUNCILMAN DeWITT: Yea.

4 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

5 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion 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 GORE: So moved.

11 MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM: Second.

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

15 CLERK: Councilman Edward Campbell?

16 COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Yea.

17 CLERK: Mayor Pro Tem Josephine Isom?

18 MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM: Yea.

19 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

20 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

21 CLERK: Councilman Jim DeWitt?

22 COUNCILMAN DeWITT: Yea.

23 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

24 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The motion is granted.

25 General Session:



1     **MAYOR EVANS:**   We're now in the General Session of  
2                   our meeting.  At this time, I'd like to welcome  
3                   the general public and ask at this time if you  
4                   have your cell phones with you, could put those  
5                   on silent or vibrate for us at this time so  
6                   that they don't disturb the proceedings, and  
7                   ask that you stand for a moment of silence.

8                                 **(Moment of Silence.)**

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

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

11    **MAYOR EVANS:**   Council, we're down to the ceremonial  
12                   matters, ceremonial matters from any Council  
13                   members?  No?  If not, we're down to the ...

14                                **(Inaudible background noise.)**

15    **MAYOR EVANS:**   I think everyone should have a  
16                   duplicate of that, should have these in your  
17                   seat, and this is Car, Bike and Truck Show,  
18                   July the 2nd.

19                                **(Inaudible background noise.)**

20    **MAYOR EVANS:**   It's a -- just a one-day event, and I  
21                   think it's probably gonna start about noon on  
22                   July the 2nd.  And I think the 4th is on a  
23                   Monday so that's Saturday, right?

24    **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:**  Uh-huh.

25    **MAYOR EVANS:**   Okay.  Okay, we're down to approval of



1 the agenda, Council, seek a motion for the  
2 approval of the agenda.

3 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

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

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

8 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

9 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

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

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

12 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

13 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

14 **CLERK:** Councilman Jim DeWitt?

15 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Yea.

16 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

18 **Old Business:**

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to Old Business, Town  
20 Council meeting minutes, the meeting minutes  
21 from Town Council meeting held on May the 2nd,  
22 2022. Council, seek a motion for the approval  
23 of those minutes.

24 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

25 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Second.



1     **MAYOR EVANS:**  There's a motion and a second for the  
2                   approval of the minutes of the meeting held on  
3                   May 2nd, 2022.  If there are no other questions  
4                   or comments, roll call.

5     **CLERK:**  Councilman Edward Campbell?

6     **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:**  Yea.

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

8     **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:**  Yea.

9     **CLERK:**  Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

10    **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:**  Yea.

11    **CLERK:**  Councilman Jim DeWitt?

12    **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:**  Yea.

13    **CLERK:**  Mayor Jake Evans?

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

15    **New Business:**

16    **MAYOR EVANS:**  We're down to Item 6, which is the  
17                   public hearing for the 2022-2023 Proposed  
18                   General Fund Budget.  Council, I seek a motion  
19                   to open the floor to the public for the 2022-  
20                   2023 Proposed General Fund Budget.

21    **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:**  So moved.

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

23    **MAYOR EVANS:**  There's a motion and a second to open  
24                   the floor to the public for a public hearing on  
25                   the 2022-2023 Proposed General Fund Budget.  If



1           there are no other questions or comments, roll  
2           call.

3           **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

4           **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

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

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

7           **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

8           **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

9           **CLERK:** Councilman Jim DeWitt?

10          **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Yea.

11          **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

13          **Public Hearing:**

14          **MAYOR EVANS:** And, public, when you respond, remind  
15                you that we're -- only questions that will be  
16                entertained are concerning the budget. So,  
17                Ben, you want to go?

18          **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, Council, public, I am  
19                pleased announced, first of all, before I give  
20                the budget projections for 2022 fiscal year  
21                beginning June 1st, 2022 to -- no, July 1st,  
22                2022 to June 30, 2023, I want to give an  
23                overview and a recap of our income and expenses  
24                for '21-'22 fiscal year. I'm pleased to  
25                announce that for the first time in my tenure





1 as Town Administrator, our budget has exceeded  
2 -- income has exceeded \$1 Million, specifically  
3 \$1,191,336.67 for the close of fiscal year June  
4 30th -- projected June 30th. One asterisk that  
5 I want to appoint, that number being where it  
6 is, is primarily attributable to this is the  
7 first year that the Town, under the new state  
8 business law, has received two allocations for  
9 fee collections for business licenses in the  
10 same fiscal year. As everyone hopefully  
11 recalls, I indicated that the State changed the  
12 business license collection dates for all  
13 municipalities to a uniform date, going from  
14 May 1st of each year to April 30th of each  
15 year. As a result of that change, the two  
16 collections that we received on business  
17 license and permit fees totaled \$709,019.95 for  
18 2022, that is a stark increase from the amount  
19 we received in 2021 of \$342,400. Again, the  
20 asterisk is that that is two collection cycles  
21 in the same fiscal year so that propelled us  
22 over our normal business license collection and  
23 permitting fees. Also, that does not include  
24 \$110,000 and some change that the Town received  
25 in American Rescue Funds that is sitting in a



1 money market account. They are restricted for  
2 specific use under the guidelines of the  
3 recovery funds, but they -- those -- that  
4 \$1,191,336 number, the \$110,000 is in addition  
5 and is sitting in a reserve money market  
6 account. So overall, we had a very successful  
7 2022 from an economic standpoint. Also, one  
8 significant change in addition to our regular  
9 income sources is that the Town Council  
10 approved an agreement, lease agreement, with  
11 Thee DollHouse to lease space on 17 in back of  
12 Thee DollHouse on the former Housing Authority  
13 property, which brings in an aggregate of  
14 \$24,000 a year, payable in a one-time payment  
15 at the beginning of each calendar year in  
16 January. Property taxes increased somewhat  
17 over 2020 -- '21, \$247,486. Franchise fees  
18 that we received as our agreement with Atlantic  
19 Watersports and Santee Cooper totaled about  
20 \$67,000, which is projected to remain about the  
21 same for 2023, \$67,700 in 2023, so that's  
22 pretty much the same. Licenses and permits I  
23 think is going to increase even substantially  
24 more. As all of you have witnessed and  
25 indicated, we've got a number of housing



1 developments that have been completed over the  
2 last two years -- I think the number is 25 --  
3 and currently we have ten homes under  
4 construction, as we speak, with various  
5 completion dates that hopefully will be  
6 completed within the -- before the end of this  
7 fiscal year, which is June 30th, 2023. So we  
8 anticipate that our property tax base will --  
9 fund collection will increase as those new  
10 units come online. That is an overview of  
11 2021-22 budget year. This year -- and the  
12 handout you received for 2023, you see we're  
13 estimating the property taxes of \$263,100;  
14 franchise fee, again, staying around the same,  
15 \$67,700; intergovernmental total, our funds we  
16 receive from various sources from the State  
17 allocated to us based on our size and the rate  
18 of payment to municipalities; license and  
19 permits, we're projecting an increase to  
20 \$428,075 based on the numbers we received in  
21 this last collection that just ended April  
22 30th; hospitality taxes around the same, a  
23 slight increase; and, again, the \$24,000 lease  
24 agreement with Thee DollHouse for a projected  
25 total income for 2023 of \$918,784. Any



1 questions on income? Our expense line, which  
2 is our largest always expense line, is in  
3 personnel. Our -- the significant challenge  
4 that we faced in the personnel area is around  
5 the recruitment and retention of police  
6 officers. As everyone knows, there's a  
7 national shortage of police around the country  
8 and we, as a smaller municipality, are  
9 competing with our larger sister municipalities  
10 around the county for qualified and certified  
11 officers. During the last fiscal year, we  
12 hired, recruited and sent two officers to the  
13 academy and had them certified. We lost those  
14 two officers. We currently now have recruited  
15 another candidate, police candidate, that will  
16 be going to the academy in the next couple of  
17 weeks and should finish the -- I think it's  
18 eight or six weeks. Chief can tell you better.  
19 We also have made an offer and accepted from a  
20 former certified police officer which he will  
21 be starting on Monday and will bring our  
22 current force to four officers including the  
23 Chief of Police. But our challenge from a  
24 fiscal standpoint is how do we recruit, train  
25 and retain officers in this environment. It's



1 a national issue that many municipalities are  
2 facing. Our surrounding municipalities are  
3 looking to increase their base pay for their  
4 officers in Myrtle Beach, North Myrtle Beach in  
5 order to attract and recruit and retain  
6 officers in their area. So, I see this as one  
7 of the biggest challenges we face in the next  
8 fiscal year and beyond on how we do that.  
9 Council has talked about -- we have talked  
10 about some incentives to retain our officers  
11 that go beyond just base pay, and we're going  
12 to do everything in our power and our fiscal  
13 ability to make sure that we have an adequate,  
14 functioning police department, but that is --  
15 if I had to identify one area of challenge for  
16 the Town is in the area of recruitment and  
17 retention of officers. Other costs, utility  
18 costs, as we know, prices of utilities have  
19 gone up, this is an increase over dollar  
20 amount. Our cost for trash has remained pretty  
21 constant but with new units coming online, that  
22 number may and will increase in the future.  
23 Our repairs pretty much remained stagnant. We  
24 purchased -- and the only debt that we just  
25 indicated, again, that we've incurred was a



1 balance of (inaudible) \$36,000 over two police  
2 vehicles we purchased back in January. That is  
3 the only debt that the Town carries into the  
4 new fiscal year, and we've been able to cover  
5 our costs and expenses and paying as we go,  
6 rather than taking out any financing or loans  
7 for the goods or services that we're provided.  
8 Everything else is pretty self-explanatory.  
9 The other issue, I thought we would get a major  
10 increase in our insurance coverage costs, they  
11 have remained surprisingly the same -- high but  
12 the same this fiscal year as the last year. I  
13 think that maybe because of our experience  
14 rate, we have not filed any significant claims  
15 during the two storms as well as any other  
16 significant claims for accidents or any other  
17 type of issues that we would have to require  
18 insurance expenditures, so that has remained  
19 relatively constant over last year. And I'm  
20 surprised what gas costs for our vehicles is  
21 going to, as everyone, increase substantially  
22 to operate and maintain our fleet of vehicles  
23 for the Town. That is pretty much the overview  
24 on expenses. Are there any questions? Yes,  
25 ma'am.



