

TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 2, 2022

5:01 p.m.

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APPEARANCES

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor Jake Evans, Chairman
Councilman Edward Lamar Campbell
Councilwoman 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, May 2nd, year 2022 at 5:01
4 p.m. Roll call.

5 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

6 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Here.

7 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

8 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Here.

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

11 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Here.

12 **CLERK:** Mayor Evans?

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Here. Council, at this time, I'm
14 seeking a motion to go into Executive Session
15 for legal and personnel.

16 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Mayor, I make a motion that we
17 go into Executive Session for (inaudible) on
18 the agenda.

19 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Second.

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second for Executive
21 Session for legal and personnel. If there are
22 no other questions or comments, roll call.

23 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

24 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

25 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?



1 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

2 CLERK: Councilman Jim DeWitt?

3 COUNCILMAN DeWITT: Yea.

4 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

5 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion's 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 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Second.

12 MAYOR EVANS: Motion and a second to come out of the
13 Executive Session into the General Session.

14 Any other questions or comments? Roll call.

15 CLERK: Councilman Edward Campbell?

16 COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Yea.

17 CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

18 COUNCILWOMAN 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:** Now we're in our General Session. I
2 want to take this time to welcome the public
3 and ask at this time if you have any cell
4 phones or devices that might disturb the
5 proceedings, would you silence those for us at
6 this time please. And we ask that you stand
7 for a moment of silence, and at this time we
8 ask that you keep former Council member and
9 Mayor Pro Tem Charlene Taylor in mind during
10 our moment of silence.

11 **(Moment of Silence.)**

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Now for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** Are there any other ceremonial
15 matters, Council members? If not, we're down
16 to the approval of the agenda. Council, seek
17 a motion for the approval of the agenda as it
18 is outlined.

19 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

20 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Second.

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second for the
22 approval of the agenda. If there are no other
23 questions or comments, roll call.

24 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

25 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.



1 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

2 **COUNCILWOMAN 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 is granted.

9 **Old Business:**

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to Old Business, Town
11 Council meeting minutes, minutes from Town
12 Council meeting held on April 4th, 2022.
13 Council, seek a motion for the approval of
14 those minutes.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

16 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second.

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second for the approval
18 of the April 4, 2022 meeting minutes on the
19 floor. If there are no other questions or
20 comments, roll call.

21 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

22 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

23 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

24 **COUNCILWOMAN 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. We're down to Item B. under Old
6 Business, Ordinance Number 3-2022 and this is
7 an amendment to Ordinance Number 1-2018, and
8 this is an ordinance to adopt International
9 Building Codes and this will be the second
10 reading, Council, seek a motion.

11 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

12 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Second.

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second to adopt
14 Ordinance Number 3-2022. If there are no other
15 questions or comments, roll call.

16 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

17 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

18 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

19 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Nay.

20 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

21 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

22 **CLERK:** Councilman Jim DeWitt?

23 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Yea.

24 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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



1 **New Business:**

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to New Business, and Item
3 A. is the Zoning Board of Appeals appointments.
4 Has everybody had a chance to kind of look at
5 the names on these, there are (inaudible)
6 something.

7 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, Council, I seek a motion for
9 appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals:
10 Wilbert C. Thomas, Lynda Booker, Leon Bailey
11 and Vincent Gore and Knowledge Divine.
12 Council, I seek a motion to appoint these
13 candidates to the Zoning Board of Appeals with
14 three-year terms.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

16 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Second.

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second on the
18 floor for the appointment of the Zoning Board
19 of Appeals. Any other questions or comments?
20 Roll call.

21 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

22 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

23 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

24 **COUNCILWOMAN 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 is granted. We're
6 down to Item B. under New Business, and this is
7 a proclamation in recognition of the community
8 service of Charlene Taylor in the Town of
9 Atlantic Beach, South Carolina, and the
10 proclamation reads proclamation in recognition
11 of the community service of Charlene Taylor in
12 the Town of Atlantic Beach, South Carolina.
13 Whereas, Charlene Taylor was a resident of the
14 Town of Atlantic Beach, South Carolina for over
15 50 years; and whereas, was a strong advocate
16 for improvements and enhancements for the
17 residents of the Town of Atlantic Beach, South
18 Carolina; and whereas, Charlene Taylor was a
19 devout and passionate member of First
20 Missionary Church in Atlantic Beach, South
21 Carolina; and whereas, Charlene Taylor was a
22 commissioner and served as Chairperson of the
23 Housing Authority of the Town of Atlantic
24 Beach, South Carolina; and whereas, Charlene
25 Taylor served diligently as an Atlantic Beach



1 Town Council member for over 14 years, from
2 2020 -- from 2002 through 2007; and whereas,
3 Charlene Taylor served honorably as Mayor Pro
4 Tem of Atlantic Beach and acting mayor for
5 three years, from 20 -- 2008 to 2015 -- which
6 is more than three years -- but anyway,
7 whereas, Ms. Taylor's graciousness, caring and
8 humble spirit will sorely be missed by the
9 residents of the Town. Now, therefore be it
10 hereby proclaimed that the Town of Atlantic
11 Beach, South Carolina, Mayor and Town Council
12 on Monday, May 2nd, 2022 acknowledge her
13 lifelong contributions and service to the Town
14 of Atlantic Beach. Council, seek a motion.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

16 **COUNCILMAN DeWITT:** Second.

