

**TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH
SOUTH CAROLINA
TOWN COUNCIL**

TOWN COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING

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APPEARANCES

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. John David, Mayor Pro Tem
Carla Taylor, Councilwoman
Edward Campbell, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT:

Linda Cheatham, Interim Town Manager
Cheryl Pereira, Town Clerk

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1 CALL TO ORDER:

2 **MR. DAVID:** Good morning. I would like to call this
3 meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. on December the
4 20th. Roll call.

5 **MS. PEREIRA:** Councilman Edward Campbell.

6 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Here.

7 **MS. PEREIRA:** Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

8 **MS. TAYLOR:** Here.

9 **MS. PERIRA:** Mayor Pro Tem, John David.

10 **MR. DAVID:** Present.

11 **MS. PEREIRA:** Mayor Jake Evans. I would like for the
12 record, councilwoman Jacqueline Gore is not
13 available to make it to the meeting this
14 morning.

15 **MR. DAVID:** Okay. With that, I'd like to open, I
16 don't think we have an executive session on the
17 agenda. And we'd like to call this meeting to
18 order. Is there a, do we have a motion to
19 second roll call?

20 **MR. CAMPBELL:** I have a second.

21 **MR. DAVID:** Roll call?

22 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** What is going on?

23 **MS. PEREIRA:** Councilman Edward Campbell.

24 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Present.

25 **MS. PEREIRA:** Councilwoman Carla Taylor



1 **MS. TAYLOR:** Yay.

2 **MS. PEREIRA:** Mayor Pro Tem, John David.

3 **MR. DAVID:** Yes ma'am, yes. So, the first thing on
4 the agenda. Let us turn it over to Ms.
5 Cheatham.

6 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Okay, thank you. Good morning. Last
7 week, we were informed that the funds we had
8 received from the American Rescue Plan Act
9 needed to be obligated and under contract by
10 12/31/24, or else we would lose it. I attended
11 a webinar, last Friday. I think, Mayor Pro Tem
12 participated in one earlier this week. And the
13 federal government is being strict about having
14 to obligate it, so I would like your
15 authorization to enter into a contract with Mr.
16 Electric to put an EV charger down on Ocean
17 Boulevard, South Ocean Boulevard, at a cost of
18 approximately \$50,000.00. We received the
19 funds from a grant from Santee Cooper that
20 would be up to \$25,000.00, for putting in two
21 chargers. We have put in one out the community
22 center. It was a level two. The community
23 that uses EV chargers stresses how much faster
24 a level three chargers. Although, it's much
25 more costly, it would -- attract a number of



1 people, and the town will share in the revenue
2 of what we charge for people to use the
3 charger. Although, I can't say what that
4 revenue is at the moment. As I said, we have
5 \$83,000.00 to spend. We'd like to use
6 \$49,500.00 for the EV charger, and I'm doing
7 the math because I left all my papers at home
8 today. We'd like to use the balance of
9 \$33,500.00, to enter into a contract to get the
10 Community Center roof repaired. This item was
11 on the agenda in September 9th, but it was
12 tabled. We have received another -- we have
13 received a proposal from Monarch Roof Company,
14 to work on the roof. With a ten year warranty,
15 and, so we would use the funds that would be
16 left over for the roof repair, in addition to
17 the dollars that we will get back from Santee
18 Cooper for the reimbursement, as well as some
19 general fund dollars to get the roof repaired.
20 We continue to hear about the necessity of
21 getting that roof repaired. It's impacting our
22 electric bill, it's preventing us from using
23 LED lights because there's no need in putting
24 new lighting up there if they're only going to
25 get wet. Can I answer any questions about



1 this?

2 **MR. DAVID:** Ms. Cheatham, there's a -- go ahead
3 Carla.

4 **MS. TAYLOR:** Now, would this require two separate
5 motions? One for Mr. Electric and one for
6 Monarch --

7 **MS. CHEATHAM:** I would -- yes.

8 **MR. DAVID:** We'll we could say or give a motion to
9 utilize the American -- the \$83,000.00 as
10 programed, or however, but Ms. Cheatham?