1 **MS. CHEATHAM:** I have several, you just want me to  
2 ask one at a time ---

3 **MAYOR EVANS:** Hold on one second, he's trying to  
4 find a -- get one of the mikes to give to you.  
5 Yeah, the floor is open if anybody wants to  
6 have questions concerning the budget. Just  
7 stand and state your name for the record when  
8 he gives you the mike there please.

9 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

10 **MR. McIVER:** Kenneth McIver, 29th Avenue. Is this -  
11 - now, we have this in the audience. Do you  
12 all have the same thing or ...

13 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** What is that?

14 **MR. McIVER:** It's just what we -- budget  
15 (inaudible).

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** That's what we've got. Yeah, that's  
17 what we've got, yeah.

18 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Yeah.

19 **MR. McIVER:** So you have more detailed information,  
20 like where these numbers ---

21 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** It's got the same information.

22 **MR. McIVER:** Well, I was just wondering like, you  
23 know, where do these numbers come from, like,  
24 you know, how many personnel do we have  
25 actually and then how many are we trying to



1 recruit, you know, what does supplies total,  
2 where did that come from? I'm not saying that  
3 anything is padded, but it's just -- it's just  
4 this.

5 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** So, what is your specific  
6 question?

7 **MR. McIVER:** I would like to see the details how  
8 these numbers come about.

9 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** In terms of?

10 **MR. McIVER:** All those ---

11 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** (Inaudible) question.

12 **MR. McIVER:** Yeah, personnel, where does that --  
13 where do you get the \$497,000 from, where does  
14 the dues and training come from, utilities and  
15 -- it just seems like one big summary.

16 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** So, you're asking for itemized ---

17 **MR. McIVER:** Yes.

18 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- breakdown of the costs?

19 **MR. McIVER:** Yes.

20 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** In what area, personnel?

21 **MR. McIVER:** It should be everything.

22 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

23 **MR. McIVER:** I mean, am I right or ...

24 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Hi, my name is Linda Cheatham. I  
25 live at 512 29th Avenue South. Last year when





1           you presented the budget, you gave us an actual  
2           year of history for 2020. On the same sheet of  
3           paper, you gave us the budget for 2021 and the  
4           estimate and a budget for '22, and according to  
5           what Mr. McIver said, all we've got is a piece  
6           of paper with some numbers on it, there's  
7           nothing to compare it to. And so, I heard you  
8           talk about, you know, increases, but current,  
9           you know, what are you comparing 2022 to? And  
10          that's why '20 -- the document that you passed  
11          out a year ago said there was \$100,000 loss,  
12          that there were more expenses actually incurred  
13          in 2020 than we took in so how was that  
14          \$100,000 made up? And if somebody else wants  
15          to speak, I've got a lot more questions so I  
16          can sit down. There's another \$1,000 increase  
17          in professional services, what does that  
18          category consist of, what contracts are in here  
19          or how much is each contract worth? Is that  
20          where your budget is? And so, do you have a  
21          contract, and how much is whatever is budgeted  
22          for you in that category, as well as anything  
23          else that's in professional services?

24       **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:**       Let me answer the question  
25       (inaudible).



1 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Okay.

2 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** (Inaudible) in professional  
3 services.

4 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Okay.

5 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Professional services includes all  
6 of our Town (inaudible) expenses, to our  
7 accountant, our audit expenses, (inaudible),  
8 building, building inspections, all of -- any  
9 of our professional services. The other  
10 (inaudible) this year was unbudgeted paid for  
11 rent (inaudible)\$15,000 over that (inaudible).

12 **MS. CHEATHAM:** I think, however, we should ---

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Wait, hold, hold, hold. Hold on. One  
14 person speak at a time.

15 **MS. CHEATHAM:** I just think it would be helpful if  
16 we knew that, if -- you know, how many  
17 positions does the Town have, what are the  
18 salaries for the various positions, what  
19 positions are vacant? You talked about the  
20 fact that you were having trouble hiring police  
21 officers, but we haven't had a maintenance  
22 worker in a long time so is that position  
23 budgeted, are we -- we're recruiting for it?

24 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes.

25 **MS. CHEATHAM:** And is it budgeted at full salary?



1     **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:**    I ---

2     **MS. CHEATHAM:**    And fringe benefits?

3     **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:**   No, we requested for a part-time  
4                    maintenance person ---

5     **MS. CHEATHAM:**    Okay.    So, we ---

6     **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:**   --- we have recruited -- we have  
7                    not in this market had any responses to our  
8                    advertisement and advertisement for maintenance  
9                    person.

10    **MS. CHEATHAM:**    You spoke of the revenue for the  
11                    property taxes -- and I don't have my glasses,  
12                    but I think the budget for property taxes in FY  
13                    '22 was \$295,000 and the budget for property  
14                    taxes in FY -- the next year is \$265,000, so  
15                    I'm not understanding why there is a decrease  
16                    given all the new construction that's been in  
17                    the town ---

18    **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:**   That's a good question.    We have  
19                    questions about that also.    We suspect that the  
20                    County is not crediting the Town all of the  
21                    appropriate taxes that are earned by the new  
22                    construction that has been added, and it's  
23                    something that we are exploring with the County  
24                    to address that issue.    As you indicated, with  
25                    all of the new development, that number should



1           be increasing so we have already addressed the  
2           County, they are doing an audit of our property  
3           tax rate to make sure that we're getting our  
4           fair share and the appropriate amount, and  
5           that's an excellent point, we have the same  
6           concerns.

7           **MS. CHEATHAM:** Does the Council get monthly budget  
8           reports that compare the budget to the actual?

9           **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** No, they do not get. On request,  
10          they do, I provide the information on the  
11          finances.

12          **MS. CHEATHAM:** I'm sorry?

13          **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** I said on their request, I provide  
14          ---

15          **MS. CHEATHAM:** Well then, I would like to propose  
16          that the Town begin to issue monthly budget  
17          reports so that the Council and the residents  
18          can see what's happening with the money, I  
19          mean, and -- this is not to say that there's  
20          anything untoward happening, but it just would  
21          be good financial management to keep track on  
22          a monthly basis, rather than looking at the  
23          budget once a year.

24          **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Well, we ---

25          **MS. CHEATHAM:** --- without ---



1 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- the Council is privy to  
2 information on finances ---

3 **MS. CHEATHAM:** If they ask for it, but I don't -- I  
4 guess my suggestion is that they should not  
5 have to ask for it, that good financial  
6 management says that, on a regular basis,  
7 reports are provided to the governing body, as  
8 well as to the residents, put it online, have  
9 a quarterly meeting, have a budget workshop.  
10 And to address Kenneth's question, if there  
11 were -- there was a budget workshop, then the  
12 -- these details could be discussed.

13 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** We will -- I will provide details  
14 that you're requesting at the second hearing of  
15 the budget in detail.

16 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Thank you.

17 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Council, (inaudible).

18 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Thank you (ph).

19 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** I have a question regarding the  
20 hiring the policemen. I know salary is a  
21 problem and that's everywhere but when an  
22 officer is hired, is there any discussion about  
23 tenure, you know, how long they will be here or  
24 some kind of commitment, that's what I'm  
25 getting at ---



1 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes, sir, absolutely. Absolutely.  
2 And in the interview process -- I'm glad to  
3 hear that question -- most officers that we  
4 recruited have indicated their desire to stay  
5 long-term ---

6 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** (Inaudible.)

7 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- as I've indicated. They  
8 represent that. For example, in recruitment,  
9 the Town spends a lot of expense training and  
10 preparing an officer. The only safeguard we  
11 have about that investment, 'cause we pay their  
12 salary while they go through the academy, once  
13 they have completed the academy, they cannot --  
14 they can, but if they decide to go to another  
15 municipality, that municipality has to  
16 reimburse the Town all of that training  
17 expense, that's the only safeguard we've got,  
18 but we cannot mandate or sign a contract to be  
19 here X amount of years. They represent to us  
20 that they plan to stay on long-term, but we're  
21 finding recently that that has not been the  
22 case.

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** Anyone else have any questions on the  
24 budget? Questions, comments? Council?

