

TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 7, 2022

4:05 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 7th day of March, 2022.



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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, March 7th, year 2022 at 4:00
4 p.m. -- 4:05 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, at this time, I seek a
15 motion to go into Executive Session for legal,
16 personnel and contractual matters.

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

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second to go
20 into Executive Session for legal and personnel
21 and contractual matters. Any other questions
22 or comments? Roll call.

23 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

24 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

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



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

2 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

3 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

4 **CLERK:** Councilman Jim DeWitt?

5 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Yea.

6 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

8 **Executive Session:**

9 **(Executive Session.)**

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

12 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

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

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second to come out of the
15 Executive Session into the General Session. If
16 there's no other questions or comments, roll
17 call.

18 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

19 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

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

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

22 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

23 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

24 **CLERK:** Councilman Jim DeWitt?

25 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Yea.



1 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

3 **General Session:**

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** I want to take this time out to
5 welcome the general public ---

6 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Wait, hold on.

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** I'm sorry?

8 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Whose number is that, Cheryl?
9 Can you all mute your phones please? Is
10 somebody on here, Cheryl?

11 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** I want to take this time to welcome
13 the general public and ask at this time, if you
14 have cell phones or any devices that might
15 disturb the proceedings, would you put those on
16 silence for us please. And stand for a moment
17 of silence.

18 **(Moment of Silence.)**

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** And Pledge of Allegiance.

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

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to ceremonial matters.
22 Council members, any ceremonial matters? If
23 not, we'll move on to approval of the agenda.
24 Council, seek a motion to approve the agenda.

25 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.



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

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second for approval of
3 the agenda. If there's no other questions or
4 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's granted.

15 **Old Business:**

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to Old Business, A. Town
17 Council Meeting Minutes, minutes from Town
18 Council meeting held on February the 7th, 2022.
19 Council, seek a motion for approval of those
20 minutes.

21 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

22 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Second.

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second for approval of
24 the Town Council meeting minutes from February
25 7th, 2022. If there are no other 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 for the
12 approval of the minutes.

13 **MS. HILL:** Diane Hill.

14 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to B. under Old Business,
16 Ordinance Number 1-2022, and this is the 2022
17 Business License Ordinance and this will be the
18 second reading.

19 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved. You said the motion?
20 Oh.

21 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, Council and public, this is
22 the second reading of the newly enacted State
23 Legislature South Carolina Business License
24 Ordinance. This ordinance makes the collection
25 of business license fees for all municipalities



1 in the State of South Carolina on a -- the same
2 date, May 1st, running through April 30th from
3 each year. Prior business license cycles ran
4 from July 1st of the year 'til June 30th.
5 We've gone over all of the basic changes to the
6 ordinance, the most significant being the
7 change in how business license fees are
8 computed, changing from a percentage based on
9 the type of business that's classified under
10 the federal Management and Budget
11 classification for all businesses must fall
12 under and, basically, it goes from a percentage
13 to a flat dollar amount, 28 per 1,000 after
14 deduction of \$2,000 of the gross income earned
15 by the business for that prior year. That is
16 a major change. And also, the penalties of 5
17 percent of 30 days of nonpayment until the
18 balance is paid, and considerable fines can be
19 levied or -- and even jail time if after 30
20 days is not complied with. Those are the major
21 changes to the Business License Ordinance.
22 Once Council has adopted the new Business
23 License Ordinance, the notices will go out to
24 all of the businesses in the Town of Atlantic
25 Beach letting them know how they can apply for



1 the renewal of their business license online
2 through the portal. Information will be given
3 on how to access the portal. All of the
4 businesses in the Town of Atlantic Beach have
5 already been uploaded and registered online.
6 A copy of the ordinance will be on that website
7 also, and starting -- May 1st starts the cycle
8 for new business license renewals. Any
9 questions, Council?

10 (Inaudible background noise.)

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** Council, I seek a motion to adopt
12 Ordinance Number 1-2022, the Business License
13 Ordinance, and the second reading.

14 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

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

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second to adopt
17 Ordinance Number 1-2022, second reading. If
18 there are no other questions or comments, roll
19 call.

20 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

21 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

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

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

24 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

25 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.



1 **CLERK:** Councilman Jim DeWitt?

2 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Yea.

3 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. The motion is granted. We're
5 down to Item C. under Old Business, Ordinance
6 Number 2-2022, an ordinance amending Ordinance
7 Number 10-2007 to increase the schedule of
8 planning and zoning fees, and this will be the
9 second reading as well.

