

**TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH
SOUTH CAROLINA**

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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APPEARANCES

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

John David, Mayor Pro Tem
Carla Taylor, Councilwoman

ALSO PRESENT:

Adrian Jones, Town Manager
Carnisha Hennigan, Assistant Town Clerk
Mr. Booker

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CALL TO ORDER:

FEMALE SPEAKER: Go ahead.

MR. DAVID: Good evening. We'll call this meeting
to order on 11/18 at 5:01. Roll call.

FEMALE SPEAKER: Councilman Edward Campbell.

MR. CAMPBELL: Here.

FEMALE SPEAKER: Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

MS. TAYLOR: Here.

FEMALE SPEAKER: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore.

(No response heard.)

FEMALE SPEAKER: Mayor Pro Tem John David.

MR. DAVID: Here.

FEMALE SPEAKER: Mayor Jake Evans.

(No response heard.)

MR. DAVID: Is there a motion to go into Executive
Session?

MS. TAYLOR: I move that we go into Executive
Session.

MR. CAMPBELL: Second.

MR. DAVID: Roll call.

FEMALE SPEAKER: Council -- Councilman -- Councilman
Edward Campbell.

MR. CAMPBELL: Yay.

FEMALE SPEAKER: Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

MS. TAYLOR: Yay.



1 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Mayor Pro Tem John David.

2 **MR. DAVID:** Yes. We'll go -- what we doing?

3 **(Executive Session)**

4 **MR. DAVID:** Is there a motion to move out of the
5 Executive Session into the regular session,
6 special session?

7 **MR. CAMPBELL:** So moved.

8 **MS. TAYLOR:** Second.

9 **MR. DAVID:** Roll call.

10 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Councilman Edward Campbell.

11 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Yay.

12 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

13 **MS. TAYLOR:** Yay.

14 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Mayor Pro Tem John David.

15 **MR. DAVID:** Yes.

16 **CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME:**

17 **MR. DAVID:** Next, we'll move into -- welcome
18 everybody. Make sure your phones and stuff is
19 on silent and stuff, and we'll stand for a
20 moment of silence and the prayer -- or Pledge
21 of Allegiance.

22 (Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

23 **MR. DAVID:** We don't have any ceremonial matters
24 tonight.

25 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**



1 **MR. DAVID:** Approval of the agenda. I want -- we
2 have a -- I wanted to -- I move that we approve
3 the agenda, but I did want to make sure we have
4 a report on the police situation in the Town
5 with that addition from the manager or manager
6 report. Is there a second?

7 **MS. TAYLOR:** Second.

8 **MR. DAVID:** Roll call.

9 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Councilman Edward Campbell.

10 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Yay.

11 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

12 **MS. TAYLOR:** Yay.

13 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Mayor Pro Tem John David.

14 **MR. DAVID:** Yes.

15 **PUBLIC TIME:**

16 **MR. DAVID:** Next, we have Public Time. We got Ms.
17 Booker, Ms. Linda Booker. Anybody else got any
18 comments or anything? Got anything to say?

19 (No response heard.)

20 **OLD BUSINESS:**

21 **MR. DAVID:** Okay. Next, we'll move into Old
22 Business, which he had -- we don't have any as
23 far as Town meeting minutes. We do have
24 Ordinance No. 13-2025, an amendment to an
25 Ordinance No. 1-2022, License Ordinance Section



1 Number 10, Inspection and Audits and Life
2 Safety Inspection. I think I'm gonna move to
3 table that. Mr. Town Manager, if you've got
4 any comments on that -- I know on this -- or if
5 anybody else has any comments, we had an
6 iteration of this that came on the 19th and
7 another one that came on 23rd. This one does
8 not have the fees in there that you had before.

9 **MR. JONES:** Uh-huh.

10 **MR. DAVID:** Are they removed for a reason or
11 something or ---

12 **MR. JONES:** Well, there -- there are no fees
13 associated with this. This is just something
14 that the State ---

15 **MR. DAVID:** No, this is a different one. This is 13
16 -- 13.

17 **MR. JONES:** Oh, you on 13?

