

**TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH
SOUTH CAROLINA**

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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APPEARANCES

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

John David, Mayor Pro Tem
 Carla Taylor, Councilwoman
 Edward Campbell, Councilman
 Jacqueline Gore, Councilwoman

ALSO PRESENT:

Adrian Jones, Town Manager
 Carnisha Hennigan, Assistant Town Clerk
 Linda Cheatham

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CALL TO ORDER:

FEMALE SPEAKER: --- Gore.

MS. GORE: Yes.

FEMALE SPEAKER: Mayor Pro Tem John David.

MR. DAVID: Yes.

If everybody please, could turn their cell phones and stuff off or silence 'em.

First of all, I'd like to have a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

(Moment of silence observed.)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

MR. DAVID: Next, we'll move to ceremonial matters.

We are having a memorial ceremony for a Wilbert Will Chauncey Thomas, Jr. immediately following this meeting. I would like to first read the resolution that was written on behalf of the Town of Atlantic Beach. It reads, Memorial Resolution honoring Wilbert Will Chauncey Thomas, Jr. The historic Town of Atlantic Beach, South Carolina, August 4, 2025. Whereas, Wilbert Will Chauncey Thomas, Jr., was born on July 19, 1952 to Wilbert Thomas, Sr.,



1 and Margarita Elizabeth Simon Thomas. Whereas,
2 Will was one of five siblings, including Mona,
3 Gary, Larry, Limerick, each an essential part
4 of a strong, loving family foundation.
5 Whereas, Will was a proud graduate of Thomas
6 Edison High School in Philadelphia,
7 Pennsylvania. Whereas, Will began a
8 distinguished career at the First Pennsylvania
9 Bank at an early age, leading to a 20-year
10 career in the -- career in the banking
11 industry, culminating as the first President --
12 as the Vice President at Liberty Savings Bank.
13 Whereas, Will moved to Florida in the early
14 90s, where his quiet charisma opened new
15 chapters, including area supervisor coordinator
16 for the West Palm Beach School District.
17 Whereas, Will brought his many skills, quiet
18 charisma and loving -- and the love of
19 community to the historic Town of Atlantic
20 Beach in the early 2000s where he quickly
21 established himself -- himself as a vital
22 member of the community. Whereas, Will work
23 tirelessly for the Atlantic Beach community,
24 serving on the Atlantic Beach beau- --
25 Beautification Committee and co-founding the



1 Atlantic Beach Gullah Geechee Organization,
2 Inc. Whereas, Will inspired the creation of
3 the stage play, The Black Pearl, performed --
4 which was performed at Coastal Carolina
5 University in 2025 as a direct result of the
6 2023 Gullah Geechee Festival success and Will's
7 visionary influence. Whereas, Will saw the
8 need for street signs and personally raised
9 over \$5,000 for the installation through door-
10 to-door community fundraising. Whereas, Will
11 supported the installation of the community
12 seating in the Town's cul de sac and in front
13 of Town Hall and the Atlantic Beach Community
14 Center. Whereas, Will was an influence --
15 influential member of the Atlantic Beach Zoning
16 Board of Appeals. Whereas, Will's kindness and
17 quiet gestures touched everyone in our
18 community and renewed sense of identity and
19 rooted deeply in heritage and lifted by hope.
20 Whereas, Will's legacy reminds us that service
21 is sacred, that beauty can be communal and that
22 true leadership often whispers rather than
23 shouts. Whereas, Will showed us legacy begins
24 and endures with love. Whereas, on June 29,
25 2025 Will peacefully ended his journey on this



1 earth. Be it resolved that the Town of
2 Atlantic Beach residents will always remember
3 the true heart, quiet charisma and love of
4 community of our dear friend and neighbor,
5 Wilbert Will Chauncey Thomas, Jr., and will
6 work to continue his legacy. And be sure -- be
7 it further resolved that the Town of Atlantic
8 Beach honors his memory today and always.

9 Next, we will move on -- and to follow
10 this meeting, there will be a memorial service
11 for Will. There will be food and festivities
12 for everyone. So, please stay after the
13 meeting and enjoy all.

14 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

15 Do we have a motion to approve the agenda?
16 Actually, as there -- there is one motion that
17 -- there's one matter out of -- out of
18 Executive Session, that I'd like to -- well,
19 actually, let's do the motion, then we'll add
20 it.

21 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Well -- go ahead.

22 **COUNCILWOMAN:** So move.

23 **MR. DAVID:** Okay. Is there a second? Wait,
24 discussion. Discussion.

25 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Discussion. We can approve the



1 agenda with the addition of an item under new
2 business resolution, 5 with GSAT.

3 **MR. DAVID:** Yes, five and six.

4 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Five and six to authorize the Town
5 to replace the people representing the Town at
6 the policy meetings, authorizing you, Mayor Pro
7 Tem, John David, and your alternate being Town
8 Manager, Adrian Jones, as our representatives
9 at the GSAT policy meetings. So, that would be
10 item G under New Business.

11 **MR. DAVID:** Is there any other further discussion?
12 (No response heard.)

13 **MR. DAVID:** Roll call.

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

15 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Yay.

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

17 **MS. TAYLOR:** Yay.

18 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore.

19 **MS. GORE:** Yay.

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

21 **MR. DAVID:** Yes, ma'am. Thank you.

