

# **TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

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**Monday, September 9, 2024**

**6:00 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 9th day of September, 2024, and transcribed by Amanda Quigley Williams, Notary Public in and for the State of South Carolina.



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**APPEARANCES**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Mayor Jake Evans, Chairman  
Councilman Edward Lamar Campbell  
Mayor Pro Tem Josephine Isom  
Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore  
Councilman John David

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Orton Bellamy, Interim Town Manager  
Dwayne Green, Esquire, Attorney  
for Atlantic Beach  
Cheryl Pereira, Town Clerk  
Paul Klein - Accountant for Atlantic Beach

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Jonathan Brown - Police Officer  
for Atlantic Beach  
Gerry Shea - Field Representative  
for Congressman Russell Fry  
Luke Sharp - Adaptive Surf Project  
Ann Huyler - South Carolina Forestry Commission  
Dianne (ph) Hill - Speaker from the Public  
  
John Skeeter - Speaker from the Public



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1 CALL TO ORDER:

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** Counsel, I seek a motion to come out  
3 of Executive Session, into the General Session.

4 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

5 **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:** Second.

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and second on the floor to come  
7 out of Executive Session into the General  
8 Session. Any other questions or comments? If  
9 not, roll call.

10 **MS. PEREIRA:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

11 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yay.

12 **MS. PEREIRA:** Mayor Pro-tem Josephine Isom?

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

14 **MS. PEREIRA:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

15 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yay.

16 **MS. PEREIRA:** Councilman John David?

17 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Yes.

18 **MS. PEREIRA:** Mayor Jake Evans?

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yay. Motion granted. Now I want to  
20 take the time to welcome the general public and  
21 ask at this time if you have any devices that  
22 might disturb the proceedings, put those on  
23 silent for us. Silence those for us at this  
24 time, please. And we want to stand for a  
25 moment of silence and prayer. And as we do we



1 want to remember one of our family members here  
2 from Atlantic Beach, Tony Bellamy, who passed  
3 away, I think on yesterday. Keep him in mind  
4 while you do your silent prayer, thank you.  
5 Moment of silence.

6 (Moment of silence observed.)

7 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you. Pledge Allegiance.

9 (Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison.)

10 **CEREMONIAL MATTERS:**

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to ceremonial matters and I  
12 believe we have a police officer that needs to  
13 -- we need to get sworn in here. Jonathan  
14 Brown?

15 **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:** You got the picture?

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** You gonna take a picture?

17 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Uh-huh.

18 **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:** You gonna take the picture?

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** All right. Repeat after me. I.

20 **MR. BROWN:** Jonathan Brown.

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** Do solemnly swear that I am duly  
22 qualified

23 **MR. BROWN:** Do solemnly swear that I am duly  
24 qualified.

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** According to the Constitution of this



1 state.

2 **MR. BROWN:** According the Constitution of this  
3 state.

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** To exercise the duties of the office  
5 to which I have been appointed.

6 **MR. BROWN:** To exercise the duties of the office of  
7 which I have been appointed.

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** And that I will to best of my ability.

9 **MR. BROWN:** And that I will to best of my ability.

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** Discharge the duties thereof.

11 **MR. BROWN:** Discharge the duties thereof.

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** And preserve and protect.

13 **MR. BROWN:** And preserve and protect.

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** And defend the Constitution of this  
15 state and the United States.

16 **MR. BROWN:** And defend the Constitution of this  
17 state and the United States.

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** So help me God.

19 **MR. BROWN:** So help me God.

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** As a police officer of the Town of  
21 Atlantic Beach.

22 **MR. BROWN:** As a police officer of the Town of  
23 Atlantic Beach.

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** I will equally, fairly, and  
25 impartially.



1 MR. BROWN: I will equally, fairly, and impartially.

2 MAYOR EVANS: To the best of my ability and skill.

3 MR. BROWN: To the best of my ability and skill.

4 MAYOR EVANS: Exercise the trust reposed in me.

5 MR. BROWN: Exercise the trust reposed in me.

6 MAYOR EVANS: And I will use my best endeavors.

7 MR. BROWN: And I will use my best endeavors.

8 MAYOR EVANS: To preserve the peace and carry out --  
9 carry into effect.

10 MR. BROWN: To preserve the peace and carry into  
11 effect.

12 MAYOR EVANS: According to the law the purpose for  
13 which I have been appointed.

14 MR. BROWN: According to the law the purpose of  
15 which I have been appointed.

16 MAYOR EVANS: So help me God.

17 MR. BROWN: So help me God.

18 MAYOR EVANS: Thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 (Inaudible background noise.)

21 MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

22 MAYOR EVANS: Council we're now to the approval of  
23 the agenda. I seek a motion tor the approval  
24 of the agenda.

25 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.



1     **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:**    Second.

2     **MAYOR EVANS:**    Motion and a second on the floor for  
3           the approval --- the approval of the agenda.  
4           Any other questions or comments?  Roll call.

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

6     **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:**    Yay.

7     **MS. PEREIRA:**    Mayor Pro-tem Josephine Isom?

8     **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:**    Yay.

9     **MS. PEREIRA:**    Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

10    **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:**    Yay.

11    **MS. PEREIRA:**    Councilman John David?

12    **COUNCILMAN DAVID:**    No.

13    **MS. PEREIRA:**    Mayor Jake Evans?

14    **OLD BUSINESS:**

15    **MAYOR EVANS:**    Yay.  Motion granted.  We're down to  
16           old business, town council meeting minutes.  
17           The minutes from town council meeting held on  
18           June 3rd, June 10th and August 5th of 2024, as  
19           well as August 29th of 2024.  Council seek a  
20           motion for approval of those minutes.

21    **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:**    So moved.

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

23    **MAYOR EVANS:**    Motion and a second on the floor for  
24           the approval of minutes.  Any other questions  
25           or comments?  Roll call.





1 **MS. PEREIRA:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

2 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yay.

3 **MS. PEREIRA:** Mayor Pro-tem Josephine Isom?

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

5 **MS. PEREIRA:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

6 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yay.

7 **MS. PEREIRA:** Councilman John David?

8 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Yes.

9 **MS. PEREIRA:** Mayor Jake Evans?