18 **MR. DAVID:** 13 got a Life Safety Inspection, and it
19 originally had the cost of the -- and now it
20 says the cost of the Life Safety Inspection
21 will be collected at the time of business
22 license renewal. Before it said Life Safety
23 Inspection was 175, and the process fee of \$10.
24 And I think we had asked for, like, an
25 inspection chart for the life safety, like, if



1 there are going to be commercial business
2 inspections or other kind of businesses, that
3 they'd have a chart here of who -- of what the
4 inspection process was.

5 **MR. JONES:** You asked -- you asked that for us to
6 provide a chart on that?

7 **MR. DAVID:** We talked about this at least twice, and
8 I think Mr. Booker, you said you were pulling
9 the charts -- chart because he had the code
10 enforcer that was gonna ---

11 **MR. JONES:** The last -- the last thing on that was
12 we were -- you asked about what all goes into
13 a life safety inspection. There was nothing
14 about the chart.

15 **MR. DAVID:** I think you remember -- you said you --
16 we had a code person, and you were gonna get
17 the charts that they have, that they do life
18 safety inspections, that they have currently.

19 **MR. JONES:** Yes, what -- what all goes into a life
20 safety inspection.

21 **MR. DAVID:** Do we have that?

22 **MR. JONES:** Not -- not a chart.

23 **MR. DAVID:** Do we have anything?

24 **MR. JONES:** Yes, Mr. Booker, we have that, right?

25 **MR. BOOKER:** Yes. And I reviewed it at the last



1 meeting.

2 **MR. JONES:** We reviewed it at the last meeting.

3 **MR. DAVID:** Can you make sure to send it ---

4 **MS. TAYLOR:** So, your question was about the costs
5 associated with it?

6 **MR. DAVID:** That was one.

7 **MS. TAYLOR:** And it's not currently in this version?

8 **MR. DAVID:** It's on page number six, unless I got
9 the wrong page. I got the wrong copy.

10 **MR. JONES:** That was -- that was -- we withdrew the
11 breakdown of everything ---

12 **MR. BOOKER:** (Inaudible)

13 **MR. JONES:** --- of what all goes into it. Yes.
14 (Inaudible)

15 **MR. BOOKER:** Life safety inspection, as I reported
16 at our last meeting, is not anything new in the
17 Town of Atlantic Beach. It's been going on for
18 some time. The reason that you are having it
19 before you now, in the past, we used to charge
20 when we renewed the business license, a fee for
21 the life safety inspection, which we want to
22 continue to do. However, with going with the
23 current system that we have for business
24 licenses, which is a State system, different
25 than what we did before, we had our own system.



1 When we went with the State system, you can't
2 just put things into the business license. So,
3 in order to have the programmer who programs
4 the State system to put in that fee, it needs
5 to be in an ordinance. And so we took the
6 initiative to put it in this ordinance that
7 goes along with the business license. Now,
8 what the ---

9 **MR. DAVID:** There's no fee in here.

10 **MR. BOOKER:** Okay. Well, there should be a fee, and
11 it is the same fee for all inspections, \$175.
12 All the inspections we do in the Town, whether
13 it's a building inspection, safety inspection,
14 they're all \$175. Y'all recently approved the
15 ---

16 **MR. DAVID:** Fee, the codes of fees. Why wasn't it
17 in there?

18 **MR. BOOKER:** Why wasn't ---

19 **MR. DAVID:** The life safety inspection in there with
20 all the other inspections that are done around
21 the Town. Why wasn't in that ---

22 **MR. BOOKER:** I'm gonna say it is. It's in there.

23 **MR. DAVID:** So, why are we putting it in here?

24 **MR. BOOKER:** Because we have to have it ---

25 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)



1 **MR. BOOKER:** --- read in. Because when read in ---
2 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

3 **MR. BOOKER:** When someone gets a business license,
4 we want to charge them for the inspection when
5 they get the business license. Because the
6 business license is an automated, computerized
7 process, we don't have the ability to calculate
8 the business license and then add on a life
9 safety inspection. So, we went to the person
10 who programs the -- the business license
11 process and asked them, Carnisha did, can you
12 just put the life safety inspection in this
13 program so we can automatically add it. He
14 said, I can't add it unless you have it in an
15 ordinance ---

16 **MALE SPEAKER:** 'Cause it's State money.