22 **PUBLIC TIME**

23 **MR. DAVID:** Next, we will move to public time. Do
24 we have any comments from public time? If
25 there's be -- if there are none, we will move



1 on.

2 **OLD BUSINESS**

3 **MR. DAVID:** Next, we have old business -- somebody
4 get the door back there, some people are trying
5 to come in.

6 We move to old business. Item A, Town
7 Council meeting minutes from April 29th and
8 July 7th of 2025. Is there a motion to approve
9 those minutes?

10 **COUNCILWOMAN:** So move.

11 **COUNCILMAN:** second.

12 **MR. DAVID:** Discussion before there's a second. On
13 one of the minutes, if we can notify the -- on
14 the July 7 minutes the Creel, hopefully we can
15 get another reporting folks. They spelled
16 time wrong on the front page. So, if we can
17 have them to amend that.

18 **COUNCILWOMAN:** Sho' did.

19 **MR. DAVID:** Otherwise, if there's no further
20 discussion, roll call.

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

22 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Yay.

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

24 **MS. TAYLOR:** Yay.

25 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore.



1 **MS. GORE:** Yay.

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

3 **MR. DAVID:** Yes.

4 Next we have item B, a comprehensive plan,
5 schedule and overview.

6 Hey, how you doing, Ashley? If y'all see
7 Ashley around town, which I've seen her a lot
8 and very appreciative, Diamond Shore seems to
9 be working very good to make sure we
10 incorporate all the things that we want in our
11 new comprehensive plan. So, we encourage
12 everybody to participate and -- and -- and help
13 us put the vision we have for the next ten
14 years for the Town. Ashley.

15 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Good evening, everyone and
16 everyone out there.

17 **MR. DAVID:** You can turn around.

18 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Can I turn this?

19 **MR. DAVID:** Yes.

20 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Okay. I feel weird with my back
21 to y'all. I have just passed out to Council an
22 updated meeting calendar. This is gonna be
23 available on our Facebook page, so please make
24 sure you follow Plan Atlantic Beach on
25 Facebook. Real simple, Plan Atlantic Beach,



1 should be able to find it. I just wanted to
2 draw attention to a couple of additions. We
3 have added three virtual open houses. These
4 will directly mirror the in-person open houses
5 that we previously talked about, that's because
6 we had a large portion of the community ask for
7 virtual since they live out of town. Any
8 questions, please, just interrupt me.

9 I'm gonna fumble with my paperwork here
10 for a second. We have opened a community input
11 survey. It is available digitally. The link
12 is available online. I also have a QR code
13 here if you would like to scan it. I'm
14 available after the meeting. I'll stick around
15 for after the memorial service if you'd like to
16 scan it then. I also have paper copies.
17 Anybody that is not computer savvy, please pick
18 up a paper copy. Happy for you to take it
19 home. Let me know, I can pick it back up.
20 Bring it to a future meeting, and I'll pick it
21 up there. Come to a Planning Commission
22 meeting, I will have more copies. Stepping
23 away from microphone, I'm sorry. I will have
24 more copies of them there. Any way you want to
25 fill it out, please fill it out and get it back



1 to me. Call me. Get it back to me there. I'm
2 happy to come and pick it up from you. We want
3 everybody to fill this out, even if you don't
4 live in the Town. If you have an interest in
5 the future of the Town, please fill it out.

6 Flipping paperwork again. I want to draw
7 attention to two specific future input meetings
8 that we have. One is specifically for
9 children. Forgot, I had my back to you guys,
10 I'm sorry. One is specifically for children.
11 We are asking any children of the community,
12 that could be grandchildren, that could be your
13 children, that could be your nieces, your
14 nephews, and their parents, or if a grandparent
15 wants to bring their children out, we are
16 having this event on August 15th, that is a
17 Saturday, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning, here
18 in this room. There will be snacks available
19 for the little ones. We're going to be doing
20 a future visioning activity with the little
21 ones. We'll have maps out. We'll have
22 pictures for them to draw. What we're going to
23 ask the kids to do is think about the future of
24 this town for them. What do they want to see
25 in the future for Atlantic Beach? Basically,



1 we're gonna let those kids design the future of
2 Atlantic Beach the way they want it, and then
3 we're gonna put all their ---

4 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Ashley, is there a age range?
5 When you say children ---

6 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Thinking like three-ish to like
7 13, 14. Three-ish is when they can start
8 drawing. 15, 14 is when they stop wanting to
9 do that.

10 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Okay.

11 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Now, if you've got a 17 year-old
12 that still wants to be participatory, please
13 bring 'em out. If you got a two year old that
14 could hold a crayon and won't eat it, please
15 bring 'em out. I'm going to let the
16 grandparents and the parents be the judge of
17 who can participate. But please don't bring a
18 two year old and just drop 'em off, 'cause I've
19 done that, and I don't want to do that again.

20 So, again, we're going to take those
21 drawings, and then we're going to weave them
22 together in a quilt for the future vision of
23 the Town. And hopefully we can hang that
24 somewhere here, so that everybody can enjoy the
25 beautiful colors and pictures that the Town's



1 children have created.

