

TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, November 8, 2024

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APPEARANCES

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

John David, Chairman
Edward Lamar Campbell
Carla Taylor

Also Present:

Linda Cheatham, Interim Town Manager
William Booker
Cheryl Pereira

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(No exhibits were marked during the board meeting.)

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It is stipulated and agreed that this hearing is being taken pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, the Practice Act and Regulations of the Board.



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MOTION:

COUNCILMAN DAVID: ... to come out of the executive session and into general session.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: I second.

COUNCILMAN DAVID: Roll call.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Councilman Edward Campbell.

COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Yea.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Yea.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Councilman John David.

CALL TO ORDER

COUNCILMAN DAVID: Yes. With that, we're moved into general session. We'd first like to welcome the public and ask everyone to turn off your phones or turn them down. And, let's see, okay. Next we would like to call this meeting to order and welcome everyone, and we'll stand for a moment of silence and then Pledge of Allegiance.

(Moment of silence.)

COUNCILMAN DAVID: Now Pledge of Allegiance

(Pledge of Allegiance was pledged.)

TRIBUTE TO DIANE HILL

COUNCILMAN DAVID: We'd like to start with ceremonial matters. First of all, we'd like to



1 pay tribute to one of our esteemed citizens.
2 She has lived here for numerous years. She's
3 the best that the beach had to offer, Ms. Diane
4 Teal Hill. A lot of us were able to attend her
5 funeral last Friday, Her homegoing, her family
6 was there. It was a beautiful ceremony. She
7 is missed sitting in the front row there with
8 her book. We truly miss her, and I think if
9 anyone else has comments, Carla, if you'd like
10 to start.

11 **COUNCILMAN TAYLOR:** Well, I'd just like to add that
12 I've had the privilege of knowing Mrs. Hill and
13 the Hill family since the mid '80s. She was
14 one of the mothers of the town, as I like to
15 call the women and the mothers that helped
16 raise us as young people in the town of
17 Atlantic Beach. She was an avid reader. We
18 had some really great discussions about books
19 that she's read and that she's planning to
20 read, and her presence in this town is going to
21 be missed. And my prayers and thoughts go to
22 her family as they go through this moment of
23 bereavement.

24 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Lamar

25 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** I'm just going to say that I'm



1 going to miss Diane Hill. She welcomed me with
2 open arms when I first came to Atlantic Beach
3 and she will be missed greatly.

4 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Ms. Cheatham.

5 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Diane was a true character. She was
6 loved and she was always at the food truck on
7 Fourth Thursday.

8 **MR. BOOKER:** Diane Hill was a very avid lover of
9 Atlantic Beach. She spent much of her time
10 here in this community. She was involved
11 member of the Association of Atlantic Beach
12 Property Owners, and she was always willing to
13 help whenever one needed help. And so we're
14 going to miss her.

15 **WELCOME COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR**

16 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Thank you, everyone. Next, we'd
17 like to welcome our newest Council member, long
18 overdue, Ms. Carla Taylor. (applause) Carla,
19 Carla is a daughter of Atlantic Beach. She was
20 actually born here, raised here, and now a
21 Council member here. So we truly do welcome
22 her. Ms. Taylor.

23 **COUNCILMAN TAYLOR:** Thank you all. I thank you for
24 the applause, but I thank you most of all for
25 the support and the kind words of encouragement



1 that you've bestowed upon me over this last
2 year. I feel it's a privilege and an honor to
3 be in this seat. This is the seat my mother
4 sat in when she was on this Council. She
5 inspired me through her endless efforts of
6 community service and giving back to the town
7 that, like she said, helped raise me and my
8 peers back in the '70s and '80s and '90s. And
9 so it's a privilege to be here to give back and
10 to do all that I can to take us to the next
11 level. I've always said that the work in the
12 Town of Atlantic Beach is like a relay race,
13 and each generation passes the baton to the
14 next generation. So I feel like it's my turn
15 to do all that I can to help our town prosper
16 and to grow so that my daughter's generation
17 will have something of value to leave to their
18 children. So, thank you again for supporting
19 me and praying for me and helping me get to
20 this place. So, again, thank you.