17 **MR. BOOKER:** So, you have the business license
18 ordinance. So, this is to put it in the
19 ordinance, so it can be added into the program,
20 and we can collect for the inspection that we
21 need to do. It's for health and safety
22 purposes, particularly with some of the older
23 buildings. But it's also important in the fire
24 workshop and the other state -- sexual oriented
25 -- I mean, it's every business has some safety



1 implication, and so we want to make sure that
2 we're not putting public at risk.

3 **MS. TAYLOR:** So, my question is, do we just add that
4 cost where the red line is under Section 10
5 Item A where it says the cost of the safety
6 inspection will be collected at the time of the
7 business license, do we just add in the \$175?

8 **MR. BOOKER:** Yes. That's -- that's the pur- --
9 that's the point. That's what we were trying
10 to achieve.

11 **MS. TAYLOR:** Okay, but we did put the dollar amount
12 in this but we need to add the dollar amount,
13 is what I'm trying to understand.

14 **MR. JONES:** Why do we need to add the dollar amount
15 when it's on the website where all of our
16 inspection fees are? It's listed there.

17 **MR. DAVID:** Again, we're passing an ordinance that
18 doesn't ---

19 **MR. JONES:** It says ---

20 **MR. DAVID:** The cost of the (inaudible) will be
21 collected at the time of inspection.

22 **MR. JONES:** But it's in the business license.

23 **MR. BOOKER:** So, what that says is ---

24 **MR. JONES:** It's in the business license.

25 **MR. BOOKER:** So, what that says, if you put it that



1 way, the cost of it ---

2 **MR. DAVID:** I'm reading right here.

3 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

4 **MR. BOOKER:** I understand. I'm not debating that
5 it's there, but I'm saying, if you put the
6 wording, the cost of it is here, you have a
7 table about the cost. So, if we happen to make
8 a change to the cost, you don't have to come
9 back and revise your business license because
10 you changed ---

11 **MR. JONES:** Correct.

12 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

13 **MS. TAYLOR:** So, we just need to say that we charge
14 for life safety inspection ---

15 **MR. JONES:** Yes.

16 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

17 **MS. TAYLOR:** --- period. And whatever that fee may
18 be ---

19 **MR. BOOKER:** And we have a table of ---

20 **MS. TAYLOR:** Okay.

21 **MR. BOOKER:** --- what all these inspections cost.
22 You all approved that before.

23 **MR. JONES:** It's just ---

24 **MS. TAYLOR:** It was not stated in the previous ---

25 **MR. JONES:** --- what it is.



1 **MS. TAYLOR:** Okay.

2 **MR. JONES:** All it is is saying we ---

3 **MS. TAYLOR:** --- that we did a life safety.

4 **MR. JONES:** We'll be adding the life safety into the
5 -- into the ordinance. So, when they -- when
6 they purchase a business license, that fee is
7 already put in there ---

8 **MS. TAYLOR:** And we could ---

9 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

10 **MR. JONES:** --- and if they want to know where that
11 fee's at ---

12 **MS. TAYLOR:** And if we could get that at the top,
13 yeah.

14 **MR. JONES:** --- it's on the table.

15 **MR. DAVID:** Why can't we communicate that now to say
16 that you're -- like you -- whenever you pay a
17 business license, the life safety inspection
18 cost is included in that? Because right now,
19 this reads -- this reads that there's another
20 ---

21 **MR. BOOKER:** It does say that.

22 **MR. DAVID:** This reads that there's another tax on
23 top of the taxes they already paying.

24 **MR. BOOKER:** We can say that. We just can't collect
25 it. This is so we can collect it. That's what



1 that's for. It's for the -- who is that that
2 does that, Carnisha? (Inaudible) That's who
3 with the State. They're requiring that we do
4 this in the business license if we're gonna
5 collect it.

6 **MR. JONES:** And so we're doing it the way that
7 aligns with state and federal guidelines, not
8 just how people in Atlantic Beach read it or
9 how it's worded.

10 **MR. DAVID:** But we reading it right now and then --
11 and what about the processing fee that was in
12 there before?

13 **MR. JONES:** What processing fee?

14 **MR. DAVID:** In -- in the version that was submitted
15 to Council on 9/23 it had ---

16 **MR. JONES:** There's gonna be a processing fee
17 associated with any time you use a debit card
18 or pay online. That's for gov process, but
19 that's not for us. We don't get nothing by
20 that. If you pay online, you're gonna pay a
21 processing fee. That's how it works when you
22 pay for stuff online.