25 **(Inaudible background noise.)**



1     **MR. BOOKER:**    Good evening, I'm William Booker from  
2                    29th Avenue, 304.  I was just looking at this  
3                    budget, and we have an event that we've all  
4                    been excited about, Bike Fest, and we spend a  
5                    lot of money in preparation for it, but I don't  
6                    see where it's outlined here.  I know we're  
7                    gonna have discussion later about it, but it  
8                    would be helpful to see what our expenses are  
9                    and what we received as a result of it, and I  
10                   don't think that we did a budget (inaudible)  
11                   but I don't see where it is so it probably goes  
12                   back to some of the detailed information that  
13                   some of the others have spoken about so I just  
14                   wanted to highlight that.

15     **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:**   Well, let me just -- let me  
16                    respond.  Bike Fest -- since the initial Bike  
17                    Fest I administered, Bike Fest does not come  
18                    out of the operating -- General Fund Budget,  
19                    we've been able to operate net proceeds from  
20                    one Bike Fest to the next year.  So, we do not  
21                    count the income from Bike Fest as an operating  
22                    expense in the General Fund Budget, it's a  
23                    standalone, it has always been able to generate  
24                    enough profit that it funds the next year's  
25                    Bike Fest, and I anticipate it will be the



1 same. The numbers are still out on expenses.  
2 For example -- and I'll get into more detail in  
3 my report on Bike Fest, but there's still  
4 expenses out for electrical work that was done,  
5 the garbage collection tonnage and charges,  
6 lighting, refueling, things of that nature,  
7 there's still numbers out in terms of what  
8 those expenses will be but from -- my  
9 preliminary assessment is that this year again  
10 the Town will -- Bike Fest will cover its  
11 administrative overhead with some profit and,  
12 again, all of those profits and proceeds are  
13 kept in a separate account and not included in  
14 the General Fund. I will give, at the next  
15 meeting when all of the numbers are in, both  
16 the income and expenses for both.

17 **MR. BOOKER:** So, just a follow-up question then, if  
18 for some reason the revenue doesn't equal the  
19 amount of the expenses, where would that  
20 expense come from?

21 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** It will come from the General  
22 Budget.

23 **MR. BOOKER:** Okay.

24 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** It has not but, if it was, it  
25 would ---





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

2     **MAYOR EVANS:**   Any other budget questions?

3     **MS. CHEATHAM:**   I do.

4     **MAYOR EVANS:**   Okay.

5     **MS. CHEATHAM:**   I'm sorry.

6     **MAYOR EVANS:**   You can come up.

7     **MS. CHEATHAM:**   It would seem to me that we would  
8                   want at budget time to have an accounting of  
9                   all of the funds that the Town has, regardless  
10                  of the source of funds. I understand that the  
11                  Council only adopts perhaps the General Fund  
12                  Budget, but I think there are laws that say  
13                  that the American Rescue Plan budget also has  
14                  to be adopted by the Town so -- as well as any  
15                  grants or any other source of funds and so, I  
16                  just don't think there should be money sitting  
17                  over on the side that no one knows about unless  
18                  it's asked. And so if there is ---

19    **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:**   That's not true.

20    **MS. CHEATHAM:**   Well ---

21    **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:**   You're absolutely right, the  
22                  American Rescue Fund are restricted funds ---

23    **MS. CHEATHAM:**   Right.

24    **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:**   --- it has been reported several  
25                  times that the \$110,000 plus sits in a money



1 market account ---

2 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Right ---

3 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- as I announced today, it  
4 cannot be used for General Fund expenses ---

5 **MS. CHEATHAM:** I understand, but I think that when  
6 we talk about the budget that the totality of  
7 the Town's budget should be available for  
8 review and, if Mr. Booker hadn't asked about  
9 the -- I mean the Bike Fest fund -- I know  
10 you're gonna give us a report later ---

11 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** That's not true.

12 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Okay. But all I'm suggesting is that  
13 the totality of the Town's budget should be  
14 available for everyone to see, and special  
15 funds, grant funds, personal (ph) funds but ---

16 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** (Inaudible) that information.

17 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Thank you.

18 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** All right. Any other questions?

19 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

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

22 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

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

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second to close the  
25 public hearing. If there are no questions or



1           comments, roll call.

2     **CLERK:**    Councilman Edward Campbell?

3     **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:**    Yea.

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

5     **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:**    Yea.

6     **CLERK:**    Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

7     **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:**    Yea.

8     **CLERK:**    Councilman Jim DeWitt?

9     **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:**    Yea.

10    **CLERK:**    Mayor Jake Evans?

11    **MAYOR EVANS:**    Yea.    The motion is granted to close  
12           the public hearing.    Council, we're down to  
13           Ordinance -- I'm sorry -- Item Number 7,  
14           Ordinance Number 5-2022, adopt budget for year  
15           2022-2023, and this will be the first reading.

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

17    **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:**    Second.

18    **MAYOR EVANS:**    There's a motion and a second to adopt  
19           Ordinance Number 5-2022, an ordinance to adopt  
20           the budget for the Town of Atlantic Beach  
21           fiscal year commencing July 1st, 2022 and  
22           ending June 30th, 2023, Council, and this is  
23           the first reading.    Roll call.

24    **CLERK:**    Councilman Edward Campbell?

25    **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:**    Yea.



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

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

3 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

4 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

5 **CLERK:** Councilman Jim DeWitt?

6 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Yea.

7 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion's granted. We're down to  
9 Item Number 8 in New Business, request  
10 authorization to develop a lease agreement with  
11 Eric Wellens to lease develop 717 31st Avenue  
12 South in Atlantic Beach.

13 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, Council and public, I am  
14 pleased to introduce Mr. Eric Wellens, the  
15 property owner who purchased property on 17th  
16 and 30th Avenue in the Town of Atlantic Beach  
17 I think two years ago -- three. He has been a  
18 staunch supporter and advocate of the Town in  
19 many ways, he has donated space on the  
20 billboard sign at no cost to the Town to  
21 advertise public events, passing of Fox Gore,  
22 Ms. Taylor. He has gone above and beyond in  
23 supporting the Town with getting out  
24 information. He is also responsible for my  
25 reconnecting with the Carolina Knight Riders



1           who participated in this year's Bike Fest.  
2           It's through his efforts and his outreach to  
3           the Carolina Knight Riders that we were able to  
4           reengage them and participate in Atlantic Beach  
5           Bike Fest 2022. He has always expressed and  
6           desired to support and assist the Town with the  
7           creation of a museum to house historical  
8           artifacts for the Town, and he and I have had  
9           several conversations around that effort over  
10          the years that he's been in the town. Today,  
11          he's coming to pass and request approval to  
12          enter into an agreement, lease agreement, which  
13          will, if Council approves, will be drawn up and  
14          the details and specifics and financing and  
15          economics of it will be detailed to the County.  
16          This evening, he's asking -- coming before  
17          Council and public to present his concept of  
18          leasing property formerly owned by the Housing  
19          Authority on 31st Avenue and -- near Highway 17  
20          and, without further ado, Mr. Wellens, please  
21          come forth.

22       **MR. WELLENS:** Good evening, Mayor, Council ---

23       **IN UNISON:** Good evening.

24       **MR. WELLENS:** --- Mr. Ben and Ms. Cheryl. It's  
25          truly an honor to be standing before you today.



1 I moved to North Myrtle Beach probably four  
2 years ago and I moved into that community. I  
3 heard lots of noises about Atlantic Beach and  
4 it wasn't all positive so one day I just  
5 decided to drive down the main street and  
6 discovered nothing that was shared with me was  
7 accurate. And I've spent the last three years  
8 researching, learning about the Town's history,  
9 trying in the background to do what I can to  
10 sort of bring needed attention to the Town and  
11 create new ways to bring some positive  
12 awareness. This is -- Board raised an issue at  
13 the last meeting that hit me in the heart,  
14 which described the situation of wanting what  
15 the others have and it's certainly long  
16 overdue. So, my proposal is to help bring  
17 commerce to the town. I think we're doing  
18 wonderful in terms of development of  
19 residential down by the waterfront, and I think  
20 the challenge that the Town is having in  
21 bringing businesses is sort of the first  
22 impression coming down 17. First, you didn't  
23 know you were coming through Atlantic Beach.  
24 Both of the billboards helping with some of  
25 that awareness, but also there's no



1 development, nothing new in the commercial  
2 world in that area, so my vision is to create  
3 something that's pleasing to the eye that will  
4 bring, first off, businesses. On the first  
5 level, the development would be used for  
6 bringing in a doctor's office, bringing in a  
7 dentist's office, bringing in space for a  
8 museum if that's what the town desires, space  
9 for administrative space -- anything that the  
10 town can need, that's the vision for it. I  
11 would first look for residents, community  
12 members, people who have been here in the past,  
13 for those to fill those tenancies. My goal is  
14 to use it in a way that preserves cultural  
15 history, that's kind of been my intentions all  
16 along (inaudible) my interest in working with  
17 Carolina Knight Riders and other organizations  
18 with the town. My background, I'm a typical  
19 developer so I figured I'll give you a little  
20 background on myself. I'm a retired attorney  
21 from Maryland, I've worked as -- helping small  
22 and medium-sized businesses, and I developed a  
23 specialty working with disabled children,  
24 advocating for them in the school system. My  
25 wife is present with me today. Tara Wellens



1 and I cofounded a center called the Cisco  
2 Center which is a nonprofit and is still  
3 running today in Maryland working with special  
4 needs kids. I'm also been president of the Pay  
5 It Forward Foundation, working with the  
6 original author of the book. (Inaudible) and  
7 in my corporate world, I was the director of  
8 social responsibility and recruitment, so I'm  
9 going to be using some of those recruitment  
10 talents to be bringing businesses into the town  
11 (inaudible). So, I've provided members of the  
12 Council some pictures, I have some concepts of  
13 (inaudible) give you some idea of what the  
14 design could look like. I have two concepts:  
15 one's two levels, one is three levels, that is,  
16 to build it within the requirements of the  
17 highway zoning (inaudible). The lot is large  
18 enough that (inaudible).