2 The next that I would like to draw your
3 attention to is August 13th. It's actually two
4 days prior to that children's event. It is a
5 open house, an education session. We're going
6 to do an interactive game with anybody who
7 attends. You'll get to learn more about
8 development, the process for development, the
9 steps you need to go through, the process for
10 approval and development, and you can even ask
11 questions about your own property if you'd like
12 to at that time. We'll also have more ways
13 that you can give input for the comprehensive
14 plan and land management ordinance at that
15 time.

16 **MR. DAVID:** Go ahead.

17 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Anybody have any questions about
18 that?

19 **MR. DAVID:** No.

20 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Okay. Anybody have any questions
21 about anything?

22 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Huh-uh.

23 **COUNCILMAN:** (Inaudible)

24 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Okay. I am available. I will be
25 here if anybody comes up with questions.



1 **MR. DAVID:** Okay.

2 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Thank you, Ashley.

3 **MALE SPEAKER:** Thank you.

4 **MR. DAVID:** Thank you. And I do want to point out
5 that -- don't know if she mentioned, but
6 there's a -- look like a Planning Commission
7 kickoff on the 21st of August, so make sure
8 everybody come out for that, as well.

9 Next, we have item C, authorize Town
10 Manager Adrian Jones to enter into a contract
11 with Diamond Shores to revise the comprehensive
12 plan and land management ordinance master plans
13 for 30th Avenue. Is -- we had -- we've done
14 that before or have we done it before?

15 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** (Inaudible)

16 **MR. DAVID:** Well, under Ms. Cheatham, so, we're
17 going to do it from Adrian -- gotcha. So, is
18 there a motion on the floor to authorize the
19 town manager?

20 **COUNCILWOMAN:** So move.

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

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

23 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Yes.

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

25 **MS. TAYLOR:** Yay.



1 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore.

2 **MS. GORE:** Yay.

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

4 **MR. DAVID:** Yes. Next, we have nomination for
5 Architectural Review Board appointment.

6 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** (Inaudible)

7 **MR. DAVID:** We haven't received any one for the --
8 we have a vacancy on the Architectural Review
9 Board. If anyone is interested, help- --
10 hopefully, and they would help with the
11 comprehensive plan designing what the
12 Architectural Review Board does, but basically,
13 they would help with any designs or -- or
14 thoughts moving forward with the Town, or
15 approvals of those designs, if any come out of
16 that lane.

17 **COUNCILWOMAN:** So, why don't we just like
18 (inaudible) for that right there and
19 (inaudible)

20 **MR. DAVID:** We -- let's -- let's give everybody
21 until, I think we said August -- let's say
22 August 25th to submit any applications to the
23 Town Hall via Cheryl. If you have -- if you
24 have interest, or if you'd like to get an
25 application, please contact the Town Hall,



1 Cheryl, and she'll provide you with the
2 application, and you can apply for that Review
3 Board appointment.

4 Item E, wanted to point out that the
5 second phase of the mural project starts in
6 September, if you ever want to notice the mural
7 was done on the old fire station, the Gullah
8 Geechee corridor for Atlantic Beach, which I
9 think is very beautiful. The second phase will
10 include a -- on the side of the t-shirt
11 building that Tabelli (ph) owns, in the back
12 part, it will have a beautiful one way sign
13 that's reminiscent of the old one way -- that
14 has the arrow that points open -- and says open
15 year round in Atlantic Beach. It'll be big and
16 beautiful on that wall, so people will see it
17 as they come down -- or see as they enter 30th
18 Avenue. And there will also be one other, the
19 third of our installments in the mural, which
20 will be a big town seal that either will be on
21 the front of the Town Hall or on the side of
22 the Town Hall. If anybody has an opinion about
23 that, please let the Town Manager know, 'cause
24 we're trying to figure out which one looks the
25 best.



NEW BUSINESS

Next, we'll move into new business, item A, Ordinance 10-2025, Chapter 8, traffic ordinances, Section 1.01, adoption of state traffic laws, first reading. Town Manager, you got any thoughts or give everybody an update of what that is or ...

MR. JONES: Well, the Town of Atlantic Beach has -- for -- in order for us to come to complete and start our comprehensive plan, we have to do a series of things, and one is updating our land ordinances and our LMOs and how they pertain to certain businesses. So, here, over the near future, we're going to be updating the processes with our land ordinances for uses of golf carts, traffic ordinances, public nuisance, stuff of that nature. We'll be refining and updating those ordinances to that -- you got anything you want me to ---

MR. DAVID: That's it. And I think this just follows in suit. We did the parking ordinances back a month or two ago. We're doing the traffic ordinances now so that also the police had mentioned plenty of times that they didn't have the teeth to do certain things. And I



1 think the police chief will talk about that.
2 I think we do the ordinances, get 'em approved,
3 and then they turn 'em into different citations
4 that can then be processed through the Town.
5 I think one of the biggest things, too, we had
6 people down at Ocean, and we still do,
7 hopefully they'll regulate that as much as
8 possible that we have, you know, people living
9 down in the dunes, and they shouldn't be living
10 in the dunes. And we had nothing or teeth to
11 say anything, to do anything about that, and
12 now we do. So, the traffic ordinances just
13 follow that. So ---

14 **COUNCILWOMAN:** I got one question about that.

15 **MR. DAVID:** Go ahead.

16 **COUNCILWOMAN:** I've seen in there where it was
17 saying that the golf carts at some point, and
18 the one I have ---

19 **MR. DAVID:** Yes.