21 (applause)

22 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

23 **MOTION**

24 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** With that, I seek app- -- a
25 motion for approval of the agenda.



1 COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Second.
2 COUNCILMAN DAVID: Roll call.
3 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Council- -- Councilman Edward
4 Campbell.
5 COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Yea.
6 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Councilwoman Carla Taylor.
7 COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Yea.
8 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Councilman John Davis.
9 COUNCILMAN DAVID: Yes.
10 MOTION
11 COUNCILMAN DAVID: Now we'll move into old business.
12 First is the town council meeting minutes,
13 minutes from town council meeting hel- -- held
14 on October 7th, 2024. Is there a motion to
15 approve the minutes?
16 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
17 COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: I make a motion that we approve
18 the minutes from the October 7th, 2024 meeting.
19 COUNCILMAN DAVID: Second. Roll call.
20 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Councilman Edward Campbell.
21 COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Yea.
22 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Councilwoman Carla Taylor.
23 COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Yea.
24 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Councilman John David.
25 COUNCILMAN DAVID: Yes.



1 ORDINANCE DISCUSSION

2 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Next we have item B, Ordinance
3 Number 8-2024, Amendment to Ordinance Number
4 11-2023, an ordinance establishing and adopting
5 the operational procedures for the 2025
6 Atlantic Beach Memorial Bike Black Pearl
7 Cultural Heritage and Bike Festival, second
8 reading. Ms. Cheatham.

9 SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 8-2024:

10 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Members of Council, this is the Bike
11 Fest ordinance. There is no change from the
12 ordinance from 2023. I'll be glad to answer
13 any questions you may have.

14 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Any questions?

15 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** (Shakes head.)

16 **COUNCILMAN TAYLOR:** No.

17 MOTION TO APPROVE SECOND READING OF

18 ORDINANCE 8-2024:

19 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Is there a motion to approve the
20 second reading of this Ordinance No. 8-2024?

21 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Second.

22 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Roll call.

23 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** Councilman Edward Campbell.

24 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

25 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** Councilwoman Carla Taylor.



1 COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Yea.

2 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Councilman John David.

3 COUNCILMAN DAVID: Yes.

4 ELECTION UPDATES

5 COUNCILMAN DAVID: Item number C is Election
6 Updates. We have Carla Taylor, who was seated
7 thanks to Judge Seals' order that was declared
8 on October 30th. On that same day, there was
9 a hearing for the mayoral race. The judgment
10 came back that there would be a new election
11 per what the Election Commission did say back
12 from previously. The order has -- the language
13 for the order has been submitted, it's being
14 weighted -- it's waiting for Judge Seals to
15 sign off on it, and once that is set -- once
16 that is approved or ordered, we will then work
17 with the Election Commission to set a new date
18 for the mayoral election.

19 COUNCILMAN DAVID: New business. First, we'll move
20 into consideration of matters in executive
21 session and we'll move down to B, consideration
22 for the contract for interim town manager.

23 MOTION FOR CONTRACT OF INTERIM TOWN MANAGER:

24 COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: I would like to make a motion to
25 reaffirm hiring Mrs. Linda Cheatham as the



1 interim town manager in accordance to the
2 agreed upon contract to include granting that
3 her the authority to revise the current bank
4 signature by adding or removing signatures as
5 needed.

6 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Second. Roll call.

7 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** Councilman Edward Campbell.

8 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

9 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

10 **COUNCILMAN TAYLOR:** Yea.

11 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** Councilman John David.

12 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Yes.

13 **MOTION FOR CONTRACT OF TOWN LEGAL COUNSEL:**

14 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Next, we seek a motion for
15 consideration of a contract for town legal
16 counsel.

17 **COUNCILMAN TAYLOR:** I would like to make a motion to
18 authorize Mrs. Cheatham to obtain a contract
19 for legal counsel for the Town of Atlantic
20 Beach.