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** So if Council authorized it, how long  
20 is it gonna be before you start having this  
21 agreement put together, lease agreement?

22 **MR. WELLENS:** I would go to local counsel and they'd  
23 want to draft it up (inaudible) do that, I  
24 would say within 30 days I would have  
25 (inaudible). I know there's other benefits





1 than just bringing the businesses to the town,  
2 there's obviously revenue that the businesses  
3 would generate, raise taxes and (inaudible)  
4 fees, and my proposal is at the end of the term  
5 of the lease, the zoning will (inaudible).

6 (Inaudible background noise.)

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** Questions, Council?

8 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** How long is the lease?

9 **MR. WELLENS:** The lease is a land lease where the  
10 developer has to come in and invest hundreds of  
11 thousands of dollars. Typically, we  
12 (inaudible) 50 to 90 million.

13 (Inaudible background noise.)

14 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** Then -- how long is the lease  
15 (inaudible)? But the land is still in the HUD  
16 stipulation. There's a stipulation, I remember  
17 that.

18 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes, the HUD stipulation is that  
19 for the Housing Authority property to be  
20 developed, the stipulation is that the Town  
21 cannot sell the property, and any development,  
22 the Town has to remain an owner entity in the  
23 land and the land cannot be sold outright for  
24 a profit. There are no restrictions on the  
25 type of replacement housing or development,



1           whatever the zoning requires can be built on  
2           those sites, whatever the proper zoning is, but  
3           the restriction is that the Town has to remain  
4           an owner entity in any agreement.

5   **MR. MONTGOMERY:**   Okay, so it doesn't -- you said it  
6           doesn't matter the type of business, the Town  
7           just has to be a part of it (ph).

8   **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:**   That's correct.

9   **MR. MONTGOMERY:**   Oh, okay.

10   **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:**   That's correct.  Yeah, the HUD did  
11           not put any stipulation that -- you well know  
12           it was formerly public housing ---

13   **MR. MONTGOMERY:**   Right.

14   **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:**   --- and it did not put a  
15           stipulation that only public housing or even  
16           affordable housing.

17   **MR. MONTGOMERY:**   Well, that's what I'm thinking  
18           about, I thought it was affordable housing but  
19           that's not the case ---

20   **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:**   No, the way -- the way the deed to  
21           the Town gives the Town the flexibility to  
22           build whatever the market will ---

23   **MR. MONTGOMERY:**   That's great.

24   **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:**   --- on all of those areas.

25   **MR. MONTGOMERY:**   I didn't know that, that's great.



1 **MS. BOOKER:** I have a question ---

2 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

3 **MS. BOOKER:** --- I heard you say something about  
4 possibly having medical facilities ---

5 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Ms. Booker, we can't hear you.

6 **MS. BOOKER:** Oh, I'm sorry. I heard him saying that  
7 would possibly have a medical facility on the  
8 second floor, it's possible, and one of the  
9 things that we thought ---

10 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

11 **MS. BOOKER:** --- methadone clinic ---

12 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

13 **MR. WELLENS:** You're not talking about a doctor's  
14 office, regular ---

15 **MS. BOOKER:** I didn't know what kind of leases you  
16 would be accepting, so I just (inaudible).

17 **MR. WELLENS:** Methadone clinic (inaudible).

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** Are there any other questions from  
19 Council? Entertain a last question from her.  
20 You can go ahead.

21 **MS. MALLETT:** How does it work, the lease, as you  
22 make more profit, or how does it work? Does  
23 the Town make more -- to profit? Houses at  
24 least -- (inaudible) you get the whole -- how  
25 does it ---



1     **MAYOR EVANS:**     Well, they have -- what we're  
2                   authorizing them to do, work with Ben and get  
3                   the lease together and then we look at the  
4                   lease ---

5     **MS. MALLETT:**    Oh, okay.

6     **MAYOR EVANS:**    --- if it's something we don't agree  
7                   with, we don't have to accept it, we just kinda  
8                   just ---

9     **MS. MALLETT:**    Okay.

10    **MAYOR EVANS:**    --- modify it if we have to, just work  
11                   with him on the lease agreement, all -- pretty  
12                   much all that's being asked.

13    **MR. WELLENS:**    At this point (ph).

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

15    **MR. WELLENS:**    Thank you.

16    **MAYOR EVANS:**    Uh-huh. Council, seek a motion to  
17                   request authorization to develop a lease  
18                   agreement with Mr. Wellens to lease and develop  
19                   717 31st Avenue.

20    **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:**    So moved.

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

22    **MAYOR EVANS:**    There's a motion and a second. Roll  
23                   call.

24    **CLERK:**    Councilman Edward Campbell?

25    **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:**    Yea.



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

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

3 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

4 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

5 **CLERK:** Councilman Jim DeWitt?

6 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Yea.

7 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

9 **Manager's Report:**

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

11 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, Council and public, in the  
12 Manager's Report, I have an extensive report  
13 and, first, I would like to start with  
14 playground construction has begun this week.  
15 The contractor has some shipping delivery  
16 issues but, if you take a look outside, the  
17 construction has begun on the total renovation  
18 of the playground area. Bike Fest report, I  
19 want to start with some acknowledgments of a  
20 number of staff members, as well as the  
21 community, in their overall support for what we  
22 feel is a successful Bike Fest 2022. Let me  
23 start by commending my staff, the Chief, who  
24 will give a more detailed report on Bike Fest  
25 2022. Michael Moore, who worked tirelessly --



1 this is the first year that we did the cleanup  
2 in-house, it was an ordeal. The trash --  
3 amount -- volume of trash was unpredictable.  
4 We doubled the amount of dumpsters and all of  
5 them by Sunday were full to capacity. We had  
6 some individuals doing some illegal dumping,  
7 even while the event went on, that exacerbated  
8 the problem but the volume of trash after each  
9 event was just enormous. But Mr. Moore, under  
10 his leadership, did an outstanding job  
11 containing the trash and the trash pickup  
12 throughout the weekend and at close. There's  
13 room for improvement, it's the first time we  
14 have ever in my administration do it in-house,  
15 won't do it again, but we tried to find a  
16 contractor and got no response so we were  
17 almost forced to do it in-house, but it is more  
18 than an ocean (ph). So, from a planning  
19 standpoint, that issue, the oversized crowds  
20 and bikes and decisions around curtailing that  
21 is something that the Council and we will  
22 endeavor to work on to improve for next year.  
23 And last but not least, Chief, I would like to  
24 unequivocally commend my right hand and my left  
25 hand on administration of Bike Fest 2022,



1 Cheryl Pereira, worked tirelessly and the  
2 success of Bike Fest 2022 ---

3 (Applause.)

4 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- and for 27 years, she is a  
5 town treasure, and I hope the town realizes and  
6 appreciates the kind of work and effort she  
7 gives year in and year out, but this year in  
8 particular, Bike Fest came, we didn't know and  
9 we've got (inaudible) 'til January and then had  
10 the business license change in the schedule on  
11 collection of business license fees in April  
12 which generally comes after Bike Fest, we had  
13 managed grant requests by Ms. Gibson ---

14 (Applause.)

15 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Thank you, Cheryl.

16 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- and she did a (inaudible) job  
17 in balancing and managing all of that. I had  
18 to hear about it continually, but she never  
19 wavered in doing and carrying out the  
20 responsibility, and much of the success for  
21 this year's Bike Fest goes to her, and I would  
22 like you to thank -- stand and give her a round  
23 of applause.

24 (Applause.)

25 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- for Bike Fest 2022 and beyond,



1 and your 27 years of dedicated service, I want  
2 to say thank you, and I know the Mayor and  
3 Council, we appreciate all you do, and the  
4 residents -- the support you give unequivocally  
5 all the time, day in and day out, I can't say  
6 enough about what you do and what you  
7 contribute and I thank you from the bottom of  
8 my heart.

9 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** As a result of the positive news  
12 we received throughout Bike Fest of the media,  
13 a surge -- a reconnection of sorts -- in 2018,  
14 this organization, Francis in the Dunes -- I  
15 don't know if you recall -- donated lunches,  
16 free box lunches, for the start of Bike Fest  
17 2018, you all remember that?

18 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Yes.