23 **MR. BOOKER:** With a credit card and all that.

24 **MR. JONES:** That's not us charging the processing
25 fee. We don't have the software to process it.



1 **MR. DAVID:** And, again, I think we were also going
2 to check on this because this has the business
3 license in here to check and see when these
4 dates are appropriate for when this business
5 license goes into effect with the chart. So --
6 -

7 **MS. TAYLOR:** Yes, because we want to make sure that
8 we are dating this appropriately.

9 **MR. BOOKER:** Uh-huh.

10 **MR. JONES:** So, are you tabling the (inaudible)?

11 **MR. DAVID:** Yes.

12 **MS. TAYLOR:** Yes.

13 **MR. DAVID:** I move to table Ordinance Number -- or
14 second reading of Ordinance No. -- amendment --
15 I move to table Ordinance No. 13-2025, and
16 amendment to Ordinance No. 1-2022, Business
17 License Ordinance Section Number 10, Inspection
18 and Audits, including safe -- Life Safety
19 Inspection, second reading. Is there a second?

20 **MS. TAYLOR:** Second.

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

22 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Councilman Edward Campbell

23 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Yay.

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

25 **MS. TAYLOR:** Yay.



1 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Mayor Pro Tem John David.

2 **MR. DAVID:** Yes. Next, we have Ordinance No. 17-
3 2025, an ordinance amending the business
4 license ordinance number 1-2022, Town of
5 Atlantic Beach Update the Class Schedule as
6 required by Act number 176 of 2020.

7 **MS. TAYLOR:** So, this is just to get us in ---
8 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

9 **MS. TAYLOR:** --- because ---

10 **MR. JONES:** So we can be in compliance.

11 **MS. TAYLOR:** With the State.

12 **MR. JONES:** Yes.

13 **MS. TAYLOR:** Okay.

14 **MR. DAVID:** So, why are we reading -- why is there -
15 - couldn't the first one be an update, as well,
16 or is it just -- what's -- what's the
17 difference?

18 **MR. JONES:** It's called municipal government. And
19 so we have to read up on this stuff before you
20 get here ---

21 **MR. DAVID:** I did.

22 **MR. JONES:** --- so we can understand what's going
23 on. So, what we have to do is ---

24 **MALE SPEAKER:** There you go.

25 **MR. JONES:** --- this is a update on this chart, the



1 table scale that keeps us in compliance with
2 the State of South Carolina. It's nothing that
3 requires a whole lot of internal view. It's
4 just a -- it's just a -- it's just a
5 modification to the chart that they do yearly.

6 **MR. DAVID:** And this same chart is in the first
7 thing that we just read, correct?

8 **MR. JONES:** Yes.

9 **MS. TAYLOR:** But this is a standalone just for the
10 chart.

11 **MR. JONES:** (Inaudible) nothing about anything else.
12 It doesn't affect anything else. It's just
13 this little page, the last page, it's an
14 update.

15 **MS. TAYLOR:** Because we have a deadline for
16 compliance, correct?

17 **MR. JONES:** December 31st.

18 **MR. DAVID:** If we were -- and I know this is a --
19 this is a business workshop. Do we -- how many
20 businesses do we have in Town of Atlantic
21 Beach?

22 **MR. JONES:** Is that on the agenda? Are we sticking
23 to the agenda?

24 **MR. DAVID:** This is the business ---

25 **MR. JONES:** Are we playing a (inaudible)



1 **MR. DAVID:** This says business workshop, right?

2 **MR. JONES:** But this is not on the agenda.

3 **MR. DAVID:** Business workshop.

4 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

5 **MR. JONES:** --- sticking to the agenda.

6 **MR. DAVID:** Can you ask how many business ---

7 (inaudible)

8 **MALE SPEAKER:** Let's -- no (inaudible) let's stick
9 to (inaudible)

10 **MR. DAVID:** Well, I move to table this one, too,
11 until we get the information. Item B ---

12 **MS. TAYLOR:** Mayor Pro Tem, I think we have enough
13 information to just codify these codes as
14 stated by the State, which is all this does.
15 It's just -- I think it's a compliance issue,
16 nothing more. And I think we have enough
17 information to update the code so that we're
18 aligned with the State mandates.