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

18 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

19 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

20 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

21 **COUNCILWOMAN 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 **Manager's Report:**

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

5 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, Council and public, I
6 wanted to report that the construction of the
7 playground, the grant award -- Community
8 Development Block Grant award that we received
9 is scheduled to begin the end of this week or
10 no later than the first part of next week. If
11 you noticed that all of the old playground
12 equipment has been removed, the trees have been
13 pruned back in preparation for the start of
14 construction and it's in -- scheduled to start,
15 as I indicated, the end of this week and next
16 week. I tried to get the contractor to sponsor
17 a groundbreaking ceremony but, based on their
18 time schedule to get construction started,
19 wouldn't be able to do so but committed to
20 sponsoring a dedication ceremony once the
21 construction and the playground has been
22 completed. I'd like to skip over Item B. and
23 come back to that at the end, give our guest at
24 that time. Update on Bike Fest 2022, we have
25 received a lot of interest on the part of



1 vendors. Again, about 17 have formally
2 registered but have received an inordinate
3 amount of calls, particularly of new particular
4 -- potential vendors to Bike Fest 2022. Has
5 not reflected in actual registrations at this
6 point, but we're encouraging property owners
7 that vendors have made a commitment to, to
8 encourage them to register as soon as possible.
9 The deadline for the fee schedule that is
10 listed in the -- online, \$675 for food and \$625
11 for retail, ended on March 31st. Anyone who
12 registers -- vendor who registers at this point
13 will be assessed a \$100 late fee at this
14 particular time. We're encouraging property
15 owners to encourage the vendors who have
16 committed to them to make sure that they get
17 registered. I was invited on last Thursday by
18 the Property Owners Association to go over the
19 process of Bike Fest and emphasize the need for
20 vendors to have their adequate documentation
21 registered with the State of South Carolina
22 retail license one-time fee that's good
23 indefinite, and also have the appropriate
24 liability insurance in order to register as a
25 vendor for the event. Also would like to



1 remind all property owners who claim to provide
2 and have power poles and provide electricity
3 for their respective vendors, that you need to
4 have your power poles inspected by a licensed
5 electrician and certified before Santee Cooper
6 will supply any power to those poles if you
7 require. They will not come out the week of
8 Bike Fest, Memorial Day weekend -- week,
9 starting that Monday, so I encourage all of
10 you, if you plan to provide that particular
11 service to your vendors, that you get that
12 taken care of no later than May the 15th. May
13 the 15th. Also, I -- who -- Mr. Eric Whalen is
14 in the audience, reconnected with the Carolina
15 Knight Riders bike -- motorcycle organization
16 and have been in dialog and conversations with
17 them to have a presence and active
18 participation in this year's Bike Festival
19 Memorial Day weekend. We are also looking to
20 encourage other bike retail vendors to provide
21 services and sales in the Town of Atlantic
22 Beach and hopefully increase our
23 diversification and participation in Memorial
24 Day weekend Bike Festival. So we have been
25 working with a committee of individuals who



1 have been working and meeting to increase that
2 participation. Last thing I'll just note
3 before I go back to Item B. is that the
4 deadline for business license renewals was
5 Friday, the deadline -- official deadline was
6 May 30th on Saturday. I have extended it 'til
7 today to get the applications in without any
8 penalties or interest being charged. After
9 today, any submission of business licenses for
10 renewal for 2022-23 will incur a late penalty
11 and interest on any unpaid balance that is not
12 paid at this time. So I just want to encourage
13 all of those businesses, we've had an excellent
14 response to the change in date and have -- if
15 I had to give a percentage, maybe 80 -- 89
16 percent of the businesses in our community have
17 registered, have paid their full business
18 license. At this time, I would like to turn
19 this meeting portion of my segment of the
20 Manager's Report over to Ms. Denise Gibson-
21 Bailey. She has been -- along with a team of
22 residents in the Town have been working
23 tirelessly on a number of grant opportunities
24 that have been sought after, some have been
25 achieved and secured, and she will go into



1 details about each of them, and historic
2 preservation area, as well as infrastructure
3 improvements to the Town of Atlantic Beach.
4 So, without further ado, I turn it over to the
5 hardest working resident in the Town of
6 Atlantic Beach, Ms. Denise Gibson-Bailey.