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yay. Motion granted. We're down to  
11 (A.) consideration of appointment of municipal  
12 judge and contract.

13 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** I move that we table that.

14 **MOTION TO APPOINT ANGELA BROWN AS MUNICIPAL JUDGE:**

15 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I seek a motion that we appoint  
16 Angela -- Mayor Angela Brown to our municipal  
17 judge.

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** I need a second.

19 **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:** Second.

20 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** I move for a discussion.

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second is on the floor to  
22 appoint Angela Brown ---

23 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** I moved for a discussion ---

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** Excuse me, sir. There is a motion and  
25 a second on the floor to appoint Angela Brown



1 as the municipal judge in contract. Any other  
2 questions or comments?

3 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Yes. I move for a discussion. I  
4 would hope that we would interview a person for  
5 such a valuable position in the town. And  
6 right now we haven't interviewed the person, so  
7 if you choose to vote accordingly, we have not  
8 interviewed this person.

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** Roll call.

10 **MS. PEREIRA:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

11 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Nay.

12 **MS. PEREIRA:** Mayor Pro-tem Josephine Isom?

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

14 **MS. PEREIRA:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

15 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yay.

16 **MS. PEREIRA:** Councilman John David?

17 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** No.

18 **MS. PEREIRA:** Mayor Jake Evans?

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yay. The motion is granted.

20 **NEW BUSINESS:**

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to new business, (A.)  
22 consideration of community center roof repair  
23 contract.

24 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I think we seek to table that.

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** Table?



1 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** You got a motion.

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second. Motion on the  
3 floor to table.

4 **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:** Second.

5 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second on the floor to  
6 table, any other questions or comments? Roll  
7 call.

8 **MS. PEREIRA:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

9 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yay.

10 **MS. PEREIRA:** Mayor Pro-tem Josephine Isom?

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

12 **MS. PEREIRA:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

13 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yay.

14 **MS. PEREIRA:** Councilman John David?

15 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Yes.

16 **MS. PEREIRA:** Mayor Jake Evans?

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yay. The motion is granted.

18 **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to the manager's report.

20 **MR. BELLAMY:** All right, good evening. How's  
21 everybody doing? We'll have accountant Paul  
22 Klein give us a brief update on our manager's  
23 report in preparation for (inaudible) '25/'26  
24 (inaudible).

25 **MR. KLEIN:** I can talk loudly. Anyway, thank you



1 for having me. My name is Paul Klein. I'm the  
2 accountant here. I'm coming from the upstate.  
3 I work for an accounting firm called Love  
4 Bailey and Associates. I've been with the town  
5 since February 1st, approximately. So anyway,  
6 recently you all just approved a budget for  
7 2024-2025. And for those of you, especially  
8 citizens here, y'all are probably used to a  
9 calendar year life cycle, right? January to  
10 December. But when we talk about governments,  
11 we're going from January 1st to June 30th,  
12 right. And another unique feature of  
13 government accounting is that unlike a  
14 business, right, maybe where you're expecting  
15 revenues to come in evenly or spread out  
16 throughout the year, revenues in a town  
17 typically are -- think about season --  
18 seasonality, right. Think about you've got a  
19 seasonal business and maybe several months is  
20 when you do all of your -- maybe 80 percent of  
21 your revenue. Well, in a town like this,  
22 obviously tax revenues, property taxes,  
23 business licenses make up the bulk of your  
24 revenues. And so we're waiting until January  
25 through April for that to happen. Of course



1 we're just one month in. You heard me say that  
2 July 1st to June 30th is your fiscal year. So  
3 we're one month in to the new year and so we're  
4 looking at trying to project, well, how are we  
5 gonna look June 30th. Well after one month,  
6 it's kind of difficult to tell. And so between  
7 now and January 1st what we want to do is try  
8 to conserve our expenditures as a town. And of  
9 course, we've got responsibility, we've made a  
10 budget. That budget I believe was passed some  
11 time in June. You have two budget meetings.  
12 And so we talked a little bit in our Executive  
13 Session about trying to conserve those  
14 expenditures until January 1st come around.  
15 There's some extenuating legal fees, so that's  
16 sort of the big issue that we talked about. We  
17 talked about some other expenditures that we're  
18 trying to conserve, but I don't have much more  
19 to tell you other than that's kind of the goal  
20 of the council over the next four or five  
21 months, while we await kind of our busy revenue  
22 season, right. And so we're required to pass  
23 a balanced budget and so that's a zero at the  
24 bottom, right. So it'd be -- if you've got a  
25 business, that would be net income zero. Of



1 course, you may not be happy but you wouldn't  
2 be paying any taxes, right, on that. But we're  
3 required to a net zero balance. But that  
4 doesn't mean that every month is zeroed out,  
5 right. So in the case of a typical city or a  
6 municipality, that's gonna mean that July,  
7 August, right, September, that if you're just  
8 looking at one month at a time, you're gonna  
9 see negatives and you might look at that and  
10 say, well we're performing poorly. What's  
11 wrong here? Well, like I said, we're waiting  
12 until January for that property tax dump to  
13 come in, right. And then we're gonna wait  
14 until April and May for the business license  
15 dump to come in. So as you're looking at  
16 financial reporting for a town, I just want to  
17 kind of keep that in mind that we're gonna see  
18 some negatives, right. But what's important is  
19 that we try to project that throughout the rest  
20 of the year to see if we're gonna stay on  
21 target. And so that's kind of what we talked  
22 about in our preliminary meeting, talked about  
23 some extenuating expenditures, and trying to  
24 keep those under control until we get to the  
25 spring months. So anyway, anything else I can



1 do? Any questions I can -- I can answer?

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** Nothing.

3 **COUNCILWOMAN:** That's it.

4 **MR. BELLAMY:** (Inaudible.)

5 **MR. KLEIN:** Sure. I guess one thing -- and I'll go  
6 back and look a little bit more on this. This  
7 is gonna affect our budget and also gonna  
8 affect citizenry. You guys may or may not --  
9 I don't know how you do it here in Atlantic  
10 Beach or Horry County. So I'm talking about  
11 property taxes. So I'm from the upstate. I  
12 live in Laurens County and every two or three  
13 years I get a nice something in the mail from  
14 the county that says congratulations, your  
15 property value has gone up. Have you guys ever  
16 got one of those?