19 **MALE SPEAKER:** (Inaudible) call the vote?

20 **MR. DAVID:** You can.

21 **MS. TAYLOR:** I call a vote to approve the second
22 reading of Ordinance 17-2025, ordinance
23 amending the business license ordinance number
24 1-2022 of the Town of Atlantic Beach to update
25 the class schedule as required by the Act 176



1 of 2020.

2 **MR. DAVID:** Roll -- roll call. Is there a second?

3 Did you second?

4 **MALE SPEAKER:** Motion ---

5 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Second.

6 **MS. TAYLOR:** Okay. He second.

7 **MR. DAVID:** Roll call.

8 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Councilman Edward Campbell.

9 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Yeah.

10 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

11 **MS. TAYLOR:** Yay.

12 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Mayor Pro Tem John David.

13 **MR. DAVID:** Yes.

14 **NEW BUSINESS:**

15 **MR. DAVID:** Next, we have New Business, Ordinance

16 No. 19-2020 ---

17 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** 18.

18 **MR. DAVID:** It's 18. Okay. 18. Number --

19 Ordinance No. 18-2025, an Ordinance Purchasing

20 and Procurement and Procedures for the Town of

21 Atlantic Beach, first reading.

22 **MR. JONES:** This is an ordinance that can go into

23 play for the guidelines and stipulations for

24 purchasing and the procurement process of the

25 Town of Atlantic Beach, which we currently do



1 not have, and we need to pass this ordinance in
2 order to be in compliance with the state and
3 federal law when it comes to our purchases
4 (inaudible)

5 **MS. TAYLOR:** Is there a deadline on this too, or
6 this just needs to happen?

7 **MR. JONES:** As soon as possible, but I would -- I
8 would implore the Council that we don't have
9 this in our current working system. So, when
10 it comes to purchasing and procurement
11 processes we -- if we don't hurry up and get
12 this into -- into -- into our ordinances, this
13 just causes problems when it comes to our
14 audits and things of that nature. So, this is
15 just something that we need to put into place,
16 that may have been overlooked in the past, but
17 this is something that -- it's one of those
18 guidelines that gives us a clear and direct
19 order on how we need to be doing purchasing and
20 what purchasing power is allotted to who, how
21 much and documentation of that.

22 **MS. TAYLOR:** What about the missing dollar amounts
23 in the document, will that be updated for the
24 second reading?

25 **MR. JONES:** That can be updated, of course.



1 Correct. Yes. I didn't want to put dollars
2 amount -- dollar amounts in there, or have
3 dollar amounts put in there, because, again,
4 that's a legislative thing. You guys decide on
5 how much we spend to who's authorized to
6 delegate what finances. I can't say that. I,
7 the Town Manager, want to be able to spend
8 \$20,000 and the Council doesn't agree. So, you
9 guys are the legislative body. You create the
10 dollar amount that can be spent (inaudible)
11 we'll codify it.

12 **MR. DAVID:** Is there a current ordinance on
13 purchasing power?

14 **MR. JONES:** Yes, I think it's very outdated. I
15 think the last time, especially during Gullah
16 Geechee (inaudible) allow me to spend \$1,000
17 because I think the spending limit was \$100
18 (inaudible).

19 **MR. DAVID:** I don't think we updated at all, because
20 we -- I know we wrote the checks, so.

21 **MR. JONES:** Well, it's in the minutes that you
22 updated -- that you -- that you moved to allow
23 -- give the Town Manager spending power up to
24 \$1,000.

25 **MR. DAVID:** Can we get a copy of that ordinance?



1 **MR. JONES:** Because it was only \$100.

2 **MR. DAVID:** Can we get a copy of that ordinance?

3 **MR. JONES:** Yeah. It was only \$100.

4 **MS. TAYLOR:** So, was it an ordinance or ...

5 **MR. DAVID:** Purchasing policy, which ---

6 **MR. JONES:** It did -- I don't know exactly what it
7 was under.

8 **MS. TAYLOR:** But it's in the minutes that we had
9 (inaudible)

10 **MR. JONES:** Yes, it's in the minutes. Yes.

11 **MR. DAVID:** Do we have the minutes for the vote for
12 Gullah Geechee spending?

13 **MR. JONES:** Yes.