19 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Everybody (inaudible)? They  
20 donated I don't know how many -- the  
21 representative can speak to that -- I think it  
22 was over 500 or so lunches, box lunches, for  
23 the kick off of Bike Fest 2018. Well, on  
24 Saturday afternoon, I received a call from a  
25 representative from the organization and they





1 basically asked me, we want to contribute  
2 towards Bike Fest 2022 and could you use a  
3 donation of \$2,500? And I said, surely we  
4 could, bring it on. The next day I was  
5 presented with a donation from the organization  
6 of \$2,500 to defray the cost and expense of  
7 Bike Fest, and the representative -- I'm sorry  
8 -- I had your e-mail, they told me your name,  
9 but please come up and speak on behalf of the  
10 organization and thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 **MALE SPEAKER:** Hi, good evening.

13 **IN UNISON:** Good evening.

14 **MALE SPEAKER:** The founder of our organization, Dr.  
15 Carol Conner, wanted me to begin by talking  
16 about the vision of Simeon Chapin, one of the  
17 original founders of Myrtle Beach. Dr. Conner  
18 lives in one of Simeon Chapin's Grand Strand  
19 homes, which Mr. Chapin had designed by a  
20 famous architect, Philip Johnson. Mr. Chapin  
21 was a great benefactor of schools, churches of  
22 all denominations, hospitals, (inaudible) the  
23 nature of the town itself welcomes people of  
24 all colors, ethnicity, social economic classes  
25 to its pristine, sparkling Atlantic shores. He



1 showed his care of people by doing things to  
2 improve living conditions for everyone. We  
3 intend to continue that tradition, and so we  
4 are pleased to donate to the (inaudible) and  
5 the beach access stairways to make them safe  
6 for all of us, and we would like to donate to  
7 providing actual bathrooms if they are now  
8 basically outhouses, and to New Directions, a  
9 local non-profit, which helps people overcome  
10 homelessness. We have also adopted a  
11 subsidized (inaudible) with about 60 children  
12 for a summer camp year-round sponsorship for  
13 all its children and families with clothing,  
14 educational activities, trips, swimming  
15 lessons, new bicycles and more. We love doing  
16 this and hope in time others will increasingly  
17 join us. Thank you for ---

18 (Applause.)

19 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Also, during Bike Fest, had the  
20 facilitation of Pat -- Mrs. Patricia Mallett,  
21 the Town of Atlantic Beach was donated this  
22 electric piano. Mr. Daniel Stone of  
23 Briarcliffe, facilitated again by Ms. Mallett,  
24 called me and said that she has an individual  
25 who wished to donate an electric piano to the



1 Town of Atlantic Beach, and Mr. Daniel Stone --  
2 it was picked up on last Thursday and, Ms.  
3 Mallett, I'd like to thank you in his absence  
4 and we will convey directly to him our  
5 appreciation for the donation of the electric  
6 piano.

7 (Applause.)

8 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Also, on Monday of -- Memorial  
9 Day, the wife of the new owner of Atlantic  
10 Watersports, Delanie Lewis, science teacher at  
11 Carolina Forest High School, Earth Club, Grades  
12 9 through 12, came out on Monday afternoon and  
13 helped with the garbage, trash pickup on  
14 Monday. Don't know how many hours they spent  
15 out there, but contributed to cleaning up the  
16 beach area and along the Ocean Boulevard in the  
17 Town of Atlantic Beach. We wanted to thank  
18 them publicly for their efforts and  
19 contribution and support of success of Bike  
20 Fest 2022. Can we have a hand for them?

21 (Applause.)

22 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** At this time, I'd like to bring  
23 Chief Robinson forward to just give you an  
24 overview -- summary overview of security  
25 activities during Bike Fest, summary report.



1 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** Good afternoon, everyone.

2 **IN UNISON:** Good afternoon.

3 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** I didn't buy the flowers  
4 myself (ph), but I did take my lunch today,  
5 which the Town didn't help pay for it, I paid  
6 for it out of my pocket so (inaudible) my  
7 lieutenant and a bunch of stuff, but I just  
8 wanted to appreciate my lieutenant, Mike Byrd  
9 (ph), 'cause putting all this together on the  
10 law enforcement end is a headache because we've  
11 got to make sure that residents here are safe,  
12 that is my number one priority. The people  
13 that come in here, I want them to know that  
14 they can come here and have fun, but they're  
15 gonna do the right thing while they're  
16 (inaudible) because at the end of the day when  
17 they go home, we still have to live here. Now,  
18 I do want to admit all the bikers, everybody  
19 that came in, they did a wonderful job, we  
20 didn't have nothing major to happen and that's  
21 a blessing, we didn't have one person locked up  
22 the whole weekend ---

23 **(Applause.)**

24 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** --- we're going on seven  
25 years now, and this is the first year that I



1 can really, honestly say we didn't have to take  
2 anybody to jail. Now, there could've been a  
3 time when we could've took one or two, but we  
4 kind of worked with them, we wrote them a  
5 ticket (inaudible) just we basically worked  
6 with each other. They don't know that law  
7 enforcement's not just here to harass you, you  
8 know, if you mess up, we will do what we have  
9 to but, at the same time, we're here to help  
10 you. Everybody makes mistakes throughout their  
11 life. This is an overall review of our  
12 lieutenant right here, little more bragging on  
13 my lieutenant, I mean, I brought him back, he  
14 left, but he came back at the right time  
15 because he wasn't here ---

16 (Applause.)

17 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** --- let him know I  
18 appreciate everything he did, right now, he's  
19 my right-hand man so if I'm not here, he's  
20 basically taking care of everything. And then,  
21 I want the residents to know, there's two of us  
22 out right now. I promise I will try to patrol  
23 the town the best I can, but if the town will  
24 work with us a little bit, I'll try to build  
25 the Police Department back up. But our -- just



1 about everybody's got's our number so if you  
2 all need anything, you can let me know. There  
3 -- (inaudible) my lieutenant so I work days and  
4 nights so I'll be back before but, you know, if  
5 you all call, I've got to (inaudible) my calls,  
6 it don't matter what time it is. If you call  
7 here (inaudible). Council, I appreciate  
8 everything you all have done for us, Town  
9 Manager, Ms. Cheryl, she helps us too. We've  
10 got a great Town Council, we've got a great  
11 Town Manager. I love working for them and, if  
12 they wasn't here, I wouldn't possibly be here.  
13 But I do love the community out here so I love  
14 -- I love to come here everyday and look at the  
15 smiling faces, and talking to the residents.  
16 I'm not from here, but I feel like this is  
17 home, I've been here going on seven years so  
18 I've lived here pretty long ---

19 (Applause.)

20 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** --- but this year -- it's  
21 been two years since we had Bike Fest, and we  
22 did a lot of preparing for the Bike Fest with  
23 Highway Patrol, SLED, everybody. Like I said,  
24 we haven't had (inaudible) incident. I think  
25 we had 30 calls, nine reports, one traffic



1 ticket and one -- and four Town ordinances  
2 which, to be honest, that's a great day,  
3 especially when we have 100,000 people coming  
4 to a town for the weekend. I don't like to  
5 bring up bad news, but I think I seen the  
6 (inaudible) in Oklahoma said they had 1,500  
7 people and about eight people got shot, I mean,  
8 when you hear stuff like that in the news, you  
9 don't know how blessed you can be here if  
10 you've got over 100,000 people and we didn't  
11 have one person get shot so that's a blessing,  
12 that means we've got to be doing something  
13 right here. So, like I said, I'm gonna work  
14 hard to make sure you all are safe, I'm going  
15 to do well as I can at the end of the day to  
16 make sure that you all sleep good at night,  
17 that the bikers come here and say -- like I  
18 tell all of them at the end of the night, go  
19 home, drive safe, God wants to see you smiling  
20 tomorrow, and they appreciate that. We've got  
21 a great group of bikers that come here  
22 (inaudible). I love to see 'em come, but I  
23 love them even more Sunday night when they're  
24 going so ... But I did miss Bike Week then I  
25 kinda realized how big a headache it is to



1           prepare for it all on the law enforcement side  
2           but, at the same time, you know, I have fun  
3           (inaudible). Just to go over some of the week,  
4           somebody took a (inaudible) so we did have one  
5           fight, we wrote up (inaudible) all tickets and  
6           (inaudible). We did have a little stampede,  
7           somebody yelled something about a crowd and you  
8           know how all of this is, somebody runs,  
9           everybody runs so that's -- that kinda  
10          happened, think we had one or two people get  
11          hurt but nothing major. We did have a couple  
12          people who were dehydrated and (inaudible) to  
13          make sure they're safe. I'm not saying that  
14          everything being on the law enforcement side  
15          was perfect this year, we always plan  
16          (inaudible). I will be talking to SLED,  
17          Highway Patrol, we will start planning for next  
18          year, we always start planning (inaudible) for  
19          next year. If anybody ever has any suggestions  
20          of what they would like to see, what they feel  
21          like we can better, I'm always open -- open  
22          door here, probably go to my clerk this evening  
23          but, you know, she will -- she'll let me know  
24          when you all are here to see me. Council, like  
25          I said, I appreciate everything you had a





1 conversation about yesterday (ph). I talked  
2 with the lieutenant of Highway Patrol, he took  
3 care of that, so we shouldn't have an incident  
4 (inaudible). Like I tell (inaudible) SLED and  
5 Highway Patrol every year, I tell them to be  
6 here, to sit here (inaudible) agenda or  
7 (inaudible). They -- it's more like a vacation  
8 for them 'cause when you come here to work law  
9 enforcement-wise, being out here (inaudible)  
10 activities and, for the most part, if you've  
11 ever -- be here for the last 10, 20 years, you  
12 know most of the officers that come here,  
13 they're laid back, they don't mess with nobody,  
14 they just, for the most part, just laid back,  
15 just here to have fun. The law loves to come  
16 for Bike Week. Now, we did have a lot of  
17 newcomers, that's why I had to talk to the  
18 lieutenant and captain because a lot of  
19 newcomers they had, they didn't really  
20 understand the law, how Atlantic Beach works,  
21 but we will clear up all of that next year.  
22 But does anybody got any questions about law  
23 enforcement at this time? Yes, sir?