17 **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:** (Inaudible.)

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Oh, yes.

19 **MR. KLEIN:** Yeah, right. So on one -- on the one  
20 hand you open the mail and if you're wanting to  
21 sell your house you're thinking, wow, this is  
22 great. And the other hand you look at it and  
23 you know that your assessment, right, is based  
24 on your property value. And so every few years  
25 that -- that tends to inch up. And so I



1 believe there's a small increase -- or is it  
2 affective '24/'25 or '25/'26?

3 **MAYOR EVANS:** '24/'25.

4 **MR. KLEIN:** '24/'25, so that would be January. So  
5 that's gonna help with some revenues. And I  
6 don't think we even budgeted for those in our  
7 original budget, so that's gonna be helpful  
8 when we're looking at our overall budget this  
9 year. So anyway, it's -- I get the same things  
10 in the mail. So I get them in the mail and I  
11 don't know if I'm happy or sad. I guess if I  
12 was wanting to move from my location I'd be  
13 happy. But I get them in the mail and I guess  
14 it is what it is. But that's gonna be some  
15 increased revenues for the community.

16 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Okay.

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

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

19 **MR. KLEIN:** Yes, thank you. Thank y'all so much.

20 **MR. BELLAMY:** Okay. At this time we would like to  
21 bring up Gerry Shea. He's the field  
22 representative for Congressman Russell Fry.  
23 He'll give us a quick update from the U.S.  
24 Congressman.

25 **MR. SHEA:** Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, council for





1           having me today. The Congressman just has us  
2           come as the field representative to attend your  
3           meetings, answer any questions for  
4           constituents. If you guys have any questions  
5           we can meet offline. But I appreciate y'all's  
6           service. Thank you for what you do. If you  
7           need anything from us, I'll be here after the  
8           meeting.

9           **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

10          **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Thank you.

11          **PRESENTATIONS:**

12          **MR. BELLAMY:** Okay. At this time we we'll have --  
13               we would like to bring up Adaptive Surf  
14               Project, Luke Sharp, and he's gonna give us an  
15               update. We have -- okay. Come on up.

16          **MR. SHARP:** All right, Mr. Mayor, Councilmen, Mr.  
17               Manager, and guests. I want to -- I'd like to  
18               first of all begin by saying it is an honor to  
19               be here speaking at the Town of Atlantic Beach  
20               council meeting because this -- this community  
21               believes in accessibility and it believes that  
22               beaches are for everyone. I -- my name is Luke  
23               Sharp and I am the director of Adaptive Surf  
24               Project. We take individuals that happen to  
25               have disabilities surfing and in order to surf



1           you have to get on the beach. But in order to  
2           get on the beach, if you have a disability, you  
3           need a little help and you need a community  
4           that's willing to give that help. And not  
5           every community is willing to do that. But  
6           this community, when we went to -- when I met  
7           with Manager Bellamy, they're willing for us to  
8           put an assess mat at the beach access, so  
9           individuals that happen to have a disability  
10          can -- like my friend Jessica who just rolled  
11          in here, look at that. Perfect timing,  
12          Jessica. Jessica lives here in Atlantic Beach  
13          and she gets around with a motorized  
14          wheelchair. And now because of the matting,  
15          she can roll on to the beach. But once you get  
16          the end of the matting, you still -- it's still  
17          difficult to get on the beach because that --  
18          those things don't roll in the sand. So we've  
19          been able to donate this beach wheelchair for  
20          the community also. And that way if a visitor  
21          comes and needs a wheelchair, it's there. And  
22          we got this through a grant, the Craig H.  
23          Neilsen Foundation Grant that we applied for to  
24          help with beach accessibility and I've been  
25          meeting with city councilmen and managers up



1 and down the Grand Strand. And this -- and  
2 I'll tell you this right up front on the news  
3 and everything, you guys were the most -- this  
4 council, this government was the most open to  
5 it. And that's beautiful. It's beautiful to  
6 believe that beaches are for everyone, that  
7 everyone should be allowed to get on the beach  
8 and I just love that. And I want to say  
9 something personal real quick. This community  
10 of Atlantic Beach is also special to me because  
11 one of the best humans I know lives here, and  
12 that's Mr. Kenneth McLaurin who's sitting right  
13 there in the hat. I worked for this guy and I  
14 tell you, he -- he's one of the -- he's the  
15 greatest human I've known, he's just a nice  
16 man. And I just -- you guys are lucky to have  
17 him in your community. I just -- I love that  
18 guy. I understand he won yard of the month,  
19 but for me he's like he was the boss of -- of  
20 a lifetime. And I just -- I'm just proud to  
21 know him. So I want to -- want to acknowledge  
22 him while he's here. But also, thank you guys  
23 for believing that accessibility. And to that  
24 end, our next big event is gonna be here.  
25 October 5th we're gonna take probably about 60



1 or 70 individuals that happen to have  
2 disabilities surfing. And we're gonna need 140  
3 volunteers. People are gonna come all -- from  
4 all over the east coast and as far -- some  
5 people come as far as Nebraska and other places  
6 and fly in here to participate. And we're  
7 gonna have the event in Atlantic Beach. We're  
8 actually -- and so it's our first time having  
9 you. We've been doing this for 12 years and  
10 for the first time ever we're gonna be doing it  
11 right here in Atlantic Beach at that beach  
12 access with the new matting and all that. And  
13 again, I'm just honored to have it. Is there  
14 any questions I can answer or anything like  
15 that about our event? All right, well thank  
16 you very much for listening to me. And once  
17 again, thank you, Atlantic Beach, for believing  
18 that beaches are for everyone. Thank you,  
19 guys.

20 (Applause)

21 **MR. BELLAMY:** We would like to, on behalf of the  
22 Town of Atlantic Beach, would like to present  
23 to your organization, Adaptive Surf Project, a  
24 certificate of appreciation.

25 **MR. SHARP:** All right.



1 **MR. BELLAMY:** Can you bring up your staff?

2 **MR. SHARPE:** Yeah, come on.