10 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, Council and public, this
11 ordinance is the second reading, proposing to
12 increased the assessed fees for plan review,
13 commercial and residential. The fees have not
14 been increased in the Town of Atlantic Beach
15 for some years, and I tasked the building
16 official to canvas other municipalities,
17 surrounding municipalities, on their business
18 license -- I mean, excuse me, their fees for
19 review of -- plan reviews for commercial and
20 residential properties. Our fee prior to the
21 recommendation in this ordinance was a flat
22 \$150, had not been increased as I indicated in
23 over 15, 20 years, and it -- now, can ask 50
24 percent of the total cost for the plan review
25 as opposed to a flat dollar amount of \$150.



1 This is comparable to other municipalities
2 within the county and surrounding area, and
3 asking for Council to adopt this new schedule
4 of fees for the zoning fees -- planning and
5 zoning fees.

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** Any questions, Council?

7 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** Council, I seek a motion to adopt
9 Ordinance Number 2-2022, amendment Ordinance --
10 amending Ordinance Number 10-2007, and this is
11 to increase the schedule of planning and zoning
12 fees, and this is the second reading as well.
13 If there are no other questions or comments,
14 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 **New Business:**



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to New Business, Item A. --
2 -

3 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to New Business, Ordinance
5 Number 3-2022, and this is an amendment to
6 Ordinance Number 1-2018, and this is an
7 ordinance to adopt International Building Codes
8 and this will be the first reading.

9 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, Council and public, this is
10 an ordinance to bring the Town of Atlantic
11 Beach in compliance with the current
12 International Building Codes for building in
13 the Town of Atlantic Beach, and I asked my
14 building code official to make sure that all of
15 our ordinances are in compliance with current
16 state law. This is the first reading.

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** Council, anybody have any questions
18 for the Town Manager on this?

19 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, Council, seek a motion to adopt
21 Ordinance Number 3-2022, and this is the --
22 amending the Ordinance Number 1-2018. There's
23 a ...

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

25 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second ---



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

2 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

3 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second to adopt
4 Ordinance Number ---

5 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** --- 1-2018, and this is to adopt the
7 International Building Code, first reading.
8 There's a motion and a second on the floor. If
9 there are no other questions or comments, roll
10 call.

11 **CLERK:** Is this Ordinance Number 3-2022.

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** 3-2022.

13 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** New amendment for 1-2018.

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** Right. You can call roll. 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. We're
25 down to B. Ordinance ---



1 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, Council and public, this is
2 a -- the first reading of an ordinance
3 requesting the banning of open carry of
4 firearms during our festivals, Bike Week in
5 particular, but all festivals. The State of
6 South Carolina, as everyone well knows, has
7 approved the open carry law requirement --
8 access for individuals. This ordinance will
9 deny open carry during our festival events,
10 Bike Fest and any other Town festivals that the
11 Town proposes to put on. This is being done to
12 protect the health and safety of our community
13 and our residents, and it's pretty
14 straightforward. Only for festivals.

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** Any questions, Council? If not,
16 Council, I seek a motion to adopt Ordinance
17 Number 4-2022, Atlantic Beach Concealed Weapons
18 Festival Ordinance, and this is the first
19 reading.

20 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

21 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** Second.

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** There is a motion and a second to
23 adopt Ordinance Number 4-2022. If there are no
24 other questions or comments, 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: Councilman Jim DeWitt?

7 COUNCILMAN DeWITT: Yea.

8 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

9 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The motion is granted. We're
10 down to Item C. under New Business, Historical
11 Committee appointments.

12 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor, Council and public, the
13 Town Council has agreed to appoint all of the
14 applicants -- I think there are four applicants
15 to the Historical Committee that applied some
16 time ago, and creating a Historical Committee.
17 Names of the individuals ---

18 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Actually, you've have five ---

19 MAYOR EVANS: You got names there ---

20 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yeah, five, yes ---

21 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: I'm sorry.

22 (Inaudible background noise.)

23 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Patricia Mallett, Alice Graham,
24 Helen Bernice Pierce, Jamesha Gibson and Rucker
25 -- Rosa Rucker Lightfoot. Those are the



1 Historical Committee applicants.

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, Council, I seek a motion to
3 appoint Patricia Mallett, Alice Graham, Bernice
4 Pierce -- Helen Bernice Pierce and Jamesha
5 Gibson and Rosa Rucker Lightfoot ---

6 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** --- Historical Committee appointments.