24 **MR. DAVID:** I'm a newcomer. It's just -- I don't  
25 how many -- how many cops or total police force



1 was in for the weekend?

2 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** We had two Atlantic Beach  
3 officers. I had four officers from Lake City  
4 Police Department that we brought in, and then  
5 with Highway Patrol, SLED, DNR, might've had up  
6 to 75 officers.

7 **MR. DAVID:** It seemed like a lot ---

8 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** Yes. I'll tell you, if  
9 something actually breaks out ---

10 **MR. DAVID:** Yeah.

11 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** --- you will be glad they  
12 were there. About 75, we're talking about  
13 100,000, that is a small percentage. Trust me,  
14 the officers that'll be here, they shouldn't  
15 mind bringing even more, and it's not to harass  
16 nobody, but we just want to make sure that  
17 everybody in the town is safe, and that's our  
18 number one priority, not to harass nobody. And  
19 like I tell everybody, any SLED, Highway  
20 Patrol, DNR, any of them harassing you, let me  
21 know, because they come in here to work --  
22 they're basically working for me during the  
23 weekend, they're basically under my patrol so  
24 they work for me and they -- you know, SLED and  
25 all of them'll let you know, we're here to



1 assist Atlantic Beach, we ain't here to make  
2 arrests, we ain't here to harass, we're here to  
3 assist Atlantic Beach because they've asked us  
4 to come in and help. But like I tell people,  
5 we want officers there because if something bad  
6 breaks loose, you know, we want to make sure  
7 you're safe and that's what we do. We had a  
8 couple things that broke out, SLED and stuff  
9 got there and neutralized it before it got any  
10 bigger, and that's what they're here for  
11 because you might come here to have fun and  
12 this person, we don't know what they're  
13 (inaudible) and for the good -- for the most  
14 part, everybody that came here, came here to  
15 have fun. I think everybody with the SLED been  
16 (inaudible) two years. And I've been here,  
17 like I said, seven years, and this is the  
18 largest Bike Fest I've seen since I've worked  
19 here so all that tells me, it's gonna get  
20 larger every year.

21 **MR. DAVID:** I have another question. I know we had  
22 residential parking passes to get through, but  
23 getting through was hectic, you know, even for  
24 someone who had pass, we still were in the same  
25 line as everybody else in terms of the pass.



1     **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:**    Yeah, that's something we  
2                    want to work on with the Town Manager and  
3                    Council, we're probably gonna be -- work on  
4                    but, for the most part, the town pass was  
5                    getting back into town, not necessarily to get  
6                    you down the road to the circus, it -- 5:30, a  
7                    lot of people come -- I live on 30th, I mean,  
8                    you've got about 100,000 people in here, we  
9                    can't have a car driving the road. So, we will  
10                   plan, me and the Town Manager, Council, see  
11                   what we can do but, like I said, my number one  
12                   objective -- is safety so the -- so when we  
13                   shut down -- we had to shut the town down  
14                   because (inaudible). It was not because we  
15                   didn't want you to come and have fun, we had  
16                   too many people in there and they -- there was  
17                   this massive -- we couldn't really take any  
18                   more people in the town because something bad  
19                   would've broke loose, it wasn't gonna look  
20                   good. Even when we flushed the town on the  
21                   other side of the street, this side -- I'll  
22                   make sure -- we're working on that too. On the  
23                   other side of the street was (inaudible), I  
24                   mean, you couldn't stand -- at 4:00 o'clock, we  
25                   probably had about 10,000 people on the other



1 side of the street so, like I said, it's a  
2 headache that you all don't have to worry  
3 about, I will take care of. I don't mind  
4 having a headache, that's part of my job, but,  
5 you know, I do want to make sure that you all  
6 are safe throughout it. Then also we've got a  
7 plan for next year, not having a Bike Fest for  
8 the last two years, it did catch us by  
9 surprise, but we did expect the crowd that we  
10 did have which I know everybody, you know, I'm  
11 (inaudible). Any other questions anybody? All  
12 right, then you all have a great Monday night,  
13 be safe out there.

14 (Applause.)

15 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Let me give you -- the final  
16 numbers, as I mentioned when Mr. Booker asked  
17 the question, the final numbers are not in yet  
18 on the income and expenses, but I can assure  
19 the town -- and Ms. Cheatham's question -- we  
20 will have a full report on income and expenses  
21 for Bike Fest at our next meeting. The last --  
22 well, let me give you the numbers I can: We  
23 had 67 paid vendors this year, 67. Of that 67,  
24 six didn't show but paid their vendor fees so  
25 we had 67 paid vendors and 61 actually



1 attended. I was just asking Cheryl the number  
2 from 2019, I think it's down with 70 last year.  
3 One of the things that we talked about just I  
4 guess for a minute was trying to increase the  
5 number of actual bike vendors and sales people,  
6 accessories. There's been a (inaudible)  
7 meeting and we -- there's another project that  
8 (inaudible) has been working with me to get  
9 great participation across culturally, as well  
10 as getting the bikers' business community to  
11 support our event. If you notice, the retail  
12 vendors we had, you don't see many or all --  
13 any biker retail vendors selling anything--  
14 accessories, bikes. You would think at a biker  
15 event, you would have bikers investing in  
16 selling their wares. So, that's one of the  
17 initiatives we're going to decide to -- get a  
18 better representation of the biker community.  
19 I don't know if those of you here for years,  
20 probably we had it at some point, I don't know  
21 where it went, but to get it back and  
22 sponsorships on the part of those businesses  
23 for the event to defray the costs, and we're  
24 gonna start very soon on that happening. So,  
25 the final numbers in terms of the -- are still



1 outstanding, as I said, the major cost, again,  
2 was cleanup and the numbers are still out the  
3 tonnage. And just to emphasize also, the  
4 entertainment group was very supportive,  
5 maintained their area, cleaned up after every  
6 event and assisted the Town with its overall  
7 cleanup, and I appreciate Desi Gardner (ph),  
8 who contracted with the Town for cleanup of the  
9 event and initiating getting an outside  
10 contractor at the twelfth hour, 10:00 o'clock  
11 at night to be specific, to come out the last  
12 day when all of our dumpsters were full to help  
13 haul away trash to the landfill. If not for  
14 that, we'd probably be still digging out of  
15 trash so I just want to acknowledge their  
16 support and cooperation and helping us deal  
17 with that. So, that was a major challenge,  
18 event, in terms of dealing with the town  
19 cleanup. And those are the numbers so far, and  
20 we will have a detailed report. Now, I would  
21 like to turn over to kickoff of Bike Fest week,  
22 Ms. Denise Gibson Bailey will talk about --  
23 telling our full story grant, the interviews  
24 that took place and the first oral harvest, Ms.  
25 Gibson Bailey.



1 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** Hold on, (inaudible). I  
2 just want to introduce one my new officers,  
3 Christian Pearson. He's one of my new officers  
4 ---

5 **(Applause.)**

6 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** --- this week, he did  
7 register and hopefully, he'll be back very soon  
8 ---

9 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

10 **OFFICER PEARSON:** --- it's been very nice to be  
11 here. It's a great opportunity, I appreciate  
12 it (inaudible).

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

14 **(Applause.)**

15 **MS. GIBSON BAILEY:** You know, I always come with  
16 show and tell. First of all, I've got to  
17 summarize, I mean, close out Mr. Quattlebaum's  
18 report and ask everyone to please give feedback  
19 on Bike Fest. There's a -- there is a survey  
20 we're asking everyone to fill out about your  
21 participation as well as your feedback so do  
22 that when you have time (ph). I want to thank  
23 everyone for your support of the various grant  
24 work we have going on and, just to be clear, I  
25 just want to, first of all, give you a





1 highlight of what we have going on. We have  
2 two types of grants: We have what's called  
3 infrastructure grants, which will help our town  
4 to build itself up, and then we have what's  
5 called historical collection types of grants.  
6 As you know, we submitted to the FEMA Hazard  
7 Mitigation Grant, we expect to hear back from  
8 that soon. We also, from an infrastructure  
9 standpoint, submitted to the Department of  
10 Transportation RAISE Grant program, we expect  
11 to hear back from that in August -- mid-August  
12 to September time frame. So those are the two  
13 major infrastructure grants that we have  
14 submitted for. We submitted historic --  
15 several historic grants. We have been talking  
16 about the historic nature of our town and, with  
17 the help of Horry County Planning, we submitted  
18 a grant to the Department of -- National Park  
19 Service under the Underrepresented Communities  
20 Program, and we have been funded to do a  
21 historic survey of our town to determine that  
22 -- if we will be a part of the National  
23 Historic Registry. That survey will take place  
24 in September. We received \$57,000 from the  
25 National Park Service, it will fund the town



1 survey, it will fund the surveys of individual  
2 properties and homes that will qualify, as well  
3 as, it will fund our application to the  
4 National Historic Registry. And then finally  
5 -- and then also submitted a grant to the  
6 Dorothy -- Gaylord & Dorothy Donnelley Foundation  
7 in the Broadening the Narrative Grant. This  
8 grant is an opportunity for us to be able to  
9 create multiple displays of our history, of our  
10 artifacts. We are in the final round, again,  
11 thanks to people like Cheryl and Mr.  
12 Quattlebaum, we have gone through multiple  
13 interviews. Our Historic Committee, Atlantic  
14 Beach Historic Committee, has been phenomenal  
15 in supporting these efforts, and we are looking  
16 to -- in July hear from the Donnelley  
17 Foundation with a potential award of about  
18 \$70,000 per year to look at us harvesting our  
19 artifacts and creating various types of  
20 displays (inaudible). We are still bragging,  
21 however, about the fact that we were one of  
22 eight communities to receive a grant -- \$25,000  
23 -- for the National Trust of Historic  
24 Preservation, and that's called the Telling the  
25 Full Story Grant, and that's what Mr.