7 **MS. GIBSON-BAILEY:** Thank you, Mr. Quattlebaum. And
8 Mr. Quattlebaum is a real taskmaster as I found
9 out, okay? All right. So, first of all, I
10 want -- I am so happy to announce that Atlantic
11 -- many of you already know this, but I want to
12 give you some details. Atlantic Beach was
13 awarded on April the 7th, a \$25,000 grant from
14 Telling the Full History which is sponsored by
15 the National Trust for Historic Preservation.
16 You saw it on the billboard, you've heard our
17 mayor interviewed on television, it's been in
18 the newspapers and it's letting people know
19 that Atlantic Beach was one of 80 communities
20 out of 480 applications to be selected to tell
21 our story, and it is a part of the effort on
22 behalf of the Historic Trust to tell the
23 American story through individual community
24 stories. So, we are gonna be a part of that.
25 Now, \$25,000 is not going to fulfill all that



1 we propose to do, okay? So, the opportunity
2 that we pitched with the National Trust for
3 Historic Preservation was in fact that we would
4 build historic walkovers at our beach accesses.
5 So, you know how there are walkovers in other
6 communities, wood walkovers, some of them are
7 steel -- the actual opportunity we pitched was
8 that we would have a walkover at all four of
9 our public accesses, including our vehicle
10 access, and on those walkovers you would see
11 artifacts, pictures, oral histories and
12 different things that would tell the Atlantic
13 Beach story on those walkovers so that as
14 anybody came into our beach area, they would
15 learn all about us. So, after the award was
16 given to us, we had to sit down with the
17 Historic Trust to talk about what exactly we
18 would do with \$25,000 because the project cost
19 is somewhere around \$400,000 to do all four
20 entrances. So, what we've agreed with the
21 National Trust that we'll do for the next one
22 year -- it's a one-year deliverable, and I'm
23 gonna need everybody's help in here to make our
24 deliverable happen in one year. Every quarter,
25 we'll have to tell -- we have to say what we've



1 done, okay? So we're going to be collecting
2 our history, collecting, organizing,
3 documenting our history for this year and out
4 of that collection, organization and
5 documentation, we, as a community, will develop
6 four themes, okay? Four different themes about
7 our history that we want to share on those
8 walkovers. So one thing, for example, is --
9 Ms. Alice told me, for example, one of the
10 things I learned in this process is that 29th
11 Street used to be called Tyson Avenue, and
12 that's because of Mr. Tyson who founded --
13 originally purchased this acreage for Atlantic
14 Beach. So it could be that the theme that the
15 29th Street access point could be the Tyson
16 theme, that could be the theme, and that we
17 talk all about Mr. Tyson, we can talk about how
18 he acquired the property and what it looked
19 like when he first acquired it, what the sales
20 contract was like, how he managed that -- that
21 could be a theme, okay? So, we all have
22 history in our house so the Historic Committee
23 met this weekend and out of our meeting are
24 some historical pictures and artifacts I'd like
25 for you to take a look at after the meeting,



1 all right? Because we want you to begin to
2 think about the kinds of things that we're
3 going to be looking for. The reality is that
4 Atlantic Beach's story will be told in
5 photographs, using postcards, in newspaper
6 articles and, most of all, orally. That's how
7 we're gonna collect our history, that's how
8 we're gonna be able to tell our story. And so
9 some of this up here shows you the kinds of
10 things that we'll be doing and we'll be looking
11 for so don't hold back because we won't
12 necessarily take it, we will maybe digitize
13 some of the information so we could possibly
14 come to you and take pictures of it so we then
15 have the image there, okay? We then have the
16 image there. So tonight, we're beginning the
17 process, and tonight you get an opportunity to
18 get involved. Everybody has on your chair a
19 survey, everybody has a survey, and I need all
20 26 pieces of paper -- 'cause I've already
21 counted them -- 26 -- 27 -- Kenneth just came
22 in -- there's 27 people in here tonight. I
23 need 27 pieces of paper back that answer these
24 questions. The questions are, you know, is
25 this the first time you've heard about this