3 **MR. BELLAMY:** Come on up, come on up. All right,  
4 there.

5 **MR. SHARP:** Jessica, come through too, part of the  
6 group.

7 **MR. BELLAMY:** Okay. Certificate of appreciation.

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, ready?

9 **MR. BELLAMY:** Certificate of appreciation. This  
10 certificate is proudly presented to Adaptive  
11 Surf Project on behalf of the Town of Atlantic  
12 Beach, we thank you for your generous donation  
13 of an all terrain beach assess wheelchair and  
14 mat. The wheelchair will make it easier to  
15 access the beach and enjoy the majestic  
16 Atlantic Ocean.

17 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** That's right.

18 **MR. BELLAMY:** Awesome.

19 **MALE SPEAKER:** I like it.

20 **MR. BELLAMY:** You like it? Okay, all right.  
21 Adaptive Surf has made a significant  
22 contribution to the quality of life for  
23 individuals with disability. Give a round of  
24 applause.

25 **(Applause)**



1 (Inaudible background noise.)

2 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Thank you so much.

3 **MR. BELLAMY:** Thank you. Thank you very much.  
4 Thank you very much.

5 **MAYOR EVANS:** Orton, is there another presentation?

6 **MR. BELLAMY:** Okay. Yes, another presentation,  
7 South Carolina Forestry Commission, Ann Huyler,  
8 come on up.

9 **MS. HUYLER:** I'm gonna speak loudly because I need  
10 two hands.

11 **MR. BELLAMY:** Oh, okay. We can bring a ---

12 **MS. HUYLER:** As a tree, I tend to bring a lot of  
13 paper. I know that you will be setting a small  
14 bond fire after I leave to get rid of this, but  
15 ---

16 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** You could rest it right here.

17 **MS. HUYLER:** Yeah, no, no, no. Yeah, I'm good --  
18 I'm gonna give you a bunch of this if you guys  
19 are (inaudible). But if you'll hold this. So  
20 I'm an urban forestry specialist ---

21 **MR. BELLAMY:** If you would speak into the  
22 microphone. Okay.

23 **MS. HUYLER:** All right. I am the urban forestry  
24 specialist for the South Carolina Forestry  
25 Commission. There are three of us throughout



1 the state. The state is divided up into three  
2 section, each about 14 counties each. I get  
3 the Pee Dee, everything from North Myrtle all  
4 the way to Pawleys and then essentially up to  
5 Lancaster County. Everything eastward is mine.  
6 And I recently met Mr. Bellamy a while ago,  
7 just trying to get to every single incorporated  
8 city. There's 64 incorporated cities in my  
9 area so I've got everybody but Mount Croghan  
10 and Paxville, but any who, so we work on urban  
11 forestry. So we aren't doing forests out in  
12 the wilderness, we're not doing timberland  
13 inside. There are 350 people do, do that.  
14 There are three of us that work on your trees  
15 in your city. For multiple reasons, one is  
16 that trees are there to do work. That is it.  
17 We want them to do work. Benefits have to  
18 outweigh the costs, right. They are a part of  
19 the infrastructure just like your storm drains,  
20 your sewer lines, your sidewalks, your electric  
21 lights, all of that. Removing pollution,  
22 removing particulates, helping children with  
23 the asthma, your storm water, green screen from  
24 Highway 17 going by, definite beautification.  
25 We really -- a lot of communities along the



1 Atlantic coast, they want to be cool and green  
2 and treed, and not look like Phoenix with 97  
3 percent humidity, you know. Trees are here for  
4 multiple reasons. We were sitting outside  
5 talking and all of those water oaks provided  
6 wonderful shade. If those water oaks were not  
7 there that front door would be too hot to  
8 touch. So we are here to help cool the area  
9 down. But again, trees need to work. The  
10 benefits need outweigh the costs, just like  
11 your storm drains and your roads and your  
12 electric lights. They have to be placed  
13 strategically, the right tree in the right  
14 place and this is what we are here to help  
15 people -- city administrations do. So we have  
16 oodles of paper, pamphlets, tree care. We have  
17 fire adaptive landscaping. Remember when Horry  
18 County went up in flames a while back? We have  
19 that. Backyard buffers, urban and community  
20 forestry, all of this. And Mr. Bellamy is  
21 gonna have to carry this back. All right. And  
22 then I will hand all of these out. I know  
23 heads are gonna be nodding pretty darn soon  
24 after I get into this. A little bit less heavy  
25 eyelids if you're looking at something at the





1 same time. But feel free to go to the  
2 recycling bin afterwards. That's what trees  
3 are for too, recycled and reused. So, all  
4 right. One of the main jobs that I have is  
5 bringing benefits from the Forestry Commission  
6 to the cities. That's -- that's it, flat out.  
7 So what we have in the fall, the Forestry  
8 Commission produces grants, tens of thousands,  
9 hundreds of thousands dollars to cities to help  
10 them with their city trees, to help manage,  
11 because trees cost money. Anybody hire anybody  
12 to prune or remove a tree knows they can cost  
13 thousands of dollars, right. So that's why we  
14 work to make the right tree in the right place.  
15 And the Forestry Commission provides grants for  
16 that. We recently had a grant for the  
17 Inflation Reduction Act. That was a huge grant  
18 under the Biden administration and the senate,  
19 5.1 billion dollars to disadvantaged  
20 communities to help with their trees. It was  
21 help with the canopy map, ordinances, tree  
22 planting campaign, they would plant not 50  
23 trees, 100 trees but hundreds of trees in a  
24 city. And that -- the money would go to that.  
25 The city would pay for nothing, right. We



1 would hire to people to do that work for them.  
2 That was the Inflation Reduction Act.  
3 Unfortunately it's a 5000 population limit,  
4 which in the Pee Dee area is about 80 percent  
5 of all the cities are 5000 and less. So the  
6 larger cities can get it at this point but I am  
7 working to get smaller cities to get back for  
8 that. We have a food forest grant. That's  
9 where public land is used in disadvantaged  
10 areas, food deserts, to grow food, collect food  
11 and distribute it to people who are in food  
12 deserts. That is also what we do. There is  
13 two in Charleston, USC Upstate has also applied  
14 and received it. We know Georgetown, Lake City  
15 have also applied for it, Greenville. So these  
16 are food forests for the life of the city. And  
17 then we have a bunch of technical assistance,  
18 community grants. So -- so we have the  
19 technical assistance is number one and if you  
20 look at this flier on the back, the first bunch  
21 of grants on it are technical assistance.  
22 These are grants that are solving a specific  
23 problem, tree inventories, an entire tree  
24 canopy map that gives you an -- the percentage  
25 of canopy, tree canopy in your city, 42