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

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second to
10 appoint the Historical Committee with the names
11 I just announced. Any other questions or
12 comments? 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:** Councilman Jim DeWitt?

20 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Yea.

21 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. The motion is granted. We're
23 down to Franchise -- Item D. under New
24 Business, Franchise Agreement Renewal, Atlantic
25 Watersports, Inc.



1 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, Council and public, this is
2 a request for renewal of the franchise
3 agreement with Atlantic Watersports,
4 Incorporated. Atlantic Watersports has come
5 under new management, their franchise agreement
6 expired October 2021. Mr. Lewis I think is
7 here to come up to present his request,
8 proposal.

9 **MR. LEWIS:** How we doing, Council?

10 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Doing good.

11 **MR. LEWIS:** Wasn't quite knowing I was gonna be on
12 stage tonight. Anyway ... So, just a little
13 bit of background on myself, I've been in the
14 business for over 20 years, been in North
15 Myrtle Beach for quite some time as well, and
16 I decided to make a go at the Atlantic
17 Watersports location. When I had talked to Mr.
18 Q., he asked me to put together a -- just a
19 (inaudible) proposal for you guys. I did. I'm
20 sure that you guys have a copy of this. I
21 requested to possibly move the location from
22 where it is now, 32nd Avenue, to 29th Avenue,
23 and use the street parking on 30th Avenue and
24 use the access for the patrons to get on the
25 beach there and then make -- go north one



1 block.

2 **MALE SPEAKER:** Yeah, but were you ---

3 **MR. LEWIS:** I also requested to move the annual
4 franchise fee from \$40,000 to \$42,000 with a
5 four-year extension coming from 2026 to 2029
6 and ---

7 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Can you speak into the microphone?

8 **MR. LEWIS:** --- with the increased payment being the
9 last payment on October (inaudible).

10 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Into the mic.

11 **MR. LEWIS:** I'm sorry.

12 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** They can't hear on the phone.
13 They can't hear you, speak into the
14 (inaudible).

15 **MR. LEWIS:** Oh, I'm sorry. So, what did -- you want
16 me to repeat?

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

18 **MR. LEWIS:** Okay. So, I was basically -- that was --
19 -- and all others aspects of the contract would
20 remain unchanged besides the things that I just
21 stated, so I was just wanting to present that
22 to Council to see if that would be possible, or
23 how we should move forward. Thank you for your
24 time.

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.



1 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** The Council, in reviewing your
2 proposal, indicated that they would prefer that
3 the access remain -- area be on 31st as opposed
4 to 29th Avenue.

5 **MR. LEWIS:** Okay.

6 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** And all the other terms of the
7 agreement would remain the same.

8 **MR. LEWIS:** Okay. And they are okay with all the
9 other -- the payments and whatnot ---

10 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes.

11 **MR. LEWIS:** --- as well?

12 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes.

13 **MR. LEWIS:** Okay. Well, thank you for your time.

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

15 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Congratulations.

16 **MR. LEWIS:** Thank you. I just had one other thing
17 that I wanted to bring up since I am here. It
18 said that it was under Atlantic Watersports,
19 Incorporated. I did not purchase their
20 business for tax reasons and other things so I
21 was gonna still (inaudible) the name Atlantic
22 Watersports, but I requested that it be listed
23 under my corporate LLC, Lewis LLC (inaudible)
24 as well so I just wanted to make sure that
25 there wasn't any (inaudible) with that



1 (inaudible) while I (inaudible).

2 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** That's Admin, they can just
3 straighten that -- yeah, uh-huh.

4 **MR. LEWIS:** Just wanted to make sure, thank you.

5 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

6 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Thank you.

7 (Inaudible background noise.)

8 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Can you all mute your all's
9 phones please? Thank you.

10 (Inaudible background noise.)

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, Council, seek a motion to renew
12 the franchise agreement with Atlantic
13 Watersports with the move to 31st Avenue.

14 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

15 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Second ---

16 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Second.

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second. Any other
18 questions or comments?

19 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** No.