11 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Yes.

12 **MR. DAVID:** The amount for the level three charger, I
13 know is \$49,632.00 --- or something like that.

14 **MS. CHEATHAM:** And some change.

15 **MR. DAVID:** --- or something right?

16 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Yeah, yes.

17 **MR. DAVID:** Yeah, so, and you also have to pay the
18 balance of the level two charger too. The
19 twelve thousand for that, right?

20 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Yes, but that was also authorized. I
21 mean --

22 **MR. DAVID:** Okay.

23 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Yeah.

24 **MR. DAVID:** I know that \$12,000.00 was authorized or
25 at least half, but --



1 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Oh, okay. Well, I was not aware, I'm
2 sorry. I was not aware

3 **MR. DAVID:** You weren't sure if it was or not?

4 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Well, was the space --

5 **MR. DAVID:** But it's really -- but it's really
6 \$25,000.00 to borrow. I know we talked about
7 12 but --

8 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Okay, so we need to pay -- well, we
9 need \$49,695.00. I'm doing my math, and
10 \$12,236.00.

11 **MR. DAVID:** Mr. Electric?

12 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Yes, so we need one, three, eight,
13 one. We need \$61,831.00 for Mr. Electric.

14 **MR. CAMPBELL:** What's the total cost for the roof?

15 **MS. CHEATHAM:** The roof is gonna be \$68,000.00, but
16 we will get \$25,000.00 back from Mr. Electric.

17 **MR. DAVID:** We get \$25,000.00 back reimbursement from
18 Santee Cooper.

19 **MS. CHEATHAM:** I'm sorry.

20 **MR. DAVID:** From that involved grant.

21 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Yes, thank you.

22 **MR. DAVID:** And then, correct me if I'm wrong on the
23 level three charger, do we get all of it
24 reimbursed? The whole \$49,695.00, or is half
25 of that?



1 MS. CHEATHAM: It's

2 MR. DAVID: I can't remember.

3 MS. CHEATHAM: We get a total of \$25,000.00 in total.

4 MR. DAVID: That's from Santee ---

5 MS. CHEATHAM: That's from Santee --

6 MR. DAVID: --- Cooper ---

7 MS. CHEATHAM: From Santee Cooper.

8 MR. DAVID: --- with the evolve.

9 MS. CHEATHAM: With the evolve.

10 MR. DAVID: But Denise said we get, I can't remember
11 half or all of it back from the orange.

12 MS. CHEATHAM: We get

13 MR. DAVID: Or from some other grant.

14 MS. CHEATHAM: We get all of it back ---

15 MR. DAVID: Okay.

16 MS. CHEATHAM: --- from Horry County. We get
17 \$49,000.00 back from Horry County.

18 MR. DAVID: So we will in theory be reimbursed the
19 \$61,000.00.

20 MS. CHEATHAM: We would, yes, that is correct.

21 MR. DAVID: Yes, so we have to spend it today because
22 it's -- we have to spend it, or obligated to
23 get -- to spend the American Rescue Act money
24 because it's due by 12/31 to be obligated.

25 MS. CHEATHAM: Yes.



1 **MR. DAVID:** And when we filed for reimbursement after
2 paying these, we will get \$25,000.00 back from
3 Santee Cooper, we'll get the \$59,000.00 back
4 from Horry County.

5 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Horry, right. Horry --

6 **MR. DAVID:** And then we'll take that money and use
7 the rest of it. We'll have \$22,000.00
8 basically, \$22,000.00, whatever, whatever,
9 left, and then we'll get reimbursed and use the
10 same money to pay the cost of the roof, so
11 we'll pay for all the EV chargers and the whole
12 roof repair with this \$83,000.00.

13 **MS. CHEATHAM:** That is correct, thank you. Have I
14 made everybody confused?

15 **MR. DAVID:** Yes.

16 **MS. TAYLOR:** I understand. So --

17 **MR. DAVID:** You could take a motion to obligate Ms.
18 Cheatham to do whatever contractually with the
19 80 -- with the American Rescue Act money.