20 **COUNCILWOMAN:** --- that they could drive in the Town
21 24/7, is that still like that, or did they take
22 and go back and amend it? Because if that's
23 the case, won't we be superseding the state
24 law?

25 **MR. DAVID:** We followed everything that's in the



1 state law for that I think ---

2 **COUNCILWOMAN:** So, we could drive around on 24 hours
3 a day on a golf cart ---

4 **MR. DAVID:** With golf cart -- with the LSV, you can
5 drive around at different times all the time
6 because it has lights and traffic signals. A
7 golf cart, I think you have to follow certain
8 rules, because you can't drive at night if you
9 don't have lights and stuff.

10 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** It's sun up to sun down.

11 **COUNCILWOMAN:** That's what I -- but in here, it's
12 saying 24 hours.

13 **MR. DAVID:** Where it say that at?

14 **COUNCILWOMAN:** Well, on the one that I crossed out.
15 Maybe he ---

16 **MR. DAVID:** Yeah, we -- we killed ---
17 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

18 **MALE SPEAKER:** Yeah, that -- that got amended.

19 **COUNCILWOMAN:** Okay. Yeah, that's the only thing I
20 see.

21 **MR. DAVID:** And it should -- we will have these
22 posted on the website hopefully by the end of
23 next week, so that everyone can review them.
24 If you have any comments, please let your
25 Council member know. And if you see something



1 you don't like, we can bring it up at the
2 second reading.

3 **COUNCILWOMAN:** Okay. But I was just ---

4 **MR. DAVID:** Okay. Next, we have ---

5 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Do we need to vote on the first
6 reading?

7 **MR. DAVID:** Yes. Is there a motion to approve the
8 first reading of ordinance number 10-2025,
9 Chapter 8, traffic ordinances, Section 1.01,
10 adoption of state traffic laws?

11 **COUNCILWOMAN:** So move.

12 **MR. DAVID:** Is there a second?

13 **COUNCILMAN:** Second.

14 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Well, with corrections ---
15 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

16 **MR. DAVID:** With corrections.

17 **MALE SPEAKER:** With correction.

18 **COUNCILWOMAN:** I thought the corrections already done
19 the last time.

20 **MR. DAVID:** If they haven't been done.

21 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** If they haven't been done.

22 **MR. DAVID:** Okay. Roll call.

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

24 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Yay.

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



1 **MS. TAYLOR:** Yay.

2 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore.

3 **MS. GORE:** Yes.

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

5 **MR. DAVID:** Yes. Next, we have item B, approval of
6 contract agreement with Kimberly Vincent LLC to
7 provide accounting services to the Town of
8 Atlantic Beach. Town manager.

9 **MR. JONES:** Yes. We're going to be moving toward
10 bringing back Ms. Kimberly Vincent to handle
11 our accounting situation. Ms. Vincent is aware
12 of how the process has worked with Atlantic
13 Beach. She's someone that was recommended
14 highly by staff. I think that this is probably
15 something we need to go ahead and get done as
16 soon as possible, so I can get her to work, so
17 I can start to get us up to date where we need
18 to be when ---

19 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

20 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** So, she's a re-hire (inaudible)

21 **MR. DAVID:** Okay. Is there a motion to approve the
22 contract agreement with Kimberly Vincent to
23 provide accounting service to the Town of
24 Atlantic Beach? Is there a motion?

25 **COUNCILWOMAN:** Oh, so move.



1 **MR. DAVID:** Is there a second?

2 **COUNCILWOMAN:** Second.

3 **MR. DAVID:** Roll call.

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

5 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Yay.

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

7 **MS. TAYLOR:** Yay.

8 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore.

9 **MS. GORE:** Yay.

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

11 **MR. DAVID:** Yes. Next, we have item D, consider
12 it ---

13 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** C.

14 **MR. DAVID:** C, I'm sorry, I checked (inaudible).
15 Appreciate it, Carla. Approval of the Town
16 Manager to secure legal services for the Town.
17 I think we need legal services in multiple
18 areas. I don't know if our Town lawyer still
19 works for the Town, so we're gonna work on
20 that, and this will give the Town Manager
21 approval to secure legal services for the Town.
22 Is there a motion to approve Town Manager to
23 secure legal services for the Town?

24 **COUNCILWOMAN:** So move.

25 **MR. DAVID:** Is there a second?



1 COUNCILMAN: Second.

2 MR. DAVID: Roll call.

3 FEMALE SPEAKER: Councilman Edward Campbell.

4 MR. CAMPBELL: Yay.

5 FEMALE SPEAKER: Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

6 MS. TAYLOR: Yay.

7 FEMALE SPEAKER: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore.

8 MS. GORE: Yes.

9 FEMALE SPEAKER: Mayor Pro Tem John David.

10 MR. DAVID: Yes. Next, we have consideration of
11 appointment and of municipal judge and contract
12 agreement. Our previous judge secured new
13 employment and ---

14 FEMALE SPEAKER: Resigned.

15 MR. DAVID: --- and resigned. So, we have a
16 applicant, our own -- very own, Jerry Finney,
17 who falls in the legacy of judges as his father
18 was the first black Supreme Court justice in
19 South Carolina. And we're excited if we
20 approve and have Jerry to act as our judge as
21 he applied. Is there a motion to approve the
22 appointment of Mr. Jerry Finney as our
23 municipal judge?