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

6 Manager's Report:

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

8 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor, Council and public, Bike
9 Fest applications online have been posted for
10 the last couple of weeks. We have seen a
11 marked increase in calls for registration. We
12 have not formally registered and have paid
13 vendors at this time, but we did an e-mail
14 blast to all of our former patrons, vendor
15 patrons, to alert them of Bike Fest 2022. We
16 -- the deadline for submission of application
17 fees, we moved up to March 31st to give us a
18 better idea on how many vendors will be
19 enrolling or participating, and hopefully we
20 can get the commitment on the part of those
21 private businesses -- vendors to commit to
22 registering prior to March 31st. After March
23 31st, the fee increases by \$100 late fee.
24 We're posting the location for property owners
25 for vendors to contact you in terms of leasing



1 your property for Memorial Day weekend, and
2 that will give us -- if you'll report that
3 information to us or give us a gauge on how
4 many vendors are actually committed to coming
5 for Memorial Day weekend. So, with that
6 listing, once you have been contacted by a
7 prospective vendor, if you can turn that
8 information in as soon as possible, it will be
9 helpful to us to gauge what the participation
10 will be. The Chief of Police is hosting, as we
11 do every year, law enforcement who will be
12 involved with the planning and preparation for
13 Bike Fest weekend on April the 9th. And also,
14 the Chief, after that meeting, is hosting all
15 of the chiefs in the county to meet with them.
16 But we do our annual planning session on April
17 9th to prepare for Bike Fest weekend. With
18 that, that's as far and as much information as
19 we have in regards to Bike Fest at this time.
20 Any questions?

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

22 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** Go ahead.

24 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Item B. Disposition of Old
25 Playground Equipment, reported out I think last



1 month, we entered into a contract with Bliss
2 Products to construct the refurbishing of our
3 playground adjacent to the Community Center.
4 They are now in the process of ordering and
5 fabricating the playground equipment. We were
6 told about three weeks ago it would take six,
7 almost eight weeks, to get the materials to
8 start construction. I'm requesting -- we've
9 had a request on the part of Conway Christian
10 Academy LLC out of Conway to have the old
11 playground equipment donated, and a contractor
12 who sits on the board has agreed to remove the
13 old playground material at no cost to the Town
14 if -- Council, the other option is for us to
15 pay a contractor to remove it and possibly sell
16 it and get whatever we can as a return. If
17 Council agrees to donating the old equipment to
18 the Conway Christian Academy, LLC, the removal
19 will be at no cost, we will just have to hire
20 a contractor to remove the perimeter fencing
21 around the playground. So, I need -- what's
22 Council's pleasure? If you agree, I'd
23 recommend that we donate the equipment to the
24 Christian Academy with a hold harmless clause
25 to protect the Town in the event of any adverse



1 conditions after they receive the equipment.

2 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I agree to giving -- to donate
3 it ---

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** Right, that's fine with me.

5 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Yeah, let's donate it.

6 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Donate it.

7 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** All right, thank you. Also, we
8 received a request -- the Board of Zoning
9 Appeals has not been active since 2019. There
10 are some issues that have come up that require
11 the attention of the Board of Zoning Appeals,
12 the BZA, and we are looking to take
13 applications at Town Hall for any interested
14 individuals who would like to apply for the
15 Board of Zoning Appeals. At this time, we --
16 the Council will make a determination whether
17 the Board will constitute three or five
18 individuals based on the applications that we
19 receive. You can pick up an application at
20 Town Hall or contact Cheryl, have it e-mailed
21 to you or sent to you, and the applications --
22 we would like to have them in by the end of the
23 month, March, so that Council can make a
24 determination and a selection by the April
25 meeting, Council meeting. Going back to Bike



1 Fest, a Dr. Darby, who is a property owner here
2 on 30th Avenue, contacted me today and would
3 like to offer -- he has a grant to do health
4 screening, COVID testing and shots during Bike
5 Fest weekend at no cost to the Town. He asked
6 me to see if the Council would be interested in
7 having a booth set up and his staff would
8 administer COVID testing, shots and other
9 screenings during Bike Fest weekend. If you
10 have no objections, I would (inaudible)
11 authorization.

12 (Inaudible background noise.)

13 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Thank you.

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** Uh-huh.