14 **MR. DAVID:** But they ---

15 **MR. JONES:** And that allowed the Town Manager to up
16 his spending.

17 **MR. DAVID:** No, it ---

18 **MR. JONES:** It's in the minutes.

19 **MR. DAVID:** It didn't have a dollar amount. It just
20 said to pay for all things Gullah Geechee.

21 **MR. JONES:** No, didn't say all things Gullah
22 Geechee. It had a dollar amount. But I will
23 get it for you.

24 **MR. DAVID:** Thank you very much.

25 **MR. JONES:** So I can make sure (inaudible)



1 **MR. DAVID:** So, until we have that, I'll move to
2 table this one, too.

3 **MR. JONES:** (Inaudible) table this because of that?

4 **MR. DAVID:** Because we don't have dollar amounts in
5 here, this whole thing has yellow empty spots
6 that says dollar amounts.

7 **MR. JONES:** But that's what Council comes in with
8 the dollar amounts.

9 **MR. DAVID:** And that's what we need to come up with,
10 dollar amounts, because when are we coming up
11 with it?

12 **MR. JONES:** I mean, that's the second reading.

13 **MR. DAVID:** And percentages.

14 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

15 **MR. JONES:** This will give you something ---

16 **MR. DAVID:** I'm gonna move to table this. Ordinance
17 No. ---

18 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** (Inaudible)

19 **MR. DAVID:** Well, you gotta move. I'll make a
20 motion to table. Or you can make a motion to
21 move forward with it.

22 **MS. TAYLOR:** I don't see a problem moving forward
23 with it knowing that it has to be amended
24 before we -- I mean, it has to be updated and
25 completed. It's not a complete document. It's



1 a draft.

2 **MR. DAVID:** It has at least ten empty spaces in here
3 with amounts.

4 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

5 **MR. CAMPBELL:** (Inaudible) second reading, John.

6 **MR. DAVID:** We need -- I need to see the other
7 information.

8 **MS. COWEN:** And Mayor -- Town Manager, you will
9 provide us with numbers?

10 **MR. JONES:** You guys want to know typical number
11 from surrounding municipalities of our size ---

12 **MS. TAYLOR:** That would help.

13 **MR. JONES:** --- spending power?

14 **MS. TAYLOR:** That would help so we could make ---

15 **MR. JONES:** I will get that for you.

16 **MS. TAYLOR:** --- decisions that were fair.

17 **MR. DAVID:** I move to table Ordinance No. 18-2025,
18 an Ordinance Purchasing and Procurement
19 Procedures for the Town of Atlantic Beach,
20 first reading, until we have the information to
21 make an informed decision. Is there a second?

22 (No audible response.)

23 **MR. DAVID:** There's no second. Is there another
24 motion?

25 **MS. TAYLOR:** I move that we pass the first reading



1 of Ordinance Purchasing and Procurement
2 Procedures for the Town of Atlantic Beach,
3 Ordinance No. 18-2025, with the understanding
4 that the own Manager will provide us with
5 numbers from comparable municipalities for us
6 to peruse and discuss and have the updated
7 version for our second reading on December 8,
8 2025.

9 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Second.

10 **MR. DAVID:** Roll call.

11 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Councilman Edward campbell.

12 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Yay.

13 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

14 **MS. TAYLOR:** Yay.

15 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Mayor Pro Tem John David.

16 **MR. DAVID:** No.

17 **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

18 **MR. DAVID:** Next, we'll move to the Manager's Report
19 to update us on the staffing for police and
20 other staffing reports. We added it to the --
21 to the agenda.

22 **MS. TAYLOR:** Public safety.

23 **MR. JONES:** Public safety. There will be no updates
24 on staffing today, Mayor Pro Tem, nice try.
25 But what I will do is I will address the police



1 -- the public safety facts. As you guys know,
2 we are currently utilizing the Horry County
3 Police Department to patrol our Town. They
4 will be doing so for the foreseeable future.
5 Our plan is to swear in our new incoming chief
6 on December the 8th. He will be here to be
7 sworn in on December the 8th. Good sign that
8 he will be bringing personnel with him, as
9 well. So, we're looking forward to a total
10 rejuvenation of the police department that we
11 once had. We're looking to improve upon that
12 with -- not only with adequate leadership from
13 the police department, but with adequate
14 leadership from the Town, as well. So, with
15 that being said, I hope that you guys will bear
16 with us through this rough spot that we're
17 experiencing. But Horry county will be
18 patrolling the Town for the next 30 to 60 days,
19 in conjunction with the new chief coming in and
20 bringing his staff.