1 percent, 36 percent, 21 percent, and then it  
2 tells you what it costs to raise or maintain  
3 your canopy, and where you can plant. All  
4 right, that's a tree canopy map, tree  
5 inventory, ecosystem services. It goes down.  
6 So this is very specific problems. It's a  
7 grant there for a very specific solution. So  
8 those are just some of the grants. The IRA and  
9 the food forests have already come out. The  
10 technical assistance ones will come out in  
11 October and you can apply for them in November.  
12 That, I think, Atlantic Beach would do great.  
13 The first one you would start with would be  
14 tree canopy map because it would tell you where  
15 your trees are and where you can put your  
16 trees. That is the main thing. And they --  
17 and this is one thing I'm handing this out to  
18 city council so everybody knows about these  
19 things, so it doesn't land upon one person in  
20 a city, who then sort of juggles all of this.  
21 City council needs to know and needs to have  
22 their hand in on this so they can guide this.  
23 So this is also is just an online -- the PDF  
24 version of the application that will probably  
25 come out in November. All it is, is asking



1           what you've already got.       It's not an  
2           application like you're trying to sell yourself  
3           as a resume, just to tell the grant readers  
4           what you got and what you need, so they can  
5           best know which grant you can get.   Okay, so  
6           that's it.   We offer grants.   The other thing  
7           is our website has tons of free webinars, storm  
8           plan, how to write debris contracts, FEMA  
9           contracts, all of this.   We have - it's all  
10          free on the Forestry Commission webinar site.  
11         We have tons of information.   Yes, lots of it.  
12         Not gonna go into it.   We just did a storm  
13         planning series for communities.   I don't know  
14         if Mr. Bellamy was in on it.   You might have  
15         been, I don't know.   But you can get free  
16         YouTube, tree risk assessments, standing  
17         contracts, so your contracts are already  
18         written out before Debbie comes along.   You've  
19         already got everybody lined up.   You already  
20         know what FEMA wants and you don't have to  
21         figure it out while you have no electricity,  
22         can't flush your toilets, right.   It's already  
23         done before hand.   And also, where are you  
24         putting your debris?   I don't think Atlantic  
25         Beach has a bunch of public land that they



1           could dump trees.

2   **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** No.

3   **MS. HUYLER:** No, so then who do you contract with  
4           this? Is this the County, another city?

5   **MR. BELLAMY:** The County.

6   **MS. HUYLER:** Yes?

7   **MR. BELLAMY:** We had a meeting about ---

8   **MS. HUYLER:** Yeah.

9   **MR. BELLAMY:** --- about three months ago with the  
10          County.

11   **MS. HUYLER:** Yeah.

12   **MR. BELLAMY:** Yes.

13   **MS. HUYLER:** So that's how you manage it?

14   **MR. BELLAMY:** Right.

15   **MS. HUYLER:** And then how do you document all your  
16          dump trucks going to the debris site, because  
17          FEMA wants actual documentation. You just  
18          can't say that's our pile and get money back.  
19          They want documentation. So we have a lot of  
20          that on the webinars. People who do this work.  
21          So webinars. Okay. So grants and webinars,  
22          that's what we mainly do and we, on the last  
23          paperclip, is Tree City USA. Yes, Arbor Day  
24          Foundation, we're working on that. It is a  
25          recognition that the city is actively managing



1 its trees. And you have to do -- you have a  
2 public tree ordinance in there, which says  
3 essentially, these trees are protected, if you  
4 damage these public trees, this is your fine,  
5 this is enforced and this is where the money  
6 goes, right. They want to stop people from  
7 taking your crape myrtles down to four feet off  
8 the ground, right, et cetera, et cetera. It's  
9 a public tree ordinance. We just had a private  
10 tree ordinance go through Kingstree because  
11 most of the trees in Atlantic Beach belong to  
12 private property. You only have a tiny amount  
13 of public land here. But those tree are here  
14 for the life of the city. Homeowners turn  
15 over, but those trees are gonna be here ten,  
16 fifteen, fifty years, a hundred years, two  
17 hundred years, and they benefit all the  
18 citizens, all the visitors, so all of the trees  
19 need to be protected. If all you had were  
20 public trees, you would have no trees. They'd  
21 be sad trees in the median or around your town  
22 hall. That would be essentially it. And  
23 that's not -- it's not good to walk down side  
24 walks with no trees for shade. No -- no  
25 screening out the sounds, and you've got



1 nothing sucking water out of your flooded yard  
2 because tap grass isn't gonna do it, turf grass  
3 can't do it. So we promote public tree  
4 ordinances, private tree ordinances. You need  
5 a tree board. You need three, five, seven  
6 people whose entire job is to assist y'all.  
7 That's it. On how to manage the trees.  
8 Volunteer, it is built into the ordinances. So  
9 in the ordinances it will say, official tree  
10 board, right. Volunteer, you don't get paid,  
11 but you're here to assist. So you need a  
12 public tree ordinance, you need a tree board,  
13 you need to spend two dollars per capita on  
14 trees, which is very, very, very, very easy to  
15 do. This is the list of every single thing you  
16 could use of your two dollars per capita on  
17 trees: mulch, volunteers, buying a chain saw,  
18 staff going out to pick up limbs, leaves, all  
19 of that goes into it. It is -- it is again,  
20 you hire a landscape contractor to remove a  
21 tree, that's \$1000, \$2000 dollars, you're most  
22 of the way there. And that's one tree.  
23 Chesterfield, some person charged them \$5000  
24 dollars to take down one tree and groom  
25 another. No competition. There was not a