1 grant? And that's okay to say yes. Are you
2 fully aware of the history of Atlantic Beach
3 based on what you know today? Who's the first
4 member of your family or community to visit
5 Atlantic Beach and tell you about Atlantic
6 Beach? And are you or other members of the
7 community willing to tell the story, tell the
8 story? And do you -- any of your -- members of
9 your community have photos or newspaper
10 articles to share, and are you willing to share
11 in our May Oral History Collection Session?
12 And that's Number 2, the May Oral History
13 Collection Session. During Bikers Week -- you
14 heard Mr. Quattlebaum talk about he has already
15 made contact with the Knight Riders who were
16 the original bike group that started Bike Week.
17 They will be here and they're actually planning
18 a major ride on Saturday, Mr. Quattlebaum, and
19 we learned that they have an 80-year-old, two-
20 wheeled motorcycle rider who's gonna be riding
21 in that major ride on Saturday. And once they
22 finish that ride, we'll be taking oral history
23 from the Knight Riders. But we will have all
24 week -- thanks to Pat Mallet, we have partnered
25 with Coastal Carolina and starting on Monday



1 before Memorial day, we will be taking oral
2 history from everyone in the community. We
3 would like you to come over to Town Hall and
4 share with us and share your story because your
5 stories are the history of Atlantic Beach. All
6 of us have a -- have -- are part of the fabric
7 of the history of Atlantic Beach, and we want
8 to spend time with everyone hearing your story,
9 and so we're gonna be reaching out and giving
10 you the opportunity to register to come over.
11 I know a lot of us are busy during Biker Week
12 so you're not gonna be able to come Friday,
13 Saturday and Sunday when Biker Week is going on
14 so that's why we're starting on Monday.
15 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday are really dedicated
16 to our residents, but you can come and spend
17 time and share your story. So, questions --
18 the main thing is I need all of your
19 participation. For us to be successful, we
20 need everyone's participation in the Town. Any
21 questions about our Telling the Full History
22 Preservation Grant, any questions? So, I've
23 got more good news if no other questions. So
24 the following week, we got another call. I
25 don't know how many of you are -- remember in



1 February, we had a visitor at Council meeting,
2 her name was Lou Conklin from Horry County and
3 she asked the Mayor and Council for support of
4 submission of an application for a grant to the
5 National Park Service Underrepresented
6 Communities on behalf of Atlantic Beach. Well,
7 we received from the National Park Service
8 Underrepresented Communities \$47,500 to
9 actually develop Atlantic Beach's proposal for
10 the National Historic Register. All of you all
11 know ---

12 (Applause.)

13 **MS. GIBSON-BAILEY:** --- all of you all recognize the
14 marker that's out in front of Town Hall, that
15 marker is a South Carolina State marker. In
16 order to move -- and that's step one of
17 becoming a part of the National Historic
18 Registry, to have a -- be part of a state
19 registry. In order to take the next step, we
20 have to complete something called a historic
21 survey, and that's part of what the \$47,000
22 will do, it will take an assessment of our
23 Town, our historic impact, the things -- the
24 history that we've done here as well as the
25 individual buildings here. So we fully expect



1 that once the survey is completed, which will
2 be done in July, August or September -- and/or
3 September, that our Town will be recommended
4 for the National Historic Registry as a
5 historic community because of what happened at
6 Atlantic Beach, and then many homes on Atlantic
7 Beach will also be nominated as individual
8 residents -- individual buildings. Now, just
9 to answer a couple of questions that we've
10 already gotten, one, there is no commitment
11 from any of us to be a part of the National
12 Historic Registry, it is only an honor just to
13 be named to the registry. It allows us to take
14 advantage of other programs, but just to be
15 named to the registry does not cause any angst
16 for any of us individually or for us as a
17 community, okay? There are -- for example, I
18 learned that if you -- if your -- one of your
19 -- if your home is on the registry and you
20 choose to do certain things to your home, the
21 State of South Carolina actually will forgive
22 part of your taxes for a period of time by
23 participating in one of those programs, but
24 that's a personal choice that you make after
25 your home and/or the community is listed on the



1 registry. You follow me? But the first step
2 is for us to have a survey done of our town so
3 that we then can complete the application. The
4 total \$47,500 will take care of the survey, the
5 full completion of the Town and any individual
6 building applications that need to be completed
7 for the registry. Questions? And then
8 finally, Mr. Quattlebaum -- Mr. Quattlebaum has
9 kept the KHAFRA Team, Linda Cheatham, all of
10 our friends and me really busy working on
11 infrastructure work. Infrastructure is big
12 like streets, stormwater management, light
13 poles and that kind of thing and, quite
14 honestly, I -- the help from Maurice Daniels,
15 Kathryn Allen's husband, we were -- we had a
16 heads-up and we were able to put together a
17 team that replied to the Department of
18 Transportation RAISE Grant, and we're all very
19 excited about this opportunity because it's one
20 of few -- I think Mr. Quattlebaum -- that if we
21 are successful -- and by the way, we have a
22 very strong bid. If we are successful, what we
23 requested, it comes directly to the Town. We
24 have built in appropriate administrative
25 management through KHAFRA, which is what we