1 Quattlebaum was referring to. And I am  
2 delighted to say that not only was our revised  
3 plan of action approved by the National  
4 Historic Trust, we began our work this past  
5 week. I want to acknowledge Mr. Quattlebaum,  
6 the Council and Pat as -- and really, Pat  
7 Mallett. First of all, Cheryl, because always  
8 putting up with me, but Pat Mallett who has  
9 really stepped up in a marvelous kind of way.  
10 Our first oral -- first history harvesting  
11 began last week in oral histories of our  
12 community and of the bikers who visited our  
13 community. As Mr. Quattlebaum shared, we  
14 reconnected with the Carolina Knight Riders  
15 over the Bike Fest last week, and we not only  
16 took oral histories, we actually allowed them  
17 on the main stage to present their history to  
18 the community and because of people like Pat  
19 Mallett and Alice, Ms. Alice, and other members  
20 of our Historic -- really our entire Historic  
21 -- elected Historic Committee, we were able to  
22 talk to members -- our citizens, as well -- we  
23 talked to 20 -- we did 23 oral history  
24 interviews. We interviewed members of the  
25 Carolina Knight Riders, we interviewed members



1 of our community, we interviewed Horry County  
2 residents, we have interviewed Atlantic Beach  
3 business owners, we interviewed visitors who  
4 come in who came as children, came and told  
5 their story, and then we interviewed people who  
6 have come all of their lives as summer  
7 residents. And so, we are excited as we come  
8 to the end of our first quarter of this grant  
9 to be able to talk about what we've done, we  
10 did that work in partnership first and foremost  
11 with the Mayor and the Historic Committee that  
12 you appointed, we're appreciative to the -- to  
13 you and that committee. We did it in  
14 partnership with Coastal Carolina's (inaudible)  
15 Foundation. The Coastal Carolina (inaudible)  
16 Foundation donated all of the equipment for us  
17 to take these oral histories, as well as all of  
18 this collaborative material that you're seeing  
19 was donated to us by Coastal Carolina. Some of  
20 you were able to take flyers that we gave out  
21 home because we had so many of them, they gave  
22 us enough to pass out last weekend and have  
23 what's left over. We're also in partnership  
24 with the Maryland College -- Maryland Institute  
25 College of Arts, they provided the photographic



1 equipment for our interns to be able to take  
2 photographs not only of all of the people we  
3 interviewed, but they took thousands of  
4 photographs during Bike Week to document the  
5 event. One of the things that happens during  
6 history collection is we have to be able to  
7 document it for it to be viable, and they did  
8 all of the photographic documentation. I just  
9 want to say thank you to everyone. We're gonna  
10 -- you're gonna have another opportunity --  
11 first off, how many of you participated in the  
12 harvest, how many of you gave an interview --  
13 that's right -- how many of you gave us an  
14 interview? Thank you very much, all of you who  
15 gave us an interview. Now, for those of you  
16 whose hands are down and did not raise your  
17 hand, your turn is coming, okay? We are  
18 planning now for our second history harvest  
19 which will take place June the 30th through  
20 July the 11th, the Atlantic Beach Historic  
21 Committee will be getting out information to  
22 us. At our next Council meeting, we'll have  
23 sign up sheets for you to be able to sign up  
24 for the times that you want. During that time,  
25 we're really focusing on, again, residents, but



1 we're also going to be looking at second  
2 generation folks. Mr. Mayor, we're looking for  
3 you to be able to tell your story growing up  
4 here on Atlantic Beach. We're looking for also  
5 those maid ladies who came on Maid's Day. If  
6 you know of any of those, they are a  
7 significant part of our history. Wednesdays  
8 during the 1930s, '40s and '50s, the maids that  
9 worked in North Myrtle Beach were off, and it  
10 was something called Maids Day in Atlantic  
11 Beach, and the maids, the women who came and  
12 worked made significant contributions to our  
13 community. We're looking to be able to  
14 interview if you know any of those. And then  
15 finally, the other group we're gonna focus on  
16 are gonna be churches in our community. We're  
17 going to be partnering with the pastors to on  
18 those two Sundays, we will be -- we will be set  
19 up at the churches in our community to take the  
20 oral histories there, those churches that are  
21 on -- here on Atlantic Beach. I thank you, my  
22 neighbors, Atlantic Beach, I thank you for  
23 tolerating me and Mr. Quattlebaum and Cheryl  
24 'cause I've just taken up residence in Town  
25 Hall, and I thank you all for always being so



1           supportive and so welcoming. I am excited  
2           about the history of our community, I'm excited  
3           about us being able to develop the history and  
4           share the history, and I'm thinking in the next  
5           few years, we're gonna see our history  
6           displayed for future generations to be able to  
7           listen to those oral interviews we've taken,  
8           we're gonna have those displayed, you can  
9           listen to them. We -- when people want  
10          photographs, we're gonna be able to share those  
11          photographs and then we're gonna have all kinds  
12          of photographs of us in action. So, thank you  
13          so much. If you have any questions, please  
14          feel free to stop me any time.

15                               **(Applause.)**

16       **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** At this time, I would like to  
17       bring, before I conclude, the -- Cheryl, the  
18       business license report for 2022. Mr. Ken  
19       McIver, Beautification Committee, initiated an  
20       effort to secure some funding for the Town of  
21       Atlantic Beach to the Beautification Committee,  
22       let him come forth and tell you about that  
23       funding opportunity.

24       **MR. McIVER:** Good afternoon, Kenneth McIver, 29th  
25       Avenue, also on the Beautification Committee.



1 Just wanted to say that we were awarded \$5,000  
2 from the Community Benefits Fund through  
3 Councilman -- Horry County Councilman Harold  
4 Worley. We are in his district and he was able  
5 to get us \$5,000 for what I like to say in our  
6 committee is plants and shrubs. So we're gonna  
7 be talking with the committee itself for  
8 priorities that we want to do with that money.  
9 Of course, it'll -- a lot of it'll have to do  
10 with, you know, the maintenance staff that we  
11 get, but we are very excited about that, we got  
12 \$5,000. I think I asked him on a Thursday and  
13 got it on Sunday morning so that was really  
14 good so we wanted to thank Councilman Worley  
15 for that. What -- I'm sorry.

16 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

17 **MR. McIVER:** Of course, yes, Linda. Yes, yes. And  
18 that's it.

19 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Thank you.

20 **(Applause.)**

21 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** The next thing I would like to  
22 report very quickly, business license  
23 collection for 20- -- fiscal year now -- not  
24 fiscal year, but business license calendar year  
25 which starts May 1st, 2022 to -- runs through





1 April 30th. As I indicated at the opening, we  
2 got resources in two funding this particular  
3 fiscal year, which boosts our budget  
4 tremendously. Business license collections,  
5 percentages are -- were down, we still have a  
6 number of delinquent payers that we will be  
7 sending notices out to and encourage all of  
8 those who have not paid, just to remind  
9 everyone, business owners, that the law has  
10 changed in 2022, that there are severe  
11 penalties, late fees, interest payments and  
12 also fines for not paying your business license  
13 in full so I encourage all of the business  
14 owners who have not paid their business license  
15 fee, I have no authority to waive any of those  
16 fees or assessments other than new law so I  
17 encourage everyone who owns a business who has  
18 not paid their license fee to do so as soon as  
19 possible. That's it. I gave the numbers,  
20 about \$480,000 on this collection around this  
21 time and, hopefully, we will be doing even  
22 better in future years. Yes, sir?

23 **MR. DAVID:** John David, number 3020 -- 3012 Seaview  
24 Street. I was looking over -- to be consistent  
25 with the North Myrtle Beach and Myrtle Beach



1 short-term rental business license, there is  
2 totally -- and I don't know if it was prepared  
3 for Atlantic Beach across the board and I'm  
4 thinking maybe it's a Council decision that has  
5 to be -- for short-term rentals ---

6 **MALE SPEAKER:** And other fees ---

7 **MR. DAVID:** --- it's a lot less for short-term  
8 rentals as opposed to standard businesses, and  
9 I don't know if that's been not (inaudible) or  
10 look or something that needs to be explored by  
11 the Council. And I can provide you all the  
12 information of -- that North Myrtle Beach has  
13 (inaudible) or what Myrtle Beach has  
14 (inaudible) short-term rentals.