21 **MR. DAVID:** Is there hours that they patrol or is
22 there different ---

23 **MR. JONES:** Yes, so, if I'm not mistaken, don't
24 quote me on this, but if I'm not mistaken,
25 right now, the Town has coverage from Monday



1 through Thursday, from 3:00 to 11:00, and if
2 officers pick up shifts between 11:00 and 7:00,
3 that's -- that's that totally on them. We have
4 no authority over who picks the shift or who
5 doesn't, but those are availability times. And
6 then from Thursday to Saturday, we have
7 officers that do the 3:00 to 11:00 and 11:00 to
8 7:00, I'm pretty sure. So, that's the coverage
9 that we're paying for right now through the
10 Town. And I look forward to seeing that kind
11 of level off a little bit come next month with
12 the new incom- -- with the new chief and him
13 getting his department in place.

14 **MR. DAVID:** Do we have a contract with Horry County
15 police?

16 **MR. JONES:** Yes, we do.

17 **MR. DAVID:** How much is the contract and for how
18 long a time?

19 **MR. JONES:** Well, the contract is a net 30 contract,
20 which means it's -- it's only officers get paid
21 for hours that they work, and it's just an
22 hourly charge. It's not a binding contract.
23 It doesn't tie us to a long term, or it doesn't
24 have a definition of how long or what ifs.
25 It's just a this is what the officers' hours



1 are. This is what they charge per hour. You
2 guys tell us what schedules you want. They'll
3 fill them in, and we pay accordingly.

4 **MR. DAVID:** Anything else?

5 **MS. TAYLOR:** No. You're going to provide us those
6 numbers?

7 **MR. JONES:** For the ---

8 **MS. TAYLOR:** Procurement ---

9 **MR. JONES:** --- procurement process?

10 **MS. TAYLOR:** Yes.

11 **MR. JONES:** Yes.

12 **MS. TAYLOR:** And those numbers for those grant
13 projects that we discussed.

14 **MR. JONES:** The grant project.

15 **MS. TAYLOR:** The lights and ---

16 **MR. JONES:** The light posts, correct.

17 **MS. TAYLOR:** The cost of ---

18 **MR. JONES:** The insurance and the cost for the
19 insurance.

20 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

21 **MS. TAYLOR:** Yes.

22 **MR. JONES:** I think Mr. Booker already has the data
23 on what they did, and he just told me today
24 that they -- Spectrum will be also lowering
25 their price. Is that correct, Mr. Booker ---



1 **MR. BOOKER:** That's correct.

2 **MR. JONES:** --- for those light poles, and they're
3 going to be paying us -- we're going to be
4 looking at per pole, not just one whole --
5 whole price as what Council thought.

6 **MS. TAYLOR:** But you'll put all that in ---

7 **MR. JONES:** I'll put that into ---

8 **MS. TAYLOR:** --- writing.

9 **MR. JONES:** --- nice little document for you guys.

10 **MS. TAYLOR:** I appreciate that.

11 **MR. JONES:** And hopefully on the 8th we'll -- you
12 guys can be able to make a conscious decision
13 on getting some of this stuff moved.

14 **MS. TAYLOR:** That's all I have.

15 **MR. DAVID:** Anything else?

16 (No response heard.)

17 **ADJOURNMENT:**

18 **MR. DAVID:** If not, is there a motion to adjourn?

19 **MS. TAYLOR:** So moved.

20 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Second.

21 **MR. DAVID:** If that's the case, motion to adjourn at
22 6:55 on the 18th of No- ---

23 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Roll call?

24 **MR. DAVID:** Well, roll call.

25 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Councilman Edward Campbell.



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MR. CAMPBELL: Yay.

FEMALE SPEAKER: Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

MS. TAYLOR: Yay.

FEMALE SPEAKER: Mayor Pro Tem John David.

MR. DAVID: Yes.

MS. TAYLOR: (Inaudible) ready to go?

(Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

(The meeting was adjourned.)



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal this December 30, 2025.



Amanda J. Creel Godfrey
Court Reporter

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