24 COUNCILWOMAN: I move that we ---

25 COUNCILWOMAN: So move.



1 **COUNCILWOMAN:** --- approve attorney Jerry Finney as
2 our municipal court judge.

3 **MR. DAVID:** Is there a second?

4 **COUNCILMAN:** Second.

5 **COUNCILWOMAN:** Second.

6 **MR. DAVID:** Roll call.

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

8 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Yay.

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

10 **MS. TAYLOR:** Yay.

11 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Councilman Jacqueline Gore.

12 **MS. GORE:** Yay.

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

14 **MR. DAVID:** Yes. Next, we have item E, approval
15 of signage and brick beautification project.
16 This is a combination fundraiser and
17 beautification, and if anybody wants any other
18 information, you can get a copy from Town Hall.
19 But, basically, we're going to pick a few areas
20 in the town where we have bad sidewalks and
21 stuff, and we're gonna allow people to buy --
22 and actually we'll have it posted on the
23 website, as well. So, you can purchase a brick
24 or a big paver, and you can have the names of
25 your -- anybody you want, or your family and --



1 on those pavers or brick, and then you can --
2 I think it's either 100 or 200 dollars based on
3 the pricing, but, again, we'll make sure you
4 have that information on the website after
5 this. And then we'll do those sections of
6 sidewalks. And so many places we have to fix
7 sidewalks, so we'll do in some of those areas
8 which will be designated by the Town Manager.
9 And then ---

10 **MALE SPEAKER:** Is this for, like, in the cul de
11 sac?

12 **MR. DAVID:** Nope, it's not.

13 **COUNCILWOMAN:** Throughout the Town.

14 **MR. DAVID:** It's throughout the sidewalks
15 throughout Town.

16 **COUNCILWOMAN:** (inaudible) got a messed up sidewalk.

17 **MR. DAVID:** Anywhere that we have -- anywhere that
18 we have concrete that is cracked and unpa- --
19 undone. We'll have ---

20 **MALE SPEAKER:** (Inaudible) brick?

21 **MR. DAVID:** Bricks, yes. Just such as down in the
22 cul de sac and on -- huh?

23 **COUNCILWOMAN:** (inaudible)

24 **MR. DAVID:** Say it again.

25 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** I think the ---



1 **MR. DAVID:** Signature sidewalks, as Jackie said.

2 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** I think is there any kind of
3 visual that we could share with the Town?

4 **MR. DAVID:** We will. We'll post it on the website,
5 as well. And the second part of this is we
6 have the sign that is on the front of 30th
7 Avenue that is old and damaged. And one of the
8 Town residents came to us and had a sign made
9 from different vendors. And with that, we
10 would -- thought of the idea to allow citizens
11 to purchase a brick or big paver on each side,
12 if they would like, for I think we listed for
13 like, \$600 a piece, on each side with your
14 family, or whoever you want on that and it'll
15 will be a big brick structure with the sign
16 standing up above it, and we'll put those in
17 different places around town. But there will
18 be more information on the website, and you can
19 get a copy of the display if you go up to Town
20 Hall tomorrow.

21 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Can we go back to the ---

22 **MR. DAVID:** Yes.

23 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** --- bricks? Is there a timeline
24 for that, like, when will people begin to
25 purchase or design? I mean ...



1 **MR. DAVID:** We have the designs and samples for it,
2 which are on the display, which we'll make sure
3 to pass out. And, again, all of that will be
4 on the website. And it'll probably be over the
5 next two or three months that we'll try to see
6 who signs up for the different things. And
7 then there'll be an implementation period after
8 that.

9 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Will there be like a design review
10 board to kind of oversee it?

11 **MR. DAVID:** I -- we'll let the Town -- we'll run it
12 through the Town Manager.

13 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Okay.

14 **MR. DAVID:** And if you have comments on it when you
15 review the proposal, please provide the
16 comments to the Town Manager, as well. Is
17 there a motion to approve the signage and brick
18 beautification project?

19 **COUNCILWOMAN:** So move.

20 **MR. DAVID:** Is there a second?

21 **COUNCILMAN:** Second.

22 **MR. DAVID:** Roll call.

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

24 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Yay.

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



1 **MS. TAYLOR:** Yay.

2 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore.

3 **MS. GORE:** Yay.

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

5 **MR. DAVID:** Yes. Next, we have Ms. -- our own Ms.

6 Alice Graham, if she could start making her way

7 up. We have approval of the historic marker

8 for Atlantic Beach contributing properties,

9 recommendations from the Historic Committee.

10 Thank you, Ms. Graham.

11 **MS. GRAHAM:** (inaudible)

12 **MR. DAVID:** (Laughter) How you doing today?

13 **MS. GRAHAM:** Hi there.

14 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Good evening.

