

TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

10:00 a.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 28th day of Wednesday, 2023, and transcribed by Travis McLeod, Court Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of South Carolina.



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APPEARANCES

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor Jake Evans, Chairman
Mayor Pro-tem Josephine Isom
Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore
Councilman Edward Campbell

ADMINISTRATION:

Cheryl Pereira, Town Clerk

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1 **CALL TO ORDER:**

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** This Town Council special session --
3 special sessions meeting and public hearing is
4 called to order on Wednesday, June the 28th at
5 10:00 a.m. Roll call.

6 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell.

7 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Here.

8 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro-tem Josephine Isom.

9 **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:** Here.

10 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore.

11 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Here.

12 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans.

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Here. Council, seek a motion to go
14 into executive session for personnel matters.

15 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** So moved.

16 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** Second.

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second to go into
18 executive session for personnel. Any other
19 questions or comments?

20 (No response.)

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** Roll call.

22 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell.

23 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yay.

24 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro-tem Josephine Isom.

25 **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:** Yay.



1 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore.

2 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yay.

3 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans.

4 MAYOR EVANS: Yay. The motion's granted.

5 EXECUTIVE SESSION:

6 (Executive Session)

7 MAYOR EVANS: Council, I seek a motion to come out
8 of executive session into the general session.

9 UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: So moved.

10 UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: Second.

11 MAYOR EVANS: Motion and a second to come out of the
12 executive session into the general session.
13 Any other questions or comments?

14 (No response.)

15 MAYOR EVANS: If not, roll call.

16 CLERK: Councilman Edward Campbell.

17 COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Here [sic].

18 CLERK: Mayor Pro-tem Josephine Isom.

19 MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM: Yay.

20 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore.

21 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yay.

22 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans.

23 MAYOR EVANS: Yay. The motion's granted.

24 GENERAL SESSION:

25 MAYOR EVANS: We're now in the general session of



1 our meeting. I'll ask at this time if we have
2 any pagers or cell phones that would disturb
3 the proceeding, would you silence those for us
4 at this time please. And stand for a moment of
5 silence.

6 (A moment of silence is observed.)

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** The Pledge of Allegiance.

8 (The Pledge of Allegiance is recited.)

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to approval of the agenda.
10 Council, seek a motion for the approval of the
11 agenda.

12 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** So moved.

13 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** Second.

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second's on the floor for
15 the approval of the agenda. There are no other
16 questions or comments, roll call.

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** If not, role call.

18 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell.

19 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yay.

20 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro-tem Josephine Isom.

21 **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:** Yay.

22 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore.

23 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yay.

24 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans.

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yay. The motion's granted. We're



1 down to old business.

2 **OLD BUSINESS:**

3 **MAYOR EVANS:** town council meeting minutes, minutes
4 from town council meetings held on June 6
5 [sic], 2023. Council, seek a motion for the
6 approval.

7 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** So moved.

8 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Second.

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second's on the floor for
10 the approval of the minutes of June the 5th,
11 2023. Any other questions or comments?

12 (No response.)

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** If not, roll call.

14 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell.

15 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yay.

16 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro-tem Josephine Isom.

17 **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:** Yay.

18 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore.

19 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yay.

20 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans.

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yay. The motion's granted. We're
22 down to item number five under old business,
23 which is our public hearing. Council, seek a
24 motion to open the floor for the public hearing
25 for the budget.



1 UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: So moved.

2 UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: Second.

3 MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and a second of the
4 floor to open the floor for the public hearing
5 of the proposed budget for 2023-2024.

6 UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: Roll call?

7 MAYOR EVANS: Yeah, roll call.

8 CLERK: Councilman Edward Campbell.

9 COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Yay.

10 CLERK: Mayor Pro-tem Josephine Isom.

11 MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM: Yay.

12 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore.

13 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yay.

14 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans.

15 MAYOR EVANS: Yay. The motion's granted. The floor
16 is now open for the public hearing.

17 PUBLIC HEARING:

18 MAYOR EVANS: If anybody has any questions on the,
19 the budget for 2023-2024 now is the time.

20 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor and Council, first and
21 foremost let me thank the Council, Mayor and
22 Council and the public and all of the residents
23 and property owners of the town who
24 acknowledged and sent condolences on the
25 passing of my father last Tuesday. I'd like to



1 thank all of you for your display of support.
2 My family appreciates what you have done. Also
3 just want to state for the record about three
4 months ago I sent to my father information
5 about the town, its development, some articles
6 and some examples of the kind of homes that are
7 being built in the town. He wrote back to me
8 and told me how proud he was of what we were
9 doing here in the town of Atlantic Beach and
10 reminded me of the great responsibility that I
11 had in leading a community such as this and
12 maintaining the culture and the heritage of
13 this historic community. He inspired me
14 tremendously and he took great interest, even
15 up to his passing to talk about Atlantic Beach
16 and what an opportunity that we all have before
17 us in terms of making this community one of the
18 finest. So I say to you, Council, to the
19 public, residents that I am committed to do all
20 I can to make sure that the renaissance that's
21 taking place in Atlantic Beach continues and
22 achieves the kind of status and recognition
23 that we so richly deserve. So again, thank you
24 all for your condolences. And with that I move
25 to the budget as presented in the first hearing