1 hired KHAFRA to do, to manage our engineering
2 and to manage our grant management, but it
3 comes directly to the Town to meet our needs
4 directly, rather than going to the State and
5 being reapportioned from the State down to the
6 Town. So we -- as you know, KHAFRA applied to
7 the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant back in
8 January and we expect a result from that soon,
9 but that grant money will initially go to the
10 State and the State has to decide, even though
11 we wrote the bid, if they're going to deliver
12 the funds to the Town, the governor will make
13 the decision. We expect that at least some of
14 what we requested will come from the governor
15 but if we -- and when we win the RAISE Grant,
16 that grant comes directly to the Town with the
17 management -- infrastructure that was placed
18 into the bid under our administrative side to
19 be run through KHAFRA and the Town to be
20 directly implemented in the Town without having
21 anything siphoned off or redirected to other
22 communities. Questions? Yes?

23 **MR. THOMAS:** (Inaudible) KHAFRA will (ph) they come
24 on our side, on the west side?

25 **MS. GIBSON-BAILEY:** Yes. So ... Yes. They have --



1 we have done -- when KHAFRA started back in
2 September, KHAFRA took the entire city plan,
3 and we had -- I shouldn't say we, I'm not an
4 engineer, but KHAFRA has done engineering
5 proposal work on the entire town, okay? So we
6 have the capability of talking about every side
7 of town. Now, initially in the RAISE Grant, we
8 actually were -- planned to put the entire town
9 in for the grant. One of the things we've
10 learned, and this was a Linda Cheatham
11 (inaudible) -- let me just say it out loud,
12 okay? One of the things we've learned is that
13 we have to partner with the right -- partner
14 with the right partner to do a special part of
15 this, which is a cost-justification part which
16 is -- only a few firms in the country can do it
17 for the Department of Transportation. So Linda
18 Cheatham found a person who was (inaudible)
19 with a firm that did that for us, and they
20 instructed us that for the first bid, that we
21 should not try to push the entire town through,
22 that we should be very strategic, and then be
23 prepared to come back when it comes back around
24 in about six months with the other parts of the
25 town. So we're prepared to actually submit on



1 the other side of town right away because they
2 said that the likelihood of winning in the
3 first round is much smaller, and so you want to
4 take that first round to be able to hone in to
5 see where your mistakes are, if any, so that
6 your next proposal will come back much
7 stronger. So we opted in this proposal to use
8 three streets as our test case, but we're
9 optimistic about those three streets, okay,
10 because of the way we put it together. But the
11 three streets that we took in for the test case
12 were Highway 17, 30th Street and Ocean
13 Boulevard so we only used three streets for
14 this test, but our anticipation is to come back
15 -- and we have some other things out there, we
16 have some other things out there we've not
17 called out and this -- and the RAISE Grant is
18 part, but we are -- we have called out this
19 side of the street to other opportunities that
20 Mr. Quattlebaum has already submitted for with
21 the smaller opportunities. So each time Mr.
22 Quattlebaum gets a request, whether it be
23 Council of Governments, whether it be South
24 Carolina General Assembly, whether it be US
25 Department of Transportation, whether it be



1 North Myrtle Beach, what he is able to do
2 because of the work of KHAFRA is he's able to
3 pick up parts of the town and submit them. And
4 this -- this side of the town has been
5 submitted to other opportunities that are out
6 there that we're waiting to get response back
7 on.

8 **MR. THOMAS:** You know, the only reason I asked that
9 question because I've been on the phone off and
10 on for hours, three days plus somewhere -- the
11 bus company. Buses run down 17, they take you
12 from Loris all the way to Pawleys Island, but
13 they don't stop in Atlantic Beach. And they --
14 the only reason I said that is because they
15 said we didn't have sidewalks.

16 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** That's correct.

17 **MR. THOMAS:** So you get the bus on 27th and Main
18 Street, on 33rd by the ---

19 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Uh-huh.

20 **MR. THOMAS:** --- and the only reason I did that,
21 (inaudible) that, is because of my ---

22 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

23 **MR. THOMAS:** --- turn around, they were back in the
24 backyard because them pumps and stuff they had
25 on wouldn't get (inaudible) in the dirt, so



1 they're waiting for an Uber, but that's when it
2 came up.

3 **MS. GIBSON-BAILEY:** So I'm glad you raised that
4 question so -- so that you know the magnitude
5 of the work that was done for the RAISE Grant,
6 those conversations were held with the
7 transportation company and, in fact, RTA wrote
8 the letter to the court indicating that if this
9 grant were awarded, they would put a bus stop
10 in Atlantic Beach. So they were -- they wrote
11 a letter of recommendation for the RAISE Grant
12 and indicated to us that's why it's not there,
13 you're absolutely right, because we don't have
14 sidewalks ---

15 **MR. THOMAS:** Right.