15 **MS. GRAHAM:** My name is Alice Adderton Graham, for

16 all of you here who I don't know and you don't

17 know me. And we have a Historical Committee,

18 and they appointed me as the archivist, because

19 I'm the person that collects and saves. But

20 tonight they want me to make a plea, so I'm

21 gonna read it to you. Mayor Pro Tem and

22 Council members, I am Alice Adderton Graham,

23 archivist for the historical Town of Atlantic

24 Beach, and today I'm standing on behalf of the

25 Town's Historical Committee, which includes Pat



1 Millette, Rose Rucker, Helen Pierce and John
2 Skeeters. That's just to name a few. We are
3 all very proud of our Town's recent designation
4 as a historic district on the National Register
5 of Historic Places. This designation is
6 designed to ensure that our history is
7 preserved, and all that visit our town are
8 aware of the importance of the cultural and
9 historical events which took place here. As a
10 part of our nomination, a survey was conducted
11 of the properties, memorabilia and artifacts.
12 This survey identified many historical
13 artifacts and items. Today, I'm standing to
14 discuss the properties in the Town which were
15 identified. The application lists 72
16 properties within Atlantic Beach which are 50
17 years and older and which were important during
18 the time of our historical designation. These
19 72 properties were listed in the application as
20 contr- -- as contributing properties, and we
21 have a list of them, because I know somebody's
22 going to ask me that. We do have a list of
23 them. The request of the Historical Committee
24 to the Town Council is that the Council approve
25 a specific marker for the contributing



1 properties. This came about because several
2 citizens have asked us what -- what could we do
3 so that they could designate their property as
4 one of those properties that was here 50 years
5 or longer, and what could we do that would be
6 uniform. So, the committee researched it, and
7 what we found that the -- there are markers
8 offered by the South Carolina Office of
9 Historic Preservation, and as our Town for --
10 you can make it our Town's official marker.
11 These markers are referred to as plaques. The
12 reason that is, you remember, we have a marker
13 at the Town Hall. You can't have that, but you
14 can have what's referred to as a plaque. This
15 is the -- this one was one of the ones that's
16 up in Greenville. This is just one of the
17 designs, and this goes on your door. It goes
18 on -- would be right on your front door, and
19 designate you there as a contributing historic
20 property. And basically that's -- that's what
21 we're asking you to consider. If -- you have
22 a question?

23 **MR. DAVID:** Ms. Alice, is that the one that you all
24 are recommending that we do?

25 **MS. GRAHAM:** Yeah, that's the one we saw when you



1 were in a meeting where, in the committee
2 meeting, when we presented ---

3 **MR. DAVID:** Yes, ma'am.

4 **MS. GRAHAM:** --- the first time.

5 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** So, the committee has already
6 identified a style that they would like ---
7 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

8 **MS. GRAHAM:** Yeah, we have to have -- this is --
9 this is one of the styles. There may be more,
10 but this is the one that they have in
11 Greenville.

12 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** And my next question is, the
13 property owner is responsible for purchasing --
14 -

15 **MS. GRAHAM:** Yes, it's \$180.

16 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Okay.

17 **MS. GRAHAM:** It would be \$180 for the property
18 owner.

19 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Okay.

20 **COUNCILWOMAN:** That's nice.

21 **MS. GRAHAM:** If you go in the other direction,
22 it'll cost you up to \$500 or more. But it
23 would be so nice if it be unified, you know,
24 can have -- if we see this house with that
25 plaque on it, we know ---



1 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

2 **MS. GRAHAM:** --- this house was built 50 years ago.

3 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Okay.

4 **MR. DAVID:** Anybody got any questions or ---

5 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Is there a deadline that you --
6 for us to respond?

7 **MS. GRAHAM:** You have to ---

8 **MR. DAVID:** We can ---

9 **MS. GRAHAM:** I understand what (inaudible). You
10 have to respond to the Architectural Board.

11 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

12 **MR. DAVID:** We're gonna ---

13 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

14 **MR. DAVID:** --- if that's the one.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN:** They have to decide. If they decide,
16 then we can move forward.

17 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** If you decide, we can move forward.

18 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** We like that one.

19 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** That's what we wanted to know.

20 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Yeah, we like that one right
21 there.

22 **MR. DAVID:** Okay. Is there a motion to approve the
23 historic marker for Atlantic Beach contribu- --
24 contributing properties recommended by the
25 Historic Committee?



1 COUNCILWOMAN: So move.

2 MR. DAVID: Is there a second?

3 MR. CAMPBELL: Second.

4 MR. DAVID: Roll call.

5 FEMALE SPEAKER: Councilman Edward Campbell.

6 MR. CAMPBELL: Yay.

7 FEMALE SPEAKER: Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

8 MS. TAYLOR: Yay.

9 FEMALE SPEAKER: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore.

10 MS. GORE: Yay.

11 FEMALE SPEAKER: Mayor Pro Tem John David.

12 MR. DAVID: Yes. Next, we have item G. Item G was
13 added to the -- to the agenda by Ms. Taylor
14 earlier and by the Council. And basically we
15 have been -- we are -- have a seat at the table
16 to for GSTAT -- GSAT, which is the Grand Strand
17 Area Transportation Study Policy Committee.
18 And we went to a meeting maybe two months ago
19 to GSAT, and pointed out that Atlantic Beach
20 was not on the study team committee, and they
21 said it was a oversight, and then they added
22 us, as well as Briarcliff and Pawley's Island
23 to the -- to the study committee. So, with
24 that, we want to make sure that we have someone
25 always representing the Town at GSAT, so that