20 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Right.

21 **MR. DAVID:** Prior to 12/31, so we make sure we spend
22 it appropriately, where ever.

23 **MS. TAYLOR:** And was that your motion?

24 **MR. DAVID:** No ma'am, (inaudible).

25 **MS. TAYLOR:** Huh?



1 **MR. DAVID:** I don't know if I could pick something
2 up, I guess.

3 **MS. TAYLOR:** Go ahead, I'll second it. Go ahead.

4 **MR. DAVID:** I said, I moved to allow Ms. Cheatham,
5 our town manager to obligate the American
6 Rescue Act money that we have to have obligated
7 by 12/31, so it is properly discharged, and
8 obligated.

9 **MS. TAYLOR:** I second.

10 **MR. DAVID:** With that, is there a -- any discussion
11 to the motion, or any further discussion? With
12 that roll call.

13 **MS. PEREIRA:** Councilman Edward Campbell.

14 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Yay.

15 **MS. PEREIRA:** Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

16 **MS. TAYLOR:** Yay.

17 **MS. PEREIRA:** Mayor Pro Tem, John David.

18 **MR. DAVID:** Yes. The only other thing that I would
19 say, I know you said you're gonna forward the
20 estimate for the roof repair. Could you please
21 make sure to send that to all of us?

22 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Yes, I will.

23 **MR. DAVID:** I wanna make -- I wanna make sure. I
24 remember Mr. Booker talking about one thing
25 that I referred about this roof company versus



1 the other, and that they did say that they
2 would take care of the fascia, the old wood,
3 and repair anything that was damaged versus the
4 other ones did not say that they were repairing
5 anything. They were basically covering, or
6 whatever, so I just want to make sure ---

7 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Sure.

8 **MR. DAVID:** --- we have that and then whatever
9 contract that we do move forward with

10 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Yes.

11 **MR. DAVID:** --- that they repair, replace, and make
12 sure we fix with our ten year warranty is --
13 will be in good standards after we ---

14 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Yeah.

15 **MR. DAVID:** --- finished it.

16 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Okay. I will do that. I will do that
17 right now.

18 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Not half a roof.

19 **MR. DAVID:** Yeah.

20 **MS. CHEATHAM:** No, it's for the whole roof.

21 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Oh, okay.

22 **MS. CHEATHAM:** It's for the whole roof.

23 **MR. DAVID:** And, one thing about the charging
24 station. Ms. Cheatham, I just want to point out
25 to you all, we sat with these, the chargers,



1 folks. So, Santee Cooper has put on in. They
2 gotta put another one in down here Ocean.
3 Hopefully we'll get some more whenever they do
4 this other grant for Ocean Boulevard with the
5 lights and all that stuff, but monetizing that,
6 Ms. Cheatham has to go back and talk to another
7 group of folks because, I don't know, you may
8 have talked to them last week, but we have to
9 -- we pay for the electricity, and people can
10 come and get it for free, but we're gonna
11 monetize that so that, I'm using my nephew as
12 an example. He goes to the Tesla chargers, and
13 he has to pay like \$8.00, or \$20.00, to fill up
14 with electricity, so that payment in some towns
15 is just going -- it's just free because they
16 want people to come to the town, but we're
17 gonna charge. So that we get, you know, so we
18 can pay our light bill, and so that we can make
19 some money as well, so that we can get money
20 back through that third party vendor. Every
21 time somebody comes and charge -- fills up,
22 we'll get a check supposably. It either be used
23 to pay the light bill or to be funds that we
24 make depending on how it goes.

25 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Oh, I also have a question. Where on



1 the Ocean Boulevard are they gonna replace the
2 electric charger? Wouldn't the salt mess their
3 machine up? From the salt water?

4 **MR. DAVID:** It's gonna be on 30th but I don't know
5 how the salt water is gonna effect it.

6 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Right.

7 **MR. DAVID:** Yeah. We could ask Mr. Electric if
8 there's something special we could do.