15 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Okay. You've mentioned that to me  
16 previously, and I'm looking into the difference  
17 in terms of the rate of collection to verify,  
18 but I'll share that information with Council  
19 also.

20 **MR. McIVER:** I just have one other thing. There's a  
21 wedding company that comes here just about  
22 every weekend and does not go anywhere else  
23 because he knows that his fee -- fine for, you  
24 know, just (inaudible) every Saturday he brings  
25 his truck, a stage, photographers and just



1 shoots wedding parties there on the beach doing  
2 stuff, you know, I looked at the licensing in  
3 North Myrtle Beach and they charge the  
4 officiants, photographers, (inaudible) for  
5 (inaudible) the weddings on the beach  
6 (inaudible). They've been there just about  
7 every (inaudible).

8 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** (Inaudible) not authorization  
9 (inaudible) permit approvals -- that's number  
10 one -- so if it happens again, you can report  
11 it to the law enforcement over the weekend,  
12 that's the first thing so they shouldn't even  
13 be there unless they've been -- a permit to do  
14 so (inaudible), thank you. That's all I have,  
15 Mayor.

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, thank you.

17 **Public Time:**

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to Public Time, and I  
19 believe we have Ms. Kathryn Allen on the phone,  
20 anybody there? Cheryl?

21 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Is Ms. Allen ...

22 **CLERK:** Ms. Allen?

23 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

24 **CLERK:** Yes, she's on the phone.

25 **(Inaudible background noise.)**



1 **MS. ALLEN:** --- thank you ---

2 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Can you repeat.

3 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Can you repeat that please?

4 **MS. ALLEN:** I just said that (inaudible).

5 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, all right. Thank you. We have  
7 Ms. Jamie Isom.

8 **MS. ISOM:** Jamie Isom, 501 29th Avenue. And you  
9 know me, you see me coming, I'm always  
10 complaining about something, and when you see  
11 me coming and I'm complaining, you need to look  
12 at it and just don't, you know, just don't  
13 forget about it because I've been here since  
14 1963 and I've respected Atlantic Beach the  
15 whole time. So, I'm just letting you know that  
16 people do stuff on the beach at night, don't  
17 come in the daytime, and instead -- we know  
18 you, we voted you all in, but you all need to  
19 (inaudible) just don't come in your -- go in  
20 your house and don't come back out, ride around  
21 the beach and see what's going on because I  
22 can't see it all. I can see some of it on my  
23 street and then when I ride I see a lot of  
24 stuff but, please, stop disrespecting the  
25 ladies. People shouldn't disrespect me because



1           you come -- because we've been here 24/7, and  
2           some people come in here and do what they want  
3           to do and then take off and either leave their  
4           mess for us to clean up, and I don't think  
5           that's right. So, what I'm talking about right  
6           now, I have a sign in front of my house. I  
7           don't know how big it is, it's that tall, and  
8           when I open my door, I'm looking at it and I  
9           don't like that. That sign should not be on a  
10          residential street. We had a sign ordinance at  
11          one time, I don't know what happened to it, but  
12          you need to take it up again. I called the  
13          person on that sign, I said, why do you have  
14          this big sign in a residential area, it should  
15          be -- it shouldn't be there. And he said --  
16          the person that owned the land -- ask the  
17          person that owned the land and City Hall,  
18          that's wrong. We put you all in to do the  
19          right thing, just don't let people come in here  
20          and put up something because they've done put  
21          it up. Respect me, I want that person to  
22          respect me in my house, 'cause I don't want to  
23          open my door and I -- that's all I'm seeing,  
24          that sign. Come around (ph) 29th Avenue,  
25          you'll see. I want everybody to ride down 29th



1 Avenue and see that sign sitting right in front  
2 of my door almost. Now, I have to look out  
3 there (inaudible). I don't like that. Respect  
4 me. I'm 78 years old. Respect me because I  
5 respect everybody else, and I want you all to  
6 go and take a look at the sign, and I want it  
7 down because it's not good, it's not right.  
8 What do they say, seven (inaudible) and seven,  
9 seven, you know, I mean, that's should be out  
10 there on the highway somewhere, on a business  
11 section. He has three signs up already. Did  
12 you all know that? Just three signs? One on  
13 Front Street, one down there by the Big Wash,  
14 (inaudible), just take a look. Thank you,  
15 that's all I've got to say.

16 (Applause.)

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** Ms. Linda Cheatham?

18 **MS. CHEATHAM:** I spoke (inaudible) ---

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. Ms. Lynda Booker?

20 (Inaudible background noise.)

21 **MS. BOOKER:** Good evening, Council, Cheryl, Mr.  
22 Quattlebaum, citizens. Lynda Booker, 304 29th  
23 Avenue South. Have three things I'd like to  
24 just talk about, the Friends of the Pearl, the  
25 last time I spoke to you guys, I told you -- I



1 mentioned that we were going to have a jazz  
2 fest and we had selected the date of July the  
3 16th, and that is not going to work out because  
4 everybody is booked, we started too late. So,  
5 we have selected July the 15th of 2023 and we  
6 already have some commitments so I want to make  
7 sure that goes on record and, Mr. Q., I'll get  
8 everything to you that you need to have. We  
9 will have a medical seminar and it will be  
10 conducted by Ms. Velda Gibson. We can't get  
11 enough of the Gibsons so that will be Denise's  
12 sister, she's an internal medicine doctor, on  
13 the 16th of July, would like to use the  
14 facility here to have that internal medical  
15 seminar, and it is open to the entire  
16 community, that will be Myrtle Beach, North  
17 Myrtle Beach -- north and south, everybody --  
18 and we just would like people to come. And we  
19 will have some other seminars lined up  
20 following that one. But the next thing I want  
21 to speak about is that I would like for the  
22 Council and the Town Hall to consider switching  
23 banks. We are with Synovus Bank and,  
24 basically, we were with Synovus Bank because we  
25 (inaudible) there so we opened up the account



1           there and I moved it, but Synovus Bank is a  
2           really big bank and we don't get good personal  
3           service when we go in there. They are --  
4           they're not kind to (inaudible) we went in to  
5           talk to them about -- we only have a little bit  
6           of money in our budget for beautification and  
7           they're taking \$12 a month out of that and,  
8           when he addressed it with them, they were like,  
9           oh well. So I've been talking to Pinnacle  
10          Bank, Pinnacle Bank is a community-based bank,  
11          it's a much smaller bank -- it's a big bank, I  
12          mean, they're in all the cities, but they're  
13          community based, and I talked to them about  
14          service fees and they said if you don't make  
15          over 150 withdrawals a month, there is no  
16          service fee at all and then there are a lot of  
17          other nice perks that come with them, you know,  
18          I could have a representative talk to you or  
19          Mr. Q, you can go down and speak with them on  
20          your own, but they know you by -- when you walk  
21          in the bank, they're gonna address you by your  
22          name. It's just a warm feeling because it's  
23          not a conglomerate. So I would just like to  
24          ask if you all would just consider -- I moved  
25          -- we moved our (inaudible) we've been talking





1 about moving Friends of the Pearl account there  
2 as well, and just wanna not to be in a big  
3 conglomerate where you get lost and people will  
4 know who you are and, if we need loans or  
5 whatever, it will not be a problem. So, those  
6 are the three things that I wanted to speak on  
7 so I thank you very much.

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

9 **MS. BOOKER:** Anybody have any questions for me?

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** I don't. Questions, anybody?

11 **MS. BOOKER:** Okay, thank you.

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** You're welcome. Mr. William Booker.

13 **MR. BOOKER:** Mr. Mayor, Council, Mr. Quattlebaum and  
14 Ms. Pereira --- Cheryl, (inaudible). I came  
15 here to -- I'm the president of the property --  
16 of Atlantic Beach Property Owners Association,  
17 and one of the things -- one of the main  
18 missions of the association is to work in  
19 concert with the Town leadership to continue to  
20 try to help (inaudible) so we are there as a  
21 resource to you. We are constantly looking for  
22 ways, people, resources that would be helpful  
23 to the Town and, when we come upon information  
24 that we think the leadership needs to be aware  
25 of because the leadership is in a position to



1 address it, then we want to bring that to the  
2 leadership's attention. So, I won't go into  
3 all the details about that, Mr. Q and I had  
4 some conversations and he and I have spoken,  
5 but I have a letter from the Association that  
6 we'd like to share with some information  
7 (inaudible) so that you could be aware of it  
8 and (inaudible) process it however you think is  
9 appropriate so I would like to hand out these  
10 letters to you now.

11 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

12 **MR. BOOKER:** That's all I have. Thank you.

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you. Council, seek a motion to  
14 adjourn.

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

16 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Second.

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second to adjourn. Roll  
18 call.

19 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

20 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

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

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

23 **CLERK:** Councilman Jim DeWitt?

24 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Yea.

25 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?



1     **MAYOR EVANS:**     Yea.     Motion granted.     Meeting is  
2                     adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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

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