1 we can get some of this Grand Strand money
2 that's out there that we haven't been getting,
3 and we want to make sure that we have a
4 replacement person and an alternate person, so
5 that we have -- always are covered whenever we
6 go. So, the -- it's a resolution appointing a
7 replacement committee member, the Mayor Pro Tem
8 John David to GSAT and an alternate if Mayor
9 Pro Tem John David can't go, the Town Manager.
10 The Town Manager is -- or the chief
11 administrative officer is the person who
12 represents us on the study team. But we're
13 also gonna ask when I go to the meeting on
14 Friday to make sure that they do the same thing
15 for the study team and make sure we have a
16 replacement alternate in case the Town Manager
17 can't go. So, with that, is there a motion to
18 approve resolution appointing -- a resolution
19 appointing an alternate and replacement member
20 to the Grand Strand -- Grand Strand Area
21 Transportation study, GSAT Policy Committee for
22 the Town of Atlantic Beach?

23 **COUNCILWOMAN:** So move.

24 **COUNCILMAN:** Second.

25 **MR. DAVID:** Roll call.



1 FEMALE SPEAKER: Councilman Edward Campbell.

2 MR. TAYLOR: Yay.

3 FEMALE SPEAKER: Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

4 MS. TAYLOR: Yay.

5 FEMALE SPEAKER: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore.

6 MS. GORE: Yay.

7 FEMALE SPEAKER: Mayor Pro Tem John David.

8 MR. DAVID: Yes. Next, we have the financial
9 report. If Ms. Cheatham could come up, she's
10 gonna give us the financial report to close out
11 from the time up until June of 2025, and Bike
12 Fest close out report for 2025.

13 MS. CHEATHAM: Good evening.

14 FEMALE SPEAKER: Good evening.

15 MS. CHEATHAM: Mr. Mayor Pro Tem, residents and
16 Town staff, I'm only giving a report on Bike
17 Fest. We did not get any financial reports, to
18 my knowledge today. So, I have good news and
19 bad news. The good news is that we made more
20 money in 2025 Bike Fest than we did in 2024.
21 The bad news is that we did not make as much
22 money as Mayor Pro Tem had wanted. We are
23 already making plans for FY 26 and if you have
24 any ideas or suggestions, please let the Town
25 Manager know what you would like to see. We've



1 had a meeting in May with the staff and other
2 participants to discuss what went well and what
3 didn't went well. We hope to have a meeting
4 with the public safety officials in September,
5 if the chief can arrange it.

6 Our income at this year's Bike Fest was
7 \$96,106 and our expenses were \$45,454, and so
8 we made \$50,552 in this year's Bike Fest. I'll
9 be glad to answer any questions that anyone
10 might have.

11 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Any questions?

12 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** (Inaudible)

13 **MS. CHEATHAM:** In terms of the numbers?

14 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Yes.

15 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Income, we made \$96,106. And
16 expenditures, we spent 50,000 -- no, we spent
17 \$45,636 in expenses. I think ---

18 **MR. DAVID:** For the stripe here, I'm going to make
19 sure we point out that stripe is -- is for
20 vendors payments, right?

21 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Yes, vendor payments that were made
22 online.

23 **MR. DAVID:** You remember how many vendors we had
24 total?

25 **MS. CHEATHAM:** I have it on another sheet. No.



1 Where's Cheryl? We could get that ---

2 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Tomorrow.

3 **MS. CHEATHAM:** --- information for you, and I'd
4 have to do some more research to find out the
5 distribution of the stripe vendors.

6 **MALE SPEAKER:** (Inaudible)

7 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Yes, sir, I hope so. We're still
8 waiting for reports from -- from the
9 accountant, but the revenue number is from a
10 draft report I have, so.

11 **MR. DAVID:** Okay.

12 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Thank you.

13 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Thank you.

14 **MR. DAVID:** Thank you for your service, Ms.
15 Cheatham. Next, we have a police report by
16 Chief Castillo, Acting Chief Castillo.

17 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** Good evening, Council and Town
18 residents, how you guys doing? So, we have on
19 here a memorandum of agreement with the
20 Department of Juvenile Justice. They reached
21 out to us to see if we ever need their
22 services, which we have a few juveniles in
23 here, well behaved, I might say. But just in
24 case we ever need their services, I highly
25 recommend that we sign this document so that we



1 have a partnership with them. We don't pay
2 nothing unless we send somebody, a juvenile,
3 over there. And their daily rate, or
4 operational cost is \$50 and then for their
5 expenditure charges 125 per day. So, anytime
6 we send or bring anybody up there, any
7 juveniles, that's -- that would be the daily
8 cost. And if anybody has any questions, we can
9 address them.

10 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** I do have a question.

11 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** Yes, ma'am.

12 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Did they seek us out or we sought
13 them out?

14 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** They sought us out. I'm -- I'm
15 pretty sure from reading this letter, they send
16 it out to all the agencies across the country,
17 because really, that's the only facility in the
18 state that houses juveniles. So, they reached
19 out to everybody so they could be like, hey,
20 just to let you know this is what's going on.

21 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Okay.

22 **MR. DAVID:** So, with that memorandum, you're asking
23 for us to review and approve that, or are you
24 just telling us about it?

25 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** I'm telling you about it, yes. It



1 hasn't been signed and it hasn't been brought
2 up to you guys. This letter was received July
3 14th, or the -- the memorandum.