16 **MS. GIBSON-BAILEY:** --- if the sidewalks are there,
17 we have the support to put a bus stop there.

18 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Let me also add, Councilman
19 Campbell and Councilwoman Isom attended a
20 meeting, conference, through the County and
21 discovered while they were there -- indicated
22 that there are grant dollars called RIDE II
23 Funds that supposedly -- correct me if I'm
24 wrong -- there was supposed to be excess
25 dollars available to the County that, if they



1 weren't there, we wouldn't have found out about
2 it. The long story short, as Ms. Gibson
3 indicated, because we have KHAFFRA, the
4 engineering firm, on board, we would be able to
5 give them cost estimates for this side of 17
6 also for improvements to another part of money
7 called RIDE II Funds. So we're waiting to hear
8 for infrastructure improvements on this side of
9 17 as well as the other grant proposal he
10 submitted.

11 **MR. THOMAS:** That's good to hear (ph).

12 **MS. GIBSON-BAILEY:** Any other questions? Yes?

13 **MR. BOOKER:** (Inaudible) I know that (inaudible)
14 funding through various grants that we've
15 applied for but oftentimes, people who are
16 requesting grants don't get the full amount
17 that they're asking (inaudible) and so if we
18 don't get all that we're asking for, has there
19 been a process where (inaudible) part of what
20 we (inaudible).

21 **MS. GIBSON-BAILEY:** Well, there are a couple of
22 things that (inaudible), the first thing is
23 that we have a very significant contingency in
24 most of the infrastructure grants. That's
25 because of the variance in cost of goods that



1 we need to buy, you know, construction goods.
2 So there is some sway there. The second piece
3 that will happen is there is in all the time
4 lines that we submitted a negotiation period
5 where we'll negotiate out with the entity, just
6 like I said, when we applied for the Telling
7 the Full Story -- Telling the Full History
8 Preservation Grant, we actually asked for
9 \$50,000, and we had to tell them what we did --
10 would do with the \$50,000. And before they
11 made -- the reward amount went public on April
12 the 7th, one of the things that we had to all
13 do all the awardees is to then revise what we
14 told them to make -- to come as close to what
15 we're saying as possible. And so, I'm sure
16 that KHAFRA, as our engineering firm, will have
17 to go in with the Department of Transportation
18 and determine what elements will have to be
19 done to meet their expectations because also,
20 Department of Transportation particularly has
21 some very specific goals that they're trying to
22 meet with the RAISE Grant and so, in order to
23 meet those goals, we have to look at how we
24 would manage -- refine is maybe the word --
25 refine the proposal that we have in there so it



1 will be a part of the negotiation, and once
2 that comes out, then we'll have -- we'll
3 probably also need to engage the community
4 around how we're making those adjustments. Any
5 other questions? Okay, one last thing. I need
6 all 20 -- all 20 pieces of paper back for our
7 -- this is our first collection data about who
8 we are in Atlantic Beach and what we know, even
9 our guests, what our guests ---

10 (Inaudible background noise.)

11 **MS. GIBSON-BAILEY:** --- thank you, Mr. Quattlebaum,
12 for the opportunity.

13 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, let me just give a couple
14 of acknowledgments. First of all, I'd like to
15 thank and commend Ms. Gibson and her team. As
16 she indicated, Ms. Cheatham, Cheryl Pereira
17 from my staff, KHAFRA, our accountant worked
18 tirelessly, simultaneously on all of these
19 grants, and she called me the driving -- I'm
20 not the driving force behind that, she's the
21 driving force behind all of these efforts and
22 has gotten us to the place for these potential
23 opportunities so I would like to thank all of
24 those team members who participated ---

25 (Applause.)



1 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- and also, at the risk of
2 embarrassment, this gentleman, Mr. Eric Whalen,
3 please stand up. This gentleman owns the
4 billboard sign on Highway 17 ---

5 **(Applause.)**

6 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- he's responsible for the
7 Charlene Taylor and has donated a year's worth
8 of time for posting any event information in
9 regards to the Town so ---

10 **(Applause.)**

11 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- Town of Atlantic Beach and
12 want to thank him for the outstanding job. He
13 designed all of that for the tribute to
14 Councilwoman -- former Councilwoman Charlene
15 Taylor and did an excellent job so I just want
16 to acknowledge him, and he is the responsible
17 person for reconnecting me to the Carolina
18 Knight Riders and is working with us and the
19 Town to try to expand our Bike Fest cultural
20 event even further. So with that, I'd like to
21 turn it back over to you, Mayor.

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you. We're down to Public Time.