1 single arborist around it could bid on for  
2 that, \$5000. So it is scary easy to go over  
3 two dollars. Most -- most cities are eight  
4 dollars per capita, just to get some job done.  
5 And we know SCDOT, if anybody's here, ain't  
6 doing the work. Most of your roads are SCDOT.  
7 They ain't pruning them. They ain't pruning  
8 them. Call them up and see how far you got.  
9 Before I was here I worked in Columbia as their  
10 reforestation program coordinator. We planted  
11 about 500 trees in the right of way every  
12 single year. Maintaining was a little  
13 different but we could put them in the ground.  
14 But SCDOT, it was -- it was a headache. So any  
15 who, we'll go on from there. So that's this.  
16 So this is in here, you will have a sample  
17 public tree ordinance, you will also have the  
18 public tree ordinance for Briarcliffe Acres.  
19 They just became a tree city last year, 2023.  
20 First year. And you will see how identical it  
21 is. Arbor Day Foundation gives out sample  
22 public tree ordinances. Briarcliffe Acres  
23 pretty much and many communities copy and paste  
24 and then adapt to the city, change the wording,  
25 et cetera, et cetera. Okay, so that is -- that





1 is that. You don't need to rewrite the play if  
2 the play works. Don't need to do that. So  
3 public tree ordinance, tree board, two dollars  
4 per capita, and the last thing is celebrating  
5 Arbor Day, that's it. There is an official  
6 proclamation, one of the last things there. It  
7 was written when Arbor Day Foundation started  
8 the program in the -- in Nebraska. The Mayor  
9 just needs to read it out, sign it, declare  
10 that day to be Arbor Day, and you are  
11 essentially done, you document it. You don't  
12 even need to plant a tree. Most people do, but  
13 you don't need to do it. That is the official  
14 Arbor Day celebration, a bargain basement  
15 celebration right there. Many cities celebrate  
16 with schools. That's it. And you have gotten  
17 your Tree City USA. And then once you've done  
18 the hard work, it's mostly copy and paste,  
19 unless something changes. So that's Tree City.  
20 You get a banner, you get metal signs, you get  
21 awards. That -- I know, not very flashy, but  
22 you do get it. They do have South Carolina.  
23 They have a poster online. You go to Arbor Day  
24 Foundation. One of the things is the Town of  
25 Nichols just won the smallest city, 272. They



1 got their first Tree City 2023. Patrick has  
2 been winning that smallest city for 16 years  
3 prior at 275, which, you know, doesn't take  
4 much to move the needle on small cities. So  
5 they've got it. So this -- this is something  
6 Atlantic Beach, with your city council, will do  
7 with a snap of the fingers. You guys got more  
8 resources. That's essentially that,  
9 proclamation and the little PDF if you wanted  
10 to look at it and fill it out. So, I know,  
11 more paper than you guys really, really want to  
12 deal with or look at. But so, grants,  
13 webinars, Tree City, and I want to say also,  
14 when I was talking with Mr. Bellamy, I am a  
15 certified arborist. A number of cities that  
16 don't have certified arborists, and most do  
17 not. They're lucky they have a person with a  
18 lawnmower. So I can inspect city trees for  
19 free, give recommendations with zero force of  
20 law, but if you need somebody to arbitrate, I  
21 can do it. Surfside Beach had a poisoning of  
22 a Laurel Oak on private property. So I came  
23 and spoke to the police chief, (inaudible) what  
24 I saw. You have sewer lines going in  
25 Georgetown, I walked the engineers and I said,



1           you can remove this tree, don't remove that  
2           tree. Recommendations, no force of law, but I  
3           can inspect trees, any of that. That is free  
4           of charge as a state employee. So if you have  
5           questions about where to plant, what to plant,  
6           when to plant, there's lots of information on  
7           that. I can come and assist. I can not do  
8           private property but I can speak about the  
9           crape myrtle bark scale, which is an insect  
10          now, which is eating up our crape myrtles.  
11          It's everywhere from Maryland, Washington D.C.,  
12          South to Florida, west to Kansas, to New  
13          Mexico. In Columbia I was there and we stopped  
14          planting it the year I was there. I actually  
15          found it, Clemson Extension was notified,  
16          through a historic building, then we stopped  
17          planting crape myrtles that year, 2019. No  
18          more. The young ones would just get buried  
19          over with the insects within a year. If you  
20          want your crape myrtles, they're gonna have to  
21          be pesticided for life. Crape myrtles live 20,  
22          30 years, you're gonna have to pesticide them  
23          that long because infestation in the area. I  
24          can speak on that. So there's a number of  
25          things, Clemson Extension and I -- some of our



1 knowledge overlaps and Clemson Extension is  
2 stunningly wonderful to call for assistance.  
3 But yeah, so I am here. I hope to bother Mr.  
4 Bellamy continuously for Tree City and for  
5 grants coming up this year. I can assist in  
6 that. Yeah, I think I -- I don't know how many  
7 heads are down, people are nodding off.  
8 (Inaudible) falling asleep, the bond fire will  
9 wake you back up. So ---

10 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I got a question for you.

11 **MS. HUYLER:** Yes.

12 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** With the crape myrtles.

13 **MS. HUYLER:** Yes.

14 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** When you say they had a bunch of  
15 ...

16 **MS. HUYLER:** The scale is an insect. It sort of --  
17 it looks like a fish scale is what it in mature  
18 form, it gloms onto. It's very, very, very  
19 teenie tiny. But once you see it, you can  
20 identify it. There's nothing to do but  
21 pesticide.

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

23 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So you just treat them versus --  
24 -

25 **MS. HUYLER:** Yeah, you treat them with a soil



1           drench, you pour the pesticide in water and  
2           essentially when the leaves are opening up in  
3           the spring, you drench the soil and that can  
4           hold them off.

5           **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Oh, okay.