1 for 2023-'24. There will be no modifications
2 and changes. The proposed general fund budget
3 is \$1,238,318.16 for fiscal year '23-'24. In
4 my presentation of the current year budget I'd
5 just like to make a statement, and I don't have
6 specific numbers. I was away tending to my
7 father's burial arrangements. But there will
8 be two items that will increase before the
9 final budget is completed for this fiscal year.
10 And those are in the area of business license
11 fee collection. Since our last -- this
12 presentation there have been several businesses
13 that have stepped up and have paid their
14 business license since this number was
15 reported. So that number will increase. If I
16 had to give my best estimate I would project at
17 least a minimum of \$50,000 more in that line
18 item. Also in the line item of hospitality
19 taxes I expect an increase. The accountant in
20 review of the payments of the hospitality taxes
21 required by businesses in the town, there were
22 some discrepancy about where businesses had to
23 pay their taxes to, the county or directly to
24 the town, Atlantic Beach. So there will be a
25 reconciliation and an increase in hospitality



1 taxes to the town of Atlantic Beach in 2022-
2 '23. Other than that everything else remains
3 the same. Council, I made the recommendation
4 to Council on salary increases for staff
5 individually. If Council approves those salary
6 increases will go into effect along with a
7 bonus to be paid staff of American Recovery
8 Program Funds. In addition, Council, if
9 approved, with the budget approve a \$500 a
10 month travel car allowance for the town manager
11 we charge incorporated in the budget. Also I'd
12 like to hand out -- Cheryl is handing out the
13 list of items that I'm requesting approval from
14 the Council to be paid out of the American
15 Rescue Program Funds. As you recall we have
16 approximately \$222,000 in grant funds under the
17 American Rescue Program allocated to the town.
18 What she's handing out many of these items,
19 large items have already been approved by
20 Council individually, cars, drums, some major
21 expenses. But to make sure that we have all of
22 these items identified in the budget to be paid
23 for under American Rescue Program Funds. And
24 they total \$64,800.37. So in addition and part
25 of the budget approval I'm requesting that the



1 64,000 be paid out of American Recovery Funds
2 be credited to that program as opposed to the
3 general budget. With that we will leave an
4 available balance of about \$156,739.19 if
5 Council approves all of those expenditures.
6 They have been reviewed and approved and
7 certified by an accountant that they're
8 eligible to be paid for under the American
9 Rescue Program. For that they (inaudible) have
10 any other qualifications, changes in the budget
11 and the budget as presented at our last public
12 hearing is being recommended for adoption. Any
13 questions?

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** Council, do you have questions?

15 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** No.

16 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** No, I don't.

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. Council, seek a motion to close
18 the public hearing ---

19 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** Second.

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** --- for 2023-2024 ---

21 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** Second.

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** --- budget. Motion and second is on
23 the floor to close the public hearing. Roll
24 call.

25 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell.



1 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yay.

2 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro-tem Josephine Isom.

3 **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:** Yay.

4 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore.

5 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yay.

6 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans.

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yay. The motion's granted. We're
8 down to item six, which is the approval of the
9 American Recovery Program expenditures for
10 2022-2023, which is the 64,817.37. Council,
11 seek a motion.

12 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** So moved.

13 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** Second.

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** There is a motion and a second on the
15 floor for the approval of the ARP, American
16 Recovery Program for the 2022-2023 in the
17 amount of 64,801.37. There are no other
18 questions or comments, roll call.

19 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell.

20 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yay.

21 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro-tem Josephine Isom.

22 **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:** Yay.

23 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore.

24 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yay.

25 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans.



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yay. The motion's granted. We're
2 down to item seven, ordinance number 7-2023.
3 This is to adopt the budget for the year 2023-
4 2024. And this will be the second reading. I
5 seek a motion, Council.

6 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** So moved.

7 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Second.

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second on the
9 floor to adopt ordinance number 7-2023, which
10 is the budget for 2023-2024 and this is the
11 second reading. If there are no other
12 questions or comments, roll call.

13 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell.

14 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yay.

15 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro-tem Josephine Isom.

16 **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:** Yay.

17 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore.

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yay.

19 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans.

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yay. The motion's granted and we're
21 now down to new business.

22 **NEW BUSINESS:**

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** And item A under new business, a
24 request and presentation to obtain a permit to
25 display fireworks on the beach. Mr. Lewis



1 Broome.

2 **UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER:** He's not here.

3 **MAYOR EVANS:** Oh, he's not here.

4 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** He's not here.

5 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. I guess, Council, we need to
6 vote. Seeking a motion for the request for a
7 fireworks presentation on the beach for the 4th
8 of July.

