TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 2:00 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 15th day of May, 2024, and transcribed by Amanda Godfrey, Court Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of South Carolina.

<u>APPEARANCES</u>

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor Jake Evans, Chairman Mayor Pro Tem Josephine Isom Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore

ADMINISTRATION:

Orton Bellamy, Interim Town Manager Cheryl Pereira, Clerk

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1 Call to Order:

- 2 MAYOR EVANS: This Town Council Special Budget
- meeting is called to order this Wednesday, May
- 4 15, year 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Roll call.
- 5 | CLERK: Councilman Edward Campbell? Mayor Pro Tem
- Josephine Isom?
- 7 | MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM: Here.
- 8 | CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?
- 9 | COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Here.
- 10 | CLERK: Councilman John David? Mayor Jake Evans?
- 11 | MAYOR EVANS: Here. Council, has anyone heard from
- 12 the other Council members or you -- at all?
- 13 FEMALE SPEAKER: No.
- 14 | MAYOR EVANS: Okay. Council, seek a motion to go
- into Executive Session for the budget ---
- 16 | COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.
- 17 | MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM: Second.
- 18 | MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and second on the
- 19 floor to go into Executive Session for the
- 20 budget meeting. Any other questions or
- 21 comments? Roll call.
- 22 | CLERK: Mayor Pro Tem Josephine Isom?
- 23 | MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM: Yea.
- 24 | CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?
- 25 | COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

	SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING 4
1	CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?
2	MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The motion's granted, Executive
3	Session.
4	Executive Session:
5	(Executive Session.)
6	MAYOR EVANS: Council, I seek a motion to come out
7	of Executive Session into the Special Session.
8	COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.
9	MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM: Second.
10	MAYOR EVANS: Motion and a second to come out of the
11	Executive Session into the Special Session.
12	Any other questions or comments? Roll call.
13	CLERK: Mayor Pro Tem Josephine Isom?
14	MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM: Yea.
15	CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?
16	COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.
17	CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?
18	MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The motion's granted.
19	Special Session:
20	MAYOR EVANS: I want to take this time to welcome
21	the general public and ask at this time if you
22	have any pagers or phones that might disrupt
23	the proceedings, silence those for us at this
24	time please. And if you would, stand for a
25	moment of silence.

	SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING 5
1	(Moment of Silence.)
2	MAYOR EVANS: And now, we'll Pledge of
3	Allegiance.
4	(Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison.)
5	MAYOR EVANS: Council, we're down to approval of the
6	agenda, seek a motion for the approval of the
7	agenda
8	MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM: So
9	CLERK: Mayor Pro Tem Josephine Isom?
10	MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM: Yea.
11	CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?
12	COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.
13	CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?
14	MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The motion is granted for the
15	approval of the agenda. We're down to Old
16	Business, we have none.
17	New Business:
18	MAYOR EVANS: New Business, our budget meeting. For
19	the public, we'll be having our budget meeting
20	on Monday, May the 20th at 11:00 a.m. We're
21	down to Bike Fest briefing and Town Manager,
22	Orton Bellamy, will kind of give us a briefing
23	on the Bike Fest.
24	MR. BELLAMY: Good evening. How's everybody doing?
25	(Inaudible background noise.)

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MR.	BELLAMY: First of all, I would like to share
	with the Mayor and the Town of Atlantic Beach
	Council members my observations in being on the
	job for the last what is it, three days now?
	Now, off and running. What my observation
	is that the subsequent evaluation of the
	employees here, you have a phenomenal staff
	here. They are technically proficient in their
	jobs, very knowledgeable in their jobs, self-
	service, duty, resilience, technically
	efficient in interpersonal skills, mission
	accomplishments, orientation and initiative;
	most important is (inaudible) is the ability to
	work together as a team, okay? And where they
	and when we provided them information, their
	immediate response and work as a team and they
	are very turnaround task oriented, okay? So,
	your you planned and execute (inaudible)
	simple as that. You can plan all day, if you
	don't execute the mission, you're not
	accomplishing anything. But you have a staff
	that is well it's a well-trained and I'm
	very impressed with it, I look forward to
	working with them. Thank you. Thank you for
	working with me the last three or four days I

in early and turn on the power for their pole.