23 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** All right, we want to -- as a whole,
25 we want to thank Ms. ---



1 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** We have crossed a milestone that
2 we have never done in the history of this Town
3 of Atlantic Beach, you have taken us places we
4 never could have made it there. We are there,
5 and I am so glad and grateful. And I want to
6 tell everybody something here, and I -- I've
7 got so many people, including my mother, who
8 thinks that I talk too much all the time, but
9 I just wanted to let you all know, when I'm
10 talking, I'm really talking, 'cause I just feel
11 like I'm fighting for -- it's for the people of
12 Atlantic Beach. I'm not fighting for me, I
13 don't pay taxes in Atlantic Beach. I live
14 here, I don't own a grain of sand on Atlantic
15 Beach, but I'm fighting so hard for Atlantic
16 Beach 'cause the people in Atlantic Beach
17 deserve everything that everybody else has in
18 the world, and that's what I'm fighting for.
19 And if it's not in the book, I'm not fighting
20 for it; but if it's in that book, I'm gonna
21 fight for it whether you want me to or not,
22 okay? So, I want to let you all know that I am
23 so grateful for Denise Gibson and all of team.
24 Ms. Cheatham, you know you're my girl.
25 Everybody who has brought their hands in this



1 right here, I commend you on that. We have --
2 we're sitting up here, we might be taking
3 credit for it, but we aren't doing anything to
4 get the credit for it so therefore, I thank you
5 all for doing -- the credit for it, yes.

6 (Applause.)

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thanks, Councilwoman Gore.

8 Public Time:

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to Public Time. Will
10 Thomas.

11 **MS. GIBSON-BAILEY:** Please take a look at the
12 historical artifacts, take a look, because we
13 all have that in our houses, and I want to make
14 sure that we see it, if there's something you
15 have, we want to make sure that you -- 'cause
16 you -- some of you are gonna see yourselves up
17 there ---

18 (Inaudible background noise.)

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yeah, we've got some people back
20 there, somebody's gonna have to point out to me
21 who they are. But anyway, we're down to Public
22 Time. Will Thomas.

23 **MR. THOMAS:** Here.

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** All right.

25 **MR. THOMAS:** I've just got to ask this question:



1 You know, down in the cul-de-sac, we put the
2 plants there, and I want to know if the vendor
3 that's coming here will be protecting those
4 plants because if he don't that's a waste that
5 those women from North Myrtle Beach took their
6 time to plant.

7 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** When you say protect, what do ---

8 **MR. THOMAS:** Put like a little barricade around.

9 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Oh ---

10 **MR. THOMAS:** See, I don't know how he's gonna put
11 his tent, but if he don't -- if he puts his
12 tent in the middle, they might be safe but --
13 maybe they can talk, you know ---

14 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** The stage is gonna be only on the
15 (inaudible) portion of it, but I hear your
16 question, and the question becomes because of
17 the crowd ---

18 **MR. THOMAS:** Yes, gonna trample them down ---

19 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- trample (inaudible).

20 **MR. THOMAS:** Well, maybe we might have some little
21 yellow net barriers that could go around them
22 because, if not, that's a lot of money and time
23 that was put into those plants. And my other
24 question I had, Ms. Gibson asked me before,
25 because sometimes on this side of the highway



1 we feel left out, but we're -- fighting on the
2 east side, the west side is right there with
3 'em, but even when they come over just giving
4 little things, just a popsicle stick'll do
5 good, but we fight all the time side-by-side
6 with the east side. That's all I've got.

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** All right. Thanks, Will. Lynda
8 Booker.

9 **MS. BOOKER:** Good evening, everybody.

10 **IN UNISON:** Good evening.

11 **MS. BOOKER:** But before I say anything, I'd just
12 like to thank you for entrusting me as a member
13 of the Zoning Appeals Board, I appreciate that
14 and I'll do my job.

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

16 **MS. BOOKER:** The reason I want to speak with you, I
17 have three things. The Prince (ph) of Pearl,
18 years ago we started a little jazz concert, we
19 had -- we held it down there at the cul-de-sac,
20 and we have a lot of new members now because a
21 lot of the new ladies that have come to the
22 town have (inaudible) Prince of Pearl, and they
23 would like to have an evening event in July.
24 We don't charge but it -- all we do is sell the
25 alcohol and the food. I'm really not



1 interested in selling the food, far as I'm
2 concerned, (inaudible) part of that money can
3 go to the Town, part of it (inaudible), that's
4 fine with me. We keep the alcohol. So, the
5 cooperation that I need from the Town is we
6 just need a couple of porta potties down there
7 to make sure that people are able to use the
8 restroom. We're not gonna have a full-blown
9 jazz concert since this is our first time
10 coming back, we will probably have a couple of
11 jazz musicians, and this is something that'll
12 probably start around maybe 6:00 in the evening
13 and go into maybe 9:00 or 10:00 o'clock at
14 night. And we'd like to have 30th Avenue for
15 -- open for people to bring their chairs, and
16 they usually sit out on 30th Avenue (inaudible)
17 so I wanted to make sure that's okay with the
18 Council. And ...