15 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Lastly, I'd like to give a report
16 on -- March grant update. KHAFRA, the
17 engineering firm out of Atlanta whom the Town
18 hired, continues to aggressively -- reviewing
19 and evaluating infrastructure funding
20 opportunities for Atlantic Beach. The FEMA
21 Hazard Mitigation Grant application has been
22 completed and submitted. In mid-February, the
23 Department of Transportation issued a call for
24 proposals for the 2022 RAISE Discretionary
25 Grant program, also known as the Rebuilding



1 American Infrastructure and Sustainability
2 Equity Grant. This grant opportunity offers
3 communities like Atlantic Beach a unique
4 opportunity to update their transportation
5 infrastructure with an eye to the future. The
6 grant's merited valuation system focuses not
7 only on roads and bridges, but also emphasizes
8 sustainability, equity and resiliency. KHAFRA
9 Team and I have met with the South Carolina
10 Department of Transportation representative
11 days after the release of the bid instructions.
12 In fact, an Atlantic Beach team was the first
13 team to meet with the State DOT team. After
14 our meeting, they expressed full support of the
15 Atlantic Beach submission and will be
16 supportive of our efforts. In addition to the
17 extensive engineering data which KHAFRA is
18 developing now, an extensive cost benefit
19 analysis is required. This analysis is not as
20 a service offered by -- is not a service
21 offered by KHAFRA, the team has identified ESI
22 Consultants of Philadelphia to complete this
23 analysis. ESI has a successful experience in
24 RAISE bidding by partnering with developing
25 cost benefit analysis and successful



1 municipalities like Southern Pennsylvania;
2 Bucks County, Pennsylvania; Wilmington,
3 Delaware; and Riverfront Transportation
4 infrastructure projects awarded in 2021. The
5 RAISE Grant is due on April 14th, 2022. Our
6 request is for Council to authorize engagement
7 of a firm at the fee -- of a fee not to exceed
8 \$15,000 to develop the cost benefit analysis
9 for the Department of Transportation RAISE
10 Discretionary Grant application for Atlantic
11 Beach. I am seeking authorization to enter --
12 negotiate with firms to provide the grant
13 application services for the Town of Atlantic
14 Beach at this time.

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** Council, I seek a motion to authorize
16 the Town Manager to enter into negotiations
17 with a grant writer.

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

19 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Second ---

20 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Second.

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second is on the floor
22 for a grant writer for the -- authorize the
23 Town Manager to enter into negotiations with a
24 grant writer. If there are no other questions
25 or comments, roll 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:** Councilman Jim DeWitt?

8 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Yea.

9 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

11 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor and Council, that's all I
12 have.

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

14 **Public Time:**

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to Public Time. John
16 Sketers?

17 **MR. SKETERS:** Thank you, Mayor and Council. What
18 I'm bringing to you this evening here, some
19 things that we -- should have been brought
20 forth a number of years in the Town of Atlantic
21 Beach and, if you haven't noticed, Atlantic
22 Beach has been in existence since 1934, and
23 what I have noticed and couple of other people
24 who have -- we have noticed together, all the
25 beachwear shops, up and down the Grand Strand



1 -- we have probably 250 beachwear shops but yet
2 cannot go in not one and find anything
3 pertaining to Atlantic Beach. And I went to
4 work and started creating some things about the
5 (inaudible) Atlantic Beach like T-shirts and
6 different things that people can take and keep
7 of Atlantic Beach back home with them because
8 I think it's a great idea. And you can get
9 these items online, and I'm sorry that I don't
10 have enough to pass to everybody but if some
11 person would be asking me about -- and please
12 share it with your neighbor at this time so
13 they can get an idea of what they look like --
14 it's T-shirts, it's caps like this. And what
15 I had inscribed on, don't forget Atlantic
16 Beach, South Carolina, and that will cause all
17 of us to thank where we came from, from where
18 we are headed to our destination. So, it's not
19 only my job, it's our job to promote Atlantic
20 Beach and, with your all's help -- I'll welcome
21 your all's help because we need more exposure
22 than we're getting, and I want to thank you for
23 that, Mayor and Council. Any questions?

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** I don't. Any questions, Council? No.

25 Thank you.



1 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Good job.

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yeah.

3 **MR. SKETERS:** Thank you.

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, Kenneth McIver?

5 **MR. McIVER:** Good afternoon.

6 **IN UNISON:** Good afternoon.

7 **MR. McIVER:** So, I'm just representing the Bike Fest
8 for just a couple things. I want to thank the
9 Administration for work you've done on 30th
10 Avenue in terms of the palm trees and the crepe
11 myrtles, just maintaining -- the yearly
12 maintenance with those. Also noticed that you
13 did some really good work on the -- starting
14 with the basketball court, trying to get that
15 cut down and all the vines and everything else
16 so thank you to Administration for doing that.
17 Would also ask the Council that -- we have our
18 spring cleanup coming up, and we're gonna ask
19 if April the 4th through the 11th -- we have
20 the dumpsters ordered if that's a good week for
21 you, the 4th through the 11th of April?