Τ	Residential passes will be available on Monday,
2	May the 20th at Town Hall for pickup and
3	throughout the week. Residents who call in to
4	ask where they can park their vehicles after
5	returning to their residence after work can
6	contact Michael Gore at (843) 663-2284.
7	Property owners fill out their property owner's
8	registration form and their contact information
9	is posted on the Town's website for the vendors
10	and for the vendors for rental space. All
11	information for Bike Fest 2024 is posted on the
12	Town's website for vendors and the public.
13	DHEC is requesting that all food vendors the
14	food vendors list (inaudible) listed two
15	weeks before the festival and I will continue
16	to update the list as food vendors coming. We
17	at this time, we have 17 food vendors and
18	one retail vendor. As most vendors come in, I
19	in the week of Bike Fest, as they do every
20	year. Okay?
21	MAYOR EVANS: Thank you, Cheryl.
22	CLERK: Any questions or
23	(Inaudible background noise.)
24	MR BELLAMY: Next briefing Chief Carlos Costello

(Inaudible background noise.)

POLICE CHIEF COSTELLO: All right, good afternoon,

Council.

IN UNISON: Good afternoon.

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POLICE CHIEF COSTELLO: So, for Bike Week, we use the (inaudible) here to make sure everybody's safe in the community first off and then the patrons here. We're expecting a large crowd so we have a good amount of law enforcement coming in from different agencies, helping us out, and I just want to reassure you guys that you have nothing to worry about and, you know, we -- our and our focus is to make main goal sure everybody's safe and nothing happens. Just in case we have some sort of catastrophe, we'll have plenty of agencies here so we'll be able tackle anything that comes our way, we're gonna have a -- I -- we're gonna have an after-action review after the Bike Fest SO we're able to fix anything. We encourage the Town, the community, to put in suggestions, that way we get better off every year and make things safer and easier for everybody but ... Does anybody have any questions?

(Inaudible background noise.)

POLICE CHIEF COSTELLO: Yes, ma'am?

	DIECIAL DODGEL MEDITAG
1	Carolina DNR, Horry County Police Department
2	will be in the area as well. We'll have the
3	Fire Department here. We'll have EMS stationed
4	as well. And we all assistance, anything,
5	they're helping us out and we greatly
6	appreciate them for coming out here and helping
7	us. Yes, ma'am?
8	FEMALE SPEAKER: Just since this is my first
9	experience dealing with the vendors, you know,
10	and I've been dealing with Mike and he's
11	phenomenal. Just a question in terms of the
12	food vendors, when they bring a truck, will

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POLICE CHIEF COSTELLO: They're gonna have a permit

I believe. They're gonna have a vendor permit

that they're coming in?

they get some kind of parking pass, like how

did they -- how would all your entities know

FEMALE SPEAKER: That goes in their vehicle, right?

POLICE CHIEF COSTELLO: Correct. So they'll know who to let in, the residents will have the passes to come into town, to their homes, in and out, and they'll be able to come and go as they please.

FEMALE SPEAKER: Okay. And they pick that up at the

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what they are.

required to pull off this wonderful Bike Fest

that we have every year, and to let you know

Room accommodations have been

scheduled through the Brittain Resorts group
sales. This is for the officers and staff who
choose to be near our town while the event's
going on in case they're needed immediately,
rather than be elsewhere or at home. So, those
accommodations have been made and are ready to
roll. The light towers that are scattered
throughout the town, which we're using 12 this
year, they're scheduled as well and, luckily,
payment is not due for these lights until 30
days after the Bike Fest has ended. They will
deliver them, they'll help the officers scatter
them around the town where he wants them placed
everywhere, and that'll provide light from
probably 8:30 p.m. 'til you close at 3:00 a.m.
so plenty of lighting around. The Look Event
Rentals is who we get all of the tables, chairs
they come and they set up underneath the
tent that SLED where they do their cooking.
These items tables, chairs are all set up
120 chairs, 24 tables so they're ready to
go. And we use 2 Cams Ice Company out of North
Carolina, Fayetteville, that's the most
reasonable price that I've found in years for
delivery. We'll have 250 20-pound bags that

will be delivered in two separate trailers, it will be put on the property so that easily accessible to get ice. There's a spider up there. We have 18 golfcarts coming from the new shop up -- which I'm not sure their name. They're right near new the new T-shirt shop ---

(Inaudible background noise.)

FEMALE SPEAKER: Myrtle Beach Golf, is it?

IN UNISON: Yeah.