9 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** So moved.

10 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Second.

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** There is a motion and a second on the
12 floor to grant a request to obtain a permit to
13 display fireworks on the beach for the 4th of
14 July. Any other questions or comments?

15 (No response.)

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** Roll call.

17 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell.

18 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yay.

19 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro-tem Josephine Isom.

20 **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:** Yay.

21 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore.

22 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yay.

23 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans.

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yay. The motion's granted. We're
25 down to item b under new business. The Gullah



1 Geechee Festival Report. Is Ms. Mallett here?

2 **UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER:** Ms. Mallett called me this
3 morning and had a doctor's appointment and will
4 not be able to present the report at this
5 meeting.

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, we're down to the police
7 department report. Chief?

8 **CHIEF ROBINSON:** Good afternoon, everyone. We got a
9 couple things from the police department. We
10 would like to present that our first annual
11 town movie night that will be this Friday night
12 in the community center. Every member of the
13 town is welcome to come. We will be showing
14 the new Black Panther that just came out. We
15 will be serving popcorn, drinks, chips and
16 candy. So everybody is welcome. The doors
17 open at 6:00 p.m. The movie will start at
18 6:30. So every member of the town, kids,
19 grandkids, bring them out. It'll be nice this
20 Friday night at 6:30. Council and everybody
21 are welcome also. Second thing, we are
22 starting our first annual neighborhood watch
23 program. The first meeting, the initial
24 meeting will be Monday, July the 17th, 2023 at
25 4:00 p.m. to 5:30. I would like for every



1 resident in the town to come out. Y'all are a
2 big component to stopping crime in the town.
3 Y'all are our ears and eyes. Y'all see more
4 than my officers will see. So I hope y'all
5 come out. And we want to give y'all some good
6 information to pass along and try to start this
7 neighborhood watch program and make sure
8 everybody is part of it. Any questions from
9 anybody?

10 (No response.)

11 **CHIEF ROBINSON:** All right. Well I appreciate it.

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

13 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** I'd like to say that
14 firework display or the firework store, he's
15 going to be doing a display down at the
16 oceanfront for the 4th of July. That's why
17 it's a one time thing and he's wanting
18 everybody to come out to that display. So
19 that's what that's gonna be.

20 **UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER:** Do you know what time that's
21 gonna start?

22 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** I -- he did tell me. I
23 don't know. We have to find out and see.
24 Probably right at dark. But it'll only last
25 like 15, 20 minutes at the most.



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** Alrighty, manager's report?

2 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, Council, public, I'd like
3 to give a preliminary overview report of the
4 bikefest this year, 2023. As all of you know
5 for the first time they tell me in the history
6 of the town we had rain for two consecutive
7 days. And notwithstanding that we had one
8 pretty good day on Sunday. With that, just
9 like to give some preliminary report, not
10 final, still anticipating some income and some
11 expenses to be charged against the program.
12 But in overview, we had 48 total vendors. That
13 number is down from last year when we had 56
14 vendors participate. We started off the year
15 February, March with a significant increase in
16 the number of new vendors that participated.
17 And has been the tradition here, a lot of the
18 consistent vendors sometime hold off until the
19 week of the event to register notwithstanding
20 a late fee. So that number is down from 56
21 last year to 48 paid vendors. Many of them
22 paid in advance. I think we had about four or
23 five who paid and didn't show at all. So with
24 that we were, as you well know, the
25 administrative overhead continued for all of



1 the kind of services we had to buy, I mean
2 support from porta johns to clean up to all of
3 the necessary items. So they are (inaudible).
4 So with that we -- once we receive we have an
5 outstanding payment to the town of \$10,000 by
6 the entertainment group. Once in receipt of
7 that they indicated they will -- that will be
8 paid by the 15th of the month. Upon receipt of
9 that the 2023 bikefest would still come out on
10 the positive side. I was very concerned based
11 on preliminary outlook whether we would
12 experience a deficit on this year's program.
13 But I anticipate we will come out on the
14 positive side covering all of our overhead
15 expenses. And just for record, bikefest funds
16 are a separate program. They do not impact the
17 general fund operations and are a stand-alone
18 in terms of its income and cost -- stand-alone
19 and paid for themselves on a year to year
20 basis. So we did not suffer, again, a loss.
21 And I do project by the July 10th meeting to
22 have the final numbers, the income and expenses
23 for the event and report in detail to the
24 Council and community. Any questions?

25 (No response.)



1 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Thank you.

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you. Council, seek a motion to
3 adjourn.

4 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** So moved.

5 **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** Second.

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and second to adjourn. Roll
7 call.

8 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell.

9 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yay.

10 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro-tem Josephine Isom.

11 **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:** Yay.

12 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore.

13 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yay.

14 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans.

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yay. The motion's granted. Meeting
16 adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

17 **(There being nothing further, the meeting concluded**
18 **at 11:23 a.m.)**

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