22 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I think that's good on my behalf
23 but, you know, that would be a good weekend for
24 us to merge into Fox Day because we were
25 waiting to get some nice weather to permit so



1 therefore, what do you think? I think that
2 would be a good time for us to merge into that
3 day for Fox. Do you all think that's a good
4 time? 'Cause it was supposed to be done back
5 in January, we put it off for the weather, so
6 maybe we could do -- what did you say, April
7 the 4th?

8 **MR. McIVER:** Yeah, the -- well, the week of the 4th
9 through the 11th.

10 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Well ---

11 **MR. McIVER:** No, I'm just saying just for the
12 dumpsters, is that ---

13 **MALE SPEAKER:** Yeah.

14 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Oh, for the dumpsters to be
15 there, but the actual activity would be that
16 Saturday, right?

17 **MR. McIVER:** Okay, okay, I mean, I didn't know about
18 that ---

19 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Okay, so -- no, no, I'm asking
20 you. So therefore, you're gonna do a cleanup?

21 **MR. McIVER:** Yes.

22 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** And then after the cleanup, I
23 think it would be appropriate for us to maybe
24 do the Fox thing, whatever we're gonna do.

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay.



1 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yeah, so we'll get with that
2 before -- by the next meeting so we can get
3 everything sorted out for the next (inaudible).

4 **MR. McIVER:** And yeah, so just -- also, I know when
5 I talked to Town Manager about the maintenance
6 person, I know that he was imagining either a
7 part-time, a contract service -- just there are
8 certain things that we just have to do as a
9 resort town, we have a lot of visitors that
10 come during the summertime, both to visit --
11 they have water sports, but people that are
12 renting property so just general maintenance,
13 cleaning up the town on a regular basis, mowing
14 the grass -- all that stuff needs to be done
15 and, even for a resident -- regular residents
16 that are living here, we want to make sure that
17 we portray the best beautification that we can
18 in terms of maintaining the town and to look at
19 the town so that's -- those things I just want
20 to keep in mind, talking about the (inaudible),
21 make sure the town stays good-looking.
22 (Inaudible) stand ---

23 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Can I say something on that?

24 **MR. McIVER:** Yes, go ahead. Go ahead.

25 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I don't want to say -- it's just



1 that some people need a little assistance with
2 them, and I think that would everybody would
3 come with that because we have a lady that
4 lives over on 32nd -- and then, you know, but
5 her health and the -- you all do
6 beautification, but it just seems to me that
7 you all are doing that too, well -- but her
8 house -- her roof is like almost coming down so
9 that looks like maybe we need to take and do
10 something, try to help her, Ms. Levia (ph) Duke
11 over on 32nd, if her roof -- her house -- I
12 mean you can't just say that those, you know,
13 'cause that's not gonna do, her roof is
14 actually caving in so maybe we need to give
15 some -- that the Beautification -- maybe we
16 could do some -- just try to get her help over
17 there 'cause it's bad. And so, therefore, we
18 try to make everything look good, but we've got
19 to fix some stuff too, you know, so maybe -- I
20 don't know how ---

21 **MR. McIVER:** Well, and I -- sort of a side note, I
22 did call a few agencies to just come in and
23 assess, you know, some rehab people in the
24 County ---

25 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Uh-huh, uh-huh.



1 **MR. McIVER:** --- I don't think necessarily that's
2 us, but I did look into that and some other
3 agencies that could come in and help with low
4 income (inaudible) housing and stuff like that
5 so I can talk to you about that ---

6 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yeah. Okay, let's -- yeah,
7 let's talk about that ---

8 **MR. McIVER:** --- I can't get on the roofs.

9 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I can. I will -- no problem ---

10 **MR. McIVER:** No, but I did call about that, somebody
11 mentioned it, but there's other entities that
12 can ---

13 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** Waccamaw EOC.

14 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** You're right. I mean -- and I'm
15 just saying because the Beautification
16 Committee, they ---

17 **MR. McIVER:** We just ---

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** --- I feel like that might fall
19 in that category.