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MS. ISOM: So we have a fairly good rate with them and they're delivering 18. Elvis Equipment Company out of Myrtle Beach, they are who brings the 40-foot Conex office trailer. That's item that goes in first before the anything else can go on the lot because it's 40 foot long. So, we have Jimmy the electrician coming to set that up upon delivery. have three two-station sinks and 32 portable toilets that come along with that so that's all set up to be delivered on Wednesday morning before anything else comes on the property. Aaron's Appliance Rental has been kind enough the last three years, they will deliver us one refrigerator and two freezers to put inside the 40-foot trailer as a donation so one good place

- we can save some money on but ... Do you have any questions on any of these items?
- COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Now, this -- you're talking

 about mainly for the police setup over there,

 is that mainly what ---
- 6 MS. ISOM: Yeah, it's for all law enforcement.
- 7 | COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Okay, right.
- 8 MS. ISOM: Where the tent goes ---
- 9 MAYOR EVANS: Okay.
- 10 MS. ISOM: --- all of this goes in that area.
- 11 | MALE SPEAKER: I've got a question.
- 12 MR. BELLAMY: Yes, sir.
- 13 MALE SPEAKER: Will the vendors be able to buy ice
- 14 from the Town?
- 15 | COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yeah, is that ice for sale for
- the Town? Okay, so that's what you're asking?
- 17 (Inaudible background noise.)
- 18 MR. BELLAMY: That's police officers.
- 19 | COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Oh, just for the officers ---
- 20 MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM: For the police officers.
- 21 MR. BELLAMY: (Inaudible.)
- 22 | MS. ISOM: Yeah, this -- we tried last year to sell
- some and it didn't go over, but with SLED and
- as much cooking as they do, they provide ice
- cream and ice cream sandwiches, they need the

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2 MALE SPEAKER: Okay. Okay.

3 MS. ISOM: Anything else?

IN UNISON: Thank you.

MR. BELLAMY: Michael Gore.

MR. GORE: Good evening.

IN UNISON: Good evening.

MR. GORE: Well, my job is simple, it's just to make sure everything is put out right, anything for the job, the trash dumpsters, and to make sure that we have access to emergency -for emergency vehicles and stuff like that so my job is very simple, just work with the police, the staff and that's work with it. Any questions?

(Inaudible background noise.)

MR. GORE: Oh -- yeah. Well, that's what I said,

I'm gonna make sure all the (inaudible) get

(inaudible) where it's supposed to be and all

the port-o-johns, gonna make sure the officers

get water taken to them or whatever they need

me for.

FEMALE SPEAKER: All right.

24 MAYOR EVANS: Thanks, Mike.

(Inaudible background noise.)

to encourage them to do that, we'll be working

-- we're going around checking also.

MR. GORE: Right. Yeah, all the vendors will have a

-- have this information in their packet and
take it -- just go by the packet and they -we're gonna tell them where the trash dumpsters
and -- so we won't have a buildup of trash
during the festival. Any more questions?
Okay, thank you.

IN UNISON: Thank you.

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BELLAMY: Yes, after the -- after we conclude the Bike Festival, probably about a week later, we'll have the staff meeting and we're conduct -- some call it after-action review. What is that? It -- after-action review lets us work -- after every operation, we want to go back and critique it, look at strength and weakness of that operation then we can improve it for next year. So, we'll actually have Atlantic Beach citizens, would like every -input, feedback from them and see how we can improve in the services areas and public We have a law enforcement mobile site, safetv. operational, vendors license and environmental services so in those areas -- as (inaudible) said, we're going to emphasize to

the litter team, clean as you go. Don't wait until the trash piles up, you're constantly picking up the trash, okay? See it in the street, pick it up, keep moving. Same thing, we're -- provide information to the vendors, provide trash cans at the end -- trash bags, at the end of the day, tie it up, take it to the And we'll dumpster. be constantly going through, checking and doing inspections and -throughout the operation. Any questions аt this time to the Council and employees have any questions?

(Inaudible background noise.)

MR. BELLAMY: All right, thank you very much.

IN UNISON: Thank you.