6           **MS. HUYLER:** But you would need to do it for life.  
7           And the problem is, the pesticide is a  
8           neonicotinoid, which I don't know -- it is  
9           implicated in honeybees colony death. It  
10          doesn't kill them outright, but it weakens them  
11          because the soil drench gets into the tissues  
12          of the tree and into the pollen. And so the  
13          bees take -- the honey bees take the pollen  
14          back to their colony and they feed their larva  
15          it and so they have fewer living over winter.  
16          So that's -- that's more the issue is you can  
17          save your larger fancier crape myrtles but this  
18          isn't something to do for a whole city's worth  
19          of them because that's a lot of neonicotinoid  
20          getting into it. So -- but, and again, you can  
21          ask me any question, contact me and if I don't  
22          know the answers, I will find the smart people  
23          who do. So anything, yeah, you can ask  
24          anything about trees or anything like that.  
25          But I think Atlantic Beach would look lovely



1 with trees in the corner there. There's not  
2 much you can do around in the entrance, but  
3 some wonderful landscaping down the median, you  
4 can get some of the private homes to put some  
5 trees in, possibly a tree giveaway, help them  
6 plant, something like that. Because it can be  
7 pretty scary planting a tree. Normally if you  
8 give away, free giveaways they just sort of sit  
9 in the pot for three years and then they die.  
10 You know that. There's -- it's yeah, yeah.  
11 It's what happens, so. We all have good  
12 intentions, but getting it in the ground and  
13 maintaining it is work.

14 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** What was your name again?

15 **MS. HUYLER:** Ann Huyler ---

16 **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:** She's on the agenda.

17 **MS. HUYLER:** --- and I unfortunately never carry --  
18 I have my cards. But I do have -- I don't  
19 think it's -- I think it's Cheryl Pereira's?

20 **MS. PEREIRA:** Uh-huh.

21 **MS. HUYLER:** I have her email. If you want any  
22 other email, I can keep you on the list for the  
23 webinars, the grants when it opens up, it'll be  
24 a huge webinar. All the cities in South  
25 Carolina will be onboard to learn about the



1           webinars, learn about the grants being offered  
2           and how to apply. But you can pass it on to --  
3           any way, tell Mr. Bellamy what to do or --  
4           yeah, I do have the cards, I just never bring  
5           them inside. So, but I can send an email to  
6           Mr. Bellamy and you guys just answer back if  
7           you want to be a -- get on the Forestry  
8           Commission's urban forestry emails.

9           **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Okay.

10          **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

11          **MS. HUYLER:** Okay. All right. All right. Thank  
12           you.

13          **UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:**

14          **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you. We're down to  
15           announcements for upcoming events and  
16           activities, and then public time is what we've  
17           got left. Monday, September 23rd, 2024, 6:00  
18           p.m. - Bike Festival after action review and  
19           lessons learned. Thursday, September 26th,  
20           2024, 5:00 p.m. - planning commission and BZA  
21           training. Saturday, October the 5th, 2024 -  
22           Adaptive Surf Event. And of course, Monday,  
23           October 7th, 2024, 6:00 p.m. is the town  
24           council meeting. Monday, October 21st, 2024,  
25           11:00 a.m. is the 2025-'26 budget workshop.



1 **PUBLIC TIME:**

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to public time and who do I  
3 have here? Dianne (ph) Hill?

4 **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:** She's here.

5 **MS. HILL:** Thank you, Mr. Mayor, council, Mr.  
6 Bellamy, community members. First of all, I  
7 have some voter registration forms that I'd  
8 like to give to anyone who needs them. Anyone  
9 who is not a registered voter for the State of  
10 South Carolina, you can fill these out and  
11 become a registered voter, before or prior, at  
12 least 30 days prior to the next election. And  
13 this is of particular interest to anyone who  
14 knows of a -- an offender or someone who has  
15 been incarcerated, they can get their right to  
16 vote restored by registering to vote. But they  
17 must do this. And of course, all elections are  
18 important. We have an upcoming one that is  
19 ultra important for the democracy of this  
20 country if we are to remain a democracy. So  
21 please, if you know anyone who has not  
22 registered in this state or an offender who has  
23 been released and does not know that they have  
24 to re-register in order to vote, please notify  
25 them. That's one thing. The next thing is, I





1 have a question for council if you would  
2 indulge me, and that is, I would really like to  
3 know or get an update on the status of the last  
4 -- of our last election. The mayor's election,  
5 if you could tell me, us, any information about  
6 that, it would be greatly appreciated. What is  
7 the status of the mayor's race or the mayor's  
8 election? And, Ms. Taylor, who was duly  
9 elected and, I believe certified to be a  
10 council member, can you tell us anything about  
11 when she might be able to take her seat or what  
12 the status is of that? Thank you so much.

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, thank you. I think it's a whole  
14 lot of legal ramifications as far as the  
15 election goes. But as far as reporting about  
16 anything that has to do with the election, I'm  
17 gonna leave that to the professionals and the  
18 attorneys. So if there's something that the  
19 attorney needs to say or ...

20 **MR. GREEN:** Yes, good evening, everyone. My name is  
21 Dwayne Green, Attorney. I'm retained by the  
22 Town of Atlantic Beach. We do have a couple of  
23 court hearings pending, which will decide the  
24 election issue. There was a Common Pleas  
25 hearing, two hearings regarding motions filed



1 by Carla Taylor as to whether or not she can  
2 sit pending these election contests. There is  
3 two hearings coming up that are consequential.  
4 One will be in September and that's one of the  
5 contests and appeals of the mayoral race.  
6 Secondly there is a writ of mandamus that's a  
7 request for the South Carolina Supreme Court to  
8 look at whether or not there were illegal votes  
9 cast that determined the election. So what the  
10 Court has ruled twice, on request by Ms.  
11 Taylor, is to allow all legal proceedings to  
12 finish before those decisions will be made  
13 legally. So a judge will be hearing one and  
14 the Supreme Court will be hearing likely in the  
15 other. And when those are resolved, then we'll  
16 have answers on everything.

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you, sir.

18 **MALE SPEAKER:** What day ---

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** Do we have ---

20 **MALE SPEAKER:** What day ---

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** Excuse me, sir. Hold on a second.  
22 Answer, he's asking a date or something from  
23 you.

24 **MR. GREEN:** Yes, there's only been -- there's only  
25 been one date set so far. I believe September



1 18th for the first one and that's regarding the  
2 mayoral election. The writ of mandamus has not  
3 been set a date yet. So that's been filed but  
4 typically about 30 to 60 days before we'll know  
5 what a date is on those. So those are the two  
6 pending legal proceedings that have to be  
7 decided before those matters are put to rest.