20 **MR. McIVER:** One of the things -- this has happened
21 related to what I wanted to talk about, and I
22 know that you approved that Historical
23 Committee, but there's a couple of things I
24 just mentioned to -- this is not related to
25 beautification, but I mentioned to Town Manager



1 some other committees I might want you to
2 consider, health and wellness as a committee,
3 as well as, festival and entertainment
4 committee. The health and wellness would be,
5 you know, people that might be interested in a
6 mobile van, the COVID vaccine, different kind
7 of stuff, wellness newsletter, blood drives,
8 anything else like that, maybe some wellness
9 programs at the Community Center. And the
10 festival and entertainment committee would help
11 out with both the traditional and non-
12 traditional holiday decorations.

13 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I thought that was the
14 Beautification Committee. Oh, that -- I
15 honestly did ---

16 **MR. McIVER:** No, yeah ---

17 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yeah.

18 **MR. McIVER:** I just think there are other people
19 that might be better (inaudible) that might
20 look into that stuff. And I think that's it.

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you. I've got one more, Diane
22 Hill. Is Diane Hill here, or is she on the
23 phone?

24 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** She's on the phone.

25 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** She's on the phone.



1 (Inaudible background noise.)

2 MS. HILL: Hello?

3 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yes, ma'am, can you hear us?

4 MS. HILL: Hello?

5 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Hello, can you hear us?

6 MS. HILL: Can you hear me?

7 IN UNISON: Yes.

8 MS. HILL: Hello?

9 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Can you hear us?

10 MS. HILL: I can hear you. Can you hear me?

11 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yes, ma'am.

12 MAYOR EVANS: We can hear you.

13 MS. HILL: Wonderful. Okay, thank you so much, Mr.

14 Mayor, Council members, Mr. Quattlebaum, Ms.

15 Pereira and others. I stand before you tonight

16 ... I stand before you tonight asking

17 (inaudible) designating lots 29 and 31, which

18 are the former public housing (inaudible)

19 former public housing space on 30th Avenue

20 South, as green space dedicated to public use

21 and to public parks. Now -- and (inaudible).

22 This request for you all (inaudible) is made on

23 behalf of the Beautification Committee and of

24 the residents and the citizens of the Town of

25 Atlantic Beach. We feel that now is the time



1 for this request, while our committee is
2 working diligently to beautify our town, and we
3 have an influx of new residents and, before any
4 (inaudible) decisions are made on how this
5 space could be used, we believe general
6 consensus in the past has been that we could
7 use this space, we could enhance this space, we
8 could beautify this space until the Town
9 decided to do something permanent with it.
10 Well, now, we are asking that you make our
11 (inaudible) permanent, that you dedicate this
12 place as a green space and public park for all
13 members (inaudible). Thank you very much.

14 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Ms. Hill, are you talking about
15 30th Avenue?

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yeah, the green space.

17 **MS. HILL:** I'm talking about lots 29 and 31 on 30th
18 Avenue, remember, that first Housing Authority
19 ---

20 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

21 **MS. HILL:** --- as a park, I'm talking about that
22 space.

23 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Okay, I was just wondering where
24 you were talking about. Okay, okay.

25 **MS. HILL:** You know, we're talking about where the



1 actual people used to live in those apartments
2 on 30th Avenue, and I think the lots
3 (inaudible) 29 and 31. And (inaudible) 'cause
4 they were torn down 20 (ph) years ago.

5 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Gotcha.

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay.

7 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Okay. That's it?

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** Any other comments ---

9 **MS. HILL:** We're in the process of getting greenery
10 -- we're in the process -- the Beautification
11 Committee is in the process of planting
12 greenery and there is benches and trash cans
13 there now, but we'd like it to be permanent.

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** Well, that's something we're gonna
15 have to definitely talk about, we can't tell
16 you it's gonna be permanent right now.

17 **MS. HILL:** Exactly, that's what ---

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** All right.

19 **MS. HILL:** --- that's why I said for you ---

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay.

21 **MS. HILL:** --- over many months.

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** All right, thank you. Council, that's
23 it for Public Time, I don't have any other
24 public comment cards. Seek a motion to
25 adjourn.



1 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved ---
2 MAYOR EVANS: Motion and a second to adjourn.
3 COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Second.
4 MAYOR EVANS: 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. Motion granted. Meeting
15 adjourned at 6:51 p.m.
16 (There being nothing further, the meeting was
17 adjourned.)
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