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MAYOR EVANS: We're down to Public Time but before think we've got one public comment Atlantic Beach has been chosen card. to receive a historic preservation reward and I read this. Congratulations, want to the Atlantic Beach Gullah Geechee Cultural and Nature Festival 2023, you have been chosen to receive a historic preservation award for your efforts to preserve Horry County history. it says please join us in celebration at our

annual awards ceremony, and this will be at the Government and Justice Center in Conway, 1301 2nd Avenue, and this is May 20th which is Monday at 5:30.

Public Time:

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MAYOR EVANS: We're down to Public Time and we do have one public comment I believe and I think it's Ms. Diane Hill.

MS. HILL: Thank you, Mr. Mayor ---

MAYOR EVANS: Thank you.

MS. HILL: --- Mr. Bellamy, Town Council members ---

12 | MR. BELLAMY: Yes, ma'am.

MS. HILL: --- and my fellow citizens. Ι before you today with a simple request of the police, the Town and, of course, all of neighbors and that is that the police, please brief our quest police officers and the police who are coming in and remind them that we are a group and a town of law-abiding citizens and we expect, as we have in the past had, lawabiding citizens coming into our festival and having a great time. We don't need to be policed, we don't need to be harassed, we would like to be treated with dignity and respect, and we are of the same dignity and respect in

return. We're just law-abiding citizens here
having a good time, inviting our guests to join
us and do the same, and I'm speaking
specifically because my son asked me to make
this notation because he says last year, he
says, Mom, I felt as if the police were trying
to intimidate me, and my son this particular
one is the older one who is a young man who
supervises a group of 16 to 18 year olds, 100
or more, everyday in a high school setting and
he gives them dignity and respect, and he gets
the same in return, dignity and respect. So,
that's what we expect. We want Officer
Friendly. We would like Officer Friendly and
all of the officer friendlies to join us, enjoy
what we're doing and we're just law-abiding
citizens, we don't need someone to harass us,
yell us, shove us around and trying to
intimidate us. My son particularly said he
said, listen, he said, Mom, I've gone to war in
Iraq, I've got combat ribbons and combat
medals, nobody is going to intimidate me but
he's very soft spoken, very soft spoken, very
kind, very polite, law-abiding. Thank you.

IN UNISON: Thank you.



- 1 MAYOR EVANS: Thank you, Ms. Hill.
- 2 MR. BELLAMY: Mayor, may I address that with her?
- 3 MAYOR EVANS: Sure.
- 4 MR. BELLAMY: Okay. Ma'am. Ms ---
- 5 MS. HILL: Yes?
- 6 MR. BELLAMY: --- Hill?
- 7 MS. HILL: Yes.
- 8 MR. BELLAMY: Okay, incidents like that, we have --
- 9 during the festival, we have something called
- 10 -- we have incident reports, okay? So, we will
- 11 have -- just e-mail that to our office ---
- 12 MS. HILL: Right.
- 13 MR. BELLAMY: --- and if you have -- anyone have any
- incidents like that, please mail that to our
- office, that's all part of the after-action
- 16 review.
- 17 MS. HILL: Absolutely.
- 18 MR. BELLAMY: Okay? And name of police officer,
- 19 department, badge number and the incident
- 20 report, and then we will follow up with that
- 21 department.
- 22 MS. HILL: Thank you, sir.
- 23 MR. BELLAMY: Okay? Thank you very much.
- 24 MS. HILL: Thank you.
- 25 MR. BELLAMY: Okay.



	SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING 23
1	MAYOR EVANS: Thank you. Council, seek a motion to
2	adjourn.
3	COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved
4	MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM: So moved.
5	COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Second.
6	MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and a second on the
7	floor to adjourn. Roll call.
8	CLERK: Mayor Pro Tem Josephine Isom?
9	MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM: Yea.
10	CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?
11	COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.
12	CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?
13	MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted. Meeting
14	adjourned.
15	(Inaudible background noise.)
16	MAYOR EVANS: Meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.
17	(There being nothing further, the meeting was
18	adjourned.)
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CERTIFICATE

This is to certify the transcript of the Atlantic Beach Town Meeting consists of twenty-three (23) pages. This transcript was prepared by me without the benefit of my being present during the meeting. Additionally, this transcript was prepared from a audio recording provided to me.

I further certify that I am neither employed by nor related to any of the parties in this matter or their counsel; nor do I have any interest, financial or otherwise, in the outcome of same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal this May 30, 2024.

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Amanda J. Creel Godfrey Court Reporter

Notary Public for South Carolina My Commission Expires: May 27, 2031