21 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Second. Roll call.

22 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** Councilman Edward Campbell.

23 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

24 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

25 **COUNCILMAN TAYLOR:** Yea.



1 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Councilman John David.

2 COUNCILMAN DAVID: Yes.

3 MOTION FOR NOMINATION OF MAYOR PRO TEM:

4 COUNCILMAN DAVID: Next on the agenda, we seek a
5 motion for a nomination for Mayor Pro Tem.

6 COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Yes, Councilman John David. I
7 would like to nominate you for Mayor Pro Tem.

8 COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Second.

9 COUNCILMAN DAVID: Roll call.

10 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Councilman Edward Campbell.

11 COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Yea.

12 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

13 COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Yea.

14 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Councilman John David.

15 COUNCILMAN DAVID: Yes. Next we move down to item
16 E, consideration for re- and appointments to
17 for members to the Municipal Planning
18 Commission.

19 MOTION TO RE/APPOINT MUNICIPAL PLANNING

20 COMMISSION:

21 COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Yes, I'd like to make a motion
22 to remove Angela Metts and Jameer Woods, Titus
23 Leaks from the Planning Commission and
24 reappoint Kathryn Allen and appoint Titus Leaks
25 and Stephen Fara to the Planning Commission.



1 COUNCILMAN DAVID: Second. Roll call.

2 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Council- -- councilman Edward
3 Campbell.

4 COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Yea.

5 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

6 COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Yea.

7 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Councilman John David.

8 COUNCILMAN DAVID: Yes. Next, I seek a motion in
9 regards to the Municipal Election Commission.

10 MOTION

11 COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Yes, I make, like to make a
12 motion to remove Derek Stephens of the MEC, and
13 I would like to add Joe Montgomery to the MEC.

14 COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Second.

15 COUNCILMAN DAVID: Roll call.

16 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Councilman Edward Campbell.

17 COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Yea.

18 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

19 COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Yea.

20 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Councilman John David.

21 COUNCILMAN DAVID: Yes.

22 MOTION FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

23 SCHEDULE 2025:

24 COUNCILMAN DAVID: Next, I seek a motion for the
25 Town Council Meeting scheduled for 2025.



1 **COUNCILMAN TAYLOR:** I'd like to make a motion to
2 accept the Town Council meeting scheduled for
3 the year 2025.

4 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Second. Roll call.

5 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** Councilman Edward Campbell.

6 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

7 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

8 **COUNCILMAN TAYLOR:** Yea.

9 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** Councilman John David.

10 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Yes. Next we have the managers
11 report. Ms. Cheatham?

12 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Well, good evening.

13 (Good evening was heard.)

14 **UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

15 **MS. CHEATHAM:** I don't have any prepared remarks
16 because this is only day two, but I would like
17 to inform many of you that Mr. William Booker
18 has agreed to join the staff of the Town of
19 Atlantic Beach. (applause) And so we are so
20 lucky and, and pleased to, to have him with us.
21 Our doors are always open. If you have any
22 issues or concerns, please don't hesitate to
23 come and talk to us. We really are here to
24 serve. And where's -- and Carlos has an
25 announcement he'd like to make. So, thank you



1 very much. Have a great weekend and I will see
2 some of you next week. Thank you.

3 (applause)

4 **OFFICER CASTILLO:** Well, good evening, Council, Town.
5 I'll move this over a little bit because focus
6 of both. So on December 20th, we're having an
7 event here at the Community Center. It's a
8 Christmas event for the kids. So the Police
9 Department is accepting any donations made out
10 to the Town of Atlantic Beach in reference to
11 be able to get these, these kids some gifts for
12 Christmas that are going through some
13 struggles. And we're, we're trying to collect
14 as much as we can to accommodate as many kids
15 as possible. So there's going to be a
16 registration form with a maximum of \$50.00 per
17 toy. It could be toy, clothes, whatever
18 combination they choose of, as long as it
19 doesn't exceed \$50.00. So, that registration
20 is going to go out soon. We're either going to
21 hand deliver them or if it's okay to have them
22 at Town Hall so you could pick up. There's
23 going to be two versions, one in English, one
24 in Spanish, and you can return it back. The
25 due date on those registration will be December



1 4th by 4:00 p.m. So if anybody wants to help
2 with donations, come see me after and, you
3 know, let's make this a big event. Thank you.