9 **MR. CAMPBELL:** What if we put it in front of the town
10 hall, what they move it further down Ocean
11 Boulevard?

12 **MS. CHEATHAM:** We moved it further down ---

13 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Yeah.

14 **MS. CHEATHAM:** --- because we thought that would be
15 more accessible to people, what am I trying to
16 say, going to the beach.

17 **MR. DAVID:** And she also said she had -- Denise said
18 that she had to do that in order to tie it in
19 relations to --

20 **MS. CHEATHAM:** To the Horry County.

21 **MR. DAVID:** Yeah.

22 **MS. CHEATHAM:** I'm sorry.

23 **MR. DAVID:** The Horry County money that we're ---

24 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Right.

25 **MR. DAVID:** --- getting the \$450,000.00 ---



1 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Yeah.

2 **MR. DAVID:** --- to do -- since she had to move, we
3 couldn't -- we didn't have enough money when
4 they did it out, well they posted it out, and
5 if you have to buy America. So when we had to
6 America, the cost basically double. Instead of
7 doing all on 30th, they moved it to Ocean. And
8 then, to, and we have some people, some black
9 folks that are really coming in to do this, or
10 contractor, that's maybe save us some money,
11 but she said she had to put the EV charging
12 stations down closer to where Ocean was so that
13 it interchanged, or directly affected that grid
14 whenever it happens. I guess it don't have to
15 be tied in together, and it being up towards
16 the community, or town hall, they make that
17 work since we're now down on Ocean. To utilize
18 the grant.

19 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Oh, okay. Thank you.

20 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Any time, any time. Okay.

21 **MR. DAVID:** And Ms. Cheatham?

22 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Yes, sir?

23 **MR. DAVID:** Make sure you get that letter, so we can

24 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Yes, sir.

25 **MR. DAVID:** make sure



1 **MS. CHEATHAM:** As soon as we get off the phone, I'm
2 getting ready to send the email to Mr.
3 Electric. It's already drafted.

4 **MR. DAVID:** Okay.

5 **MS. CHEATHAM:** I didn't wanna send it before we met,
6 but.

7 **MR. DAVID:** (Inaudible)

8 **MS. CHEATHAM:** And I am gonna call the roofing
9 company, Monday to tell him to come in. He had
10 a baby yesterday, and I got so excited that he
11 was having a baby that I told him I would call
12 him on January the 2nd. And then I realized
13 that was too late, so I will call him on
14 Monday, and asked him to come in on the 30th,
15 so we can -- to get me something on the 30th,
16 and we can sign off on it. Okay?

17 **MR. DAVID:** Great.

18 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Thank you.

19 **MS. TAYLOR:** Well

20 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Yes.

21 **MS. TAYLOR:** With that being said, I make a motion
22 that we adjourned.

23 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Second.

24 **MR. DAVID:** Roll call.

25 **MS. PEREIRA:** Councilman Edward Campbell.



1 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Yay.

2 **MS. PEREIRA:** Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

3 **MS. TAYLOR:** Yay.

4 **MS. PEREIRA:** Mayor Pro Tem, John David.

5 **MR. DAVID:** Yes.

6 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Happy holidays.

7 **MS. PEREIRA:** Meeting adjourned at --

8 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Be safe.

9 **MR. DAVID:** Thank you, happy holidays.

10 **MR. CAMPBELL:** (Inaudible).

11 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Thank you.

12 **MS. PEREIRA:** Meeting adjourned -- same to you, my

13 dear. Let's say meeting. Meeting adjourned at

14 ---

15 **MS. CHEATHAM:** At 10:19.

16 **MS. PEREIRA:** --- at 10:19.

17 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Buh-bye.

18 **MS. TAYLOR:** See ya Monday.

19 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Take care. All right.

20 **MS. PEREIRA:** Buh-bye.

21 **MR. DAVID:** You said 10:19?

22 **MS. PEREIRA:** Right.

23 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Yeah, thank you.

24 **MS. PEREIRA:** Meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

25 **(This meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.)**



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