19 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Is there a specific date?

20 **MS. BOOKER:** We haven't picked a date, I wanted to
21 talk to you first. We're looking at the second
22 week. We're looking at the second week in
23 July.

24 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** On the weekend ---

25 **MS. BOOKER:** Yeah, it'll be on Saturday, yes. And



1 the next thing that I want to talk about, we
2 also used to have -- as everybody knows, we
3 used to have health seminars, we used to have
4 law seminars, Medicare seminars, and they were
5 very successful. And so, I'd like to start
6 those again. We have -- just on our beach, we
7 have so many people who have built their homes
8 and they can come and offer their services to
9 us, I mean, we have Chip (ph), he can talk to
10 us about security. A lot of people are
11 retiring, they want to have a Medicare seminar
12 because some of the plans have changed and they
13 need to talk to someone about what it is that
14 you need to be looking to do at this point. I
15 know Plan F has moved away and I think it's
16 Plan G now. So we need -- we had those, we had
17 law, we had -- we have lawyers all over, but
18 just would like to get back to that, and we did
19 that here at the Community Center, we did it
20 maybe once a month on Saturday mornings, and we
21 provided coffee and donuts and that type of
22 thing. We never provided breakfast, but just
23 coffee and donuts. So I wanted to just speak
24 -- to see if that's okay to start that back up.
25 We -- many of us benefit from those seminars.



1 (Inaudible) they came and spoke to us, I mean,
2 they gave us information, we had no idea. So
3 we already have some people lined up. I think
4 Denise Gibson -- Denise, your sister is a
5 physician? I think she's gonna be one of our
6 speakers as well. So, we want to start that up
7 again so I'd just like permission to get that
8 (inaudible). And the last thing, I know that
9 the Bike Fest is coming up, and the last time
10 we had Bike Fest, it was a nightmare for the
11 trash pickup. They didn't pick up everything,
12 they picked up at the end of Bike Fest in our
13 town (inaudible) it looked really bad and then
14 when I went to the guys that were picking up,
15 I said you all have to get the trash out of our
16 yards, they said I'm not paid to get trash
17 outta of your yards. I said, well, we didn't
18 put it there, it came from the Bike Fest. I'd
19 just like to find out how that (inaudible).

20 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** I'm working on an administrative
21 plan as we speak ---

22 **MS. BOOKER:** Okay.

23 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- to address those issues ---

24 **MS. BOOKER:** Good.

25 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- we don't have a similar



1 situation.

2 **MS. BOOKER:** Good. Thank you, I appreciate it.

3 That's it for me.

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

5 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I would like to inform you all
6 of -- it's not -- nothing's gonna be that big,
7 but I'm trying to get together with this lady
8 out of Charleston, is something for Juneteenth.
9 I'm -- I don't know anything about Juneteenth,
10 and I'm not the only one, the people in this
11 area really wasn't taught anything about
12 Juneteenth so it's kinda new to us so we're
13 wanting to do something, we're probably wanting
14 to do it -- we're wanting to do something --
15 actually, it was going to be like three days --
16 I've got to give you a (inaudible) Council and
17 I forgot all about it, I'm just (inaudible)
18 organized I think. But Juneteenth, nothing
19 big, like I said, but we're wanting everything
20 to come out, and I promise you, I will get some
21 literature out to everybody in this town on
22 your door so you will know exactly what it is,
23 that anybody who wants to participate doing
24 something on Juneteenth -- you may know the
25 history or whatever -- want to come out, I'm



1 sure that it won't be a problem so therefore,
2 so we just want to do something so we can bring
3 that -- introduce the people to Juneteenth, I
4 mean, you know, 'cause I don't know nothing
5 about it, I wasn't taught anything about it.
6 And for the -- most of the people here in the
7 town that I know of don't anything about
8 Juneteenth so we're gonna do a little
9 something. I'll let you all know, we'll put
10 flyers out.

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thanks, Councilwoman. Is that it,
12 we're down to adjourn? Council ---

13 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Mayor, I make a motion that we
14 adjourn.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second to
17 adjourn. If there are no questions or
18 comments, roll call.

19 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

20 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

21 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

22 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

23 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

24 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

25 **CLERK:** Councilman Jim DeWitt?



1 COUNCILMAN DeWITT: Yea.

2 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

3 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted. Meeting ended
4 at 6:54 p.m.

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

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