4 **COUNCILMAN TAYLOR:** Quick question.

5 **OFFICER CASTILLO:** Oh, yes, ma'am.

6 **COUNCILMAN TAYLOR:** Are you seeking monetary
7 donations or actual toys and clothing?

8 **OFFICER CASTILLO:** Mo- -- monetary donations, because
9 on the registration form it gives a, a section
10 for the parents to choose if, if their kids
11 need clothes, and if there's enough to get a
12 toy as long as it doesn't exceed the \$50.00
13 maximum, and they could choose what, what they
14 would like and we'll try to accommodate that
15 depending on donations. We're gonna get close
16 to it, or if not match exactly what they, what
17 they want. Thank you.

18 **MS. CHEATHAM:** I forgot to announce that there's
19 going to be a job announcement for town manager
20 advertised next week, and so I would encourage
21 anyone who is interested, or if you know
22 someone who is interested, to please apply.
23 Thank you.

24 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Thank you, Ms. Cheatham.
25 Upcoming events and activities on December 20th



1 at -- from 6:00 to 8:30 there will be a Police
2 Department Children's Christmas Party. Hope
3 everybody can attend -- will attend and donate
4 prior to that so that it will be a nice, great
5 affair. Last year was a nice affair. The kids
6 were very happy. They had Chick-Fil-A too,
7 because I think I had a box. So it was a very,
8 it was a very good night. Public time, we
9 don't have any comment cards, but we have time.
10 So if anybody from the public has a, a comment,
11 we'd be happy to hear it, so. Mr. Montgomery.

12 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** Yes, I'd like to express my
13 sympathy for the, to the Hill family. I put a
14 tribute online. I didn't attend it the
15 funeral, but Diane and I sat right there most
16 of the time up here. You know, we talked about
17 books. She was an avid reader, well read. So,
18 she will be surely missed in this town. Thank
19 you.

20 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Anyone else?

21 **NAIM VAUGHN:** I only know, I only knew Diane for
22 about a year and a half, but it seemed like a
23 lifetime, and she definitely is gonna be missed
24 by me. I reached out to her family and
25 everything. Just a, just a huge void, but, you



1 know, this town, it's a -- we'll, we'll, we'll
2 continue to strive and, and make great things
3 happen, but definitely truly missed.

4 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Anyone else? Mr. Sketers?

5 **MR. SKETERS:** Yes, I'm a good friend, or was a good
6 friend of Ms. Diane Hill, and she will
7 certainly be missed in the Town of Atlantic
8 Beach. We've shared many stories together
9 here. I'm a longtime resident of Atlantic
10 Beach, and I came up in Atlantic Beach and we
11 shared a lot of information together. Some of
12 the things that need to be done, some of the
13 things that we don't need to do there. And she
14 was just a lovely person. And if you noticed
15 in her last days, she spent taking care of her
16 family. I know I saw her car one morning, and
17 look around the next morning and tried to call
18 her and she said, well, I'm in Maryland. And
19 that's the type of person she was, always
20 willing to help out. Thank you.

21 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Anyone else? If not, I really
22 would like to thank everyone for coming out on
23 a Friday night at 8:00 o'clock. We love our
24 citizens. I always tell everybody that it is
25 a great day in Atlantic Beach, and I think



everybody believes that. We look forward to the growth, the development and the spirit of excitement as we move forward.

MOTION

COUNCILMAN DAVID: So with that, I seek a motion to adjourn.

COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Second.

COUNCILMAN DAVID: So moved. So that means roll call.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Councilman Edward Campbell.

COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Yea.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Yea.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Councilman John David.

COUNCILMAN DAVID: Yes. Thank you all. Meeting adjourned.

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



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