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you. I have John Skeeters.

9 **MR. SKEETERS:** Thank you, Mayor and council. I just  
10 have some concerns that I'd like to share with  
11 you and not fussing, not fussing at you or with  
12 you. Some thing that I think that need to be  
13 brought to all of our attention here to  
14 continue the beautification of the city of  
15 Atlantic Beach, and that is in the Public Works  
16 Department. And I know that all of us have  
17 noticed a lot of overgrown lots that need  
18 trimming, cutting, or whatever it take to do to  
19 bring them back in control. Well, two, and  
20 that is part of our city ordinance, that's  
21 built in. So I can't find many excuses for not  
22 asking the owner of these properties to  
23 maintain the properties better, okay. And in  
24 our city ordinance I have noticed a lot of  
25 things that is not being in compliance, but a



1 city ordinance is not etched in stone. If we  
2 can make an amendment to the existing city  
3 ordinance to correct something to conform with  
4 whatever try -- we trying to do here in the  
5 City of Atlantic Beach, I think that we should  
6 consider that highly there so we can bring the  
7 beautification not only a few structures, but  
8 it's everybody responsibility here to make this  
9 happen. And I think with us talking about what  
10 we need to do and agreeing to do it, it's only  
11 one thing left, go ahead and lets do it. Thank  
12 you.

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

14 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Um...

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** Councilwoman?

16 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** With those being -- just one  
17 second. There is ordinances that's out of  
18 place, that if I'm not mistaken, that we've  
19 sent letters -- not me, but the town hall staff  
20 is sending letters out to people for these  
21 overgrown lots, as well as the cargo containers  
22 that sits in the town that don't supposed to be  
23 there too. So our ordinance is really  
24 overwhelmed with things that's going on in our  
25 town that wasn't addressed, but I -- if I'm not



1 mistaken they're on the list to be addressed  
2 now, the overgrown lots, as well as the cargo  
3 containers. So all that stuff is supposed to  
4 be addressed and it's in our ordinance. They  
5 all supposed to be gone?

6 **MR. SKEETERS:** And will you give me some insight on  
7 what ---

8 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** No, I can't. He can. But I was  
9 just letting you know what ---

10 **MR. SKEETERS:** Well, and I don't want to drag this  
11 out. But when you say cargo containers, what  
12 are we talking about?

13 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Those trailers that come off of  
14 trucks that's called cargo containers that's  
15 sitting around in the town, that's don't  
16 supposed to be here. Those should have been  
17 gone and from my understanding, there were  
18 notices being made up to ---

19 **MR. BELLAMY:** We (inaudible) ---

20 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I'm not talking to you. There  
21 were notices ready to be sent out to address  
22 those matters. So therefore there is overgrown  
23 lots and there is other little things that's in  
24 the ordinance that's got to be torqued out that  
25 he's working on because he's new, so.



1 **MR. SKEETERS:** Well, just one -- not even a ---

2 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** (Inaudible) trailers to the --  
3 trailers that coming in are ---

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** It's -- it's ---

5 **MR. SKEETERS:** Are you talking to him or me?

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** It's public time, let him talk.

7 **MR. SKEETERS:** Yeah, yeah, yeah. Are you talking  
8 about the container that people -- hold on, I  
9 listened to you.

10 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I didn't say nothing, I said  
11 yes.

12 **MR. SKEETERS:** Yeah, that people are using for  
13 storage building and that's legal. It's  
14 nothing in our ordinances that against that.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yes it is.

16 **MR. BELLAMY:** Okay.

17 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** It is.

18 **MR. BELLAMY:** Just to answer your question ---

19 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I'm not disputing you, I'm just  
20 saying, those ordinance is ---

21 **MR. BELLAMY:** Okay.

22 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I'm not disputing what you're  
23 saying.

24 **MR. BELLAMY:** Okay.

25 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Those stuff has to be looked at.



1 I'm just saying that there is certain  
2 ordinances that we've spoken about ---

3 **MR. BELLAMY:** Yes ---

4 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** --- that's he's supposed to be  
5 getting on ---

6 **MR. BELLAMY:** We ---

7 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** --- so that's what I'm saying.

8 **MR. BELLAMY:** Yes, sir. Thank you for bringing it  
9 to our -- can everybody hear me? Thank you for  
10 bring that to our attention. We have been --  
11 we have sent out letters to the property owners  
12 to remove vegetation, cut back the trees. We  
13 would like to thank the, let me get this right,  
14 Landowner's Association, is that right?  
15 Landowners -- Property Owner's Association.  
16 They've been working with us. I had a meeting  
17 when I first came on board. They have been  
18 contacting other property owners and we have  
19 also. And we have received response from them  
20 and they are going out and cutting the lots.  
21 And there is some that we have not received  
22 response back but we want to continue to pursue  
23 that. And you are correct, we are pursuing  
24 that but we would like to thank those -- the  
25 ones that we sent the letters out and



1 immediately they contacted our office and start  
2 removing the vegetation and trimming the trees  
3 back. We really appreciate their service too.  
4 But at the same time there is some that has not  
5 been responsive. We are definitely going to  
6 adhere to policy and are going to enforce it.

7 **MR. SKEETERS:** Okay. Thank you for your time.

8 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** (Inaudible) cargo containers ---

9 **MR. BELLAMY:** Yeah, that's correct, yeah.

10 **ADJOURNMENT:**

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** Council, seek a motion to adjourn.

12 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

13 **MAYOR PRO-TEM ISOM:** Second.

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and second on the floor to  
15 adjourn. Any other questions or comments?

16 **MR. BELLAMY:** No, no, go ahead.

17 **MS. PEREIRA:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

18 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yay.

19 **MS. PEREIRA:** Mayor Pro-tem Josephine Isom?

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

21 **MS. PEREIRA:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

22 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yay.

23 **MS. PEREIRA:** Councilman John David?

24 **COUNCILMAN DAVID:** Yes.

25 **MS. PEREIRA:** Mayor Jake Evans?





1     **MAYOR   EVANS:**       Yay.       Motion   granted,   meeting  
2                           adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

3     **(There being no further questions, the deposition**  
4     **concluded at 7:03 p.m.)**

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