4 **MR. DAVID:** Well, make sure the Town Manager gets
5 it so we can review it and look at it.

6 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** Okay.

7 **MR. DAVID:** Yeah.

8 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** And then the other thing is, Mr.
9 Jones and myself, we spoke about doing a, like,
10 a stat report for every Council meeting that we
11 have just to keep the public up to date on
12 what's going on around Town. And for the month
13 of May of 2025, calls for service was 187,
14 arrests were four, six motor vehicle accidents
15 and tickets and warning were 51. For the month
16 of June, calls for service was 205, three
17 arrests, three motor vehicle accidents, and 59
18 tickets and warnings. And that's a combination
19 of both. And July, we had 200 calls for
20 service, four arrests, one motor vehicle
21 accident, and 42 tickets and warnings. And,
22 again, next Council meeting, I'll have an
23 updated one for August. If you guys have any
24 questions.

25 **MALE SPEAKER:** On those calls that you're receiving



1 in, (inaudible) of those calls, and rate of
2 urgency or rate of criminality, how they're
3 from severe from one to ten?

4 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** You're talking about as a whole?

5 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Yes.

6 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** I would say, in a police
7 standpoint, for our view of urgent, because
8 obviously everybody that calls us, it's an
9 urgency, and it's important to you, it's a
10 (inaudible) important, so I would say four.
11 Nothing -- nothing major, or nothing that the
12 public should be scared of, or anything in that
13 nature.

14 **MALE SPEAKER:** Any -- what's your plan for
15 revitalizing the Department to get us some --
16 some more officers? Can you share some of your
17 ideas with the Council and with the public for
18 what your plan is moving forward?

19 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** To get more officers? Well, I
20 know we -- we've had a schedule change, and
21 we've been -- we've been a lot more hands on
22 and more proactive on the streets, and we're
23 hoping that we can attract qualified candidates
24 to wear the uniform proudly here in Atlantic
25 Beach. We -- we want to thrive on bringing the



1 best people we can and going out there and, you
2 know, we can attend job fairs at the college.
3 I know the Department of Labor holds job fairs
4 every month in different locations that are
5 free that we can attend and bring applications
6 out to to be able to recruit good candidates.

7 **MR. DAVID:** Have you attended any or are you ---

8 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** I have. I've attended one at I
9 think it was the Hilton in -- man, I can't
10 remember the name. Was it Apache?

11 **MR. DAVID:** Did we get any -- we get any folks, or
12 we ---

13 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** No, sir.

14 **MR. DAVID:** --- placing any ads or anything, or
15 anything?

16 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** I know the website -- I know the
17 Town website has ads, but that one, I didn't --
18 we didn't get no applications.

19 **MR. DAVID:** Is there any that you can place with
20 the police agencies? Have you placed that same
21 ad that's online with ---

22 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** To, like, the Department of Labor?

23 **MR. DAVID:** Anywhere, like police agencies or
24 police associations or anything like that.

25 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** No, so we're -- we're -- we're not



1 -- so, we're not a part of, like, the Chief
2 Association, where there you can branch out
3 and, you know ---

4 **MR. DAVID:** Still should be able to post on there
5 maybe.

6 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** You ---

7 **MR. DAVID:** Can you check and at least see, if you
8 can ---

9 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** Yeah, I can -- I can check and see
10 if we -- if we're able to post out there for
11 people to see and anybody that's interested can
12 apply, for sure.

13 **COUNCILWOMAN:** How many -- excuse me, I'm sorry.
14 How many officers are we in need for right now?
15 How many ---

16 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** Right now, one.

17 **COUNCILWOMAN:** Only one?

18 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** Yeah.

19 **MR. DAVID:** But we don't have one -- we -- we ---

20 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** One just left.

21 **MR. DAVID:** Okay. One of the things that I get
22 from residents and citizens all the time is,
23 how often do patrols. 'Cause sometime they may
24 see somebody and then they don't see nobody, or
25 there's nobody on weekends and nights. How



1 often -- what are the weekend and night
2 schedules for folks so that ---

3 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** So, the way we're at now is we're
4 working, this includes myself and the other two
5 officers, we're working Thursday through
6 Sunday, 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

7 **MR. DAVID:** Okay.

8 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** And if it's anything major,
9 Monday, Tuesdays or Wednesdays, I'll respond,
10 or Lieutenant (inaudible) will respond. And if
11 it's anything minor that the county can take
12 care of, they can assist us in that -- in that
13 way.

14 **MR. DAVID:** And one of the other things, the last
15 thing I got, is that -- well, not the last
16 thing, but there -- is there -- people always
17 say they call the number, but they gotta call
18 911, is there a more direct number where they
19 can reach ---

20 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** Yeah, there is the non-emergency
21 number.

22 **MR. DAVID:** Yeah, but they still get sent to the
23 switchboard, right? Is that switchboard or
24 does that go to a officer on duty?

25 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** No, that goes -- that goes



1 straight to dispatch. That number goes
2 straight to dispatch. We don't have ---

3 **MR. DAVID:** And that contacts the du- -- off-duty -
4 --

5 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** Yes, sir. So, we don't have --
6 we don't -- if you call the office number here,
7 we don't have a officer designated for
8 receiving phone calls. So, you can call the
9 number here, and if nobody's here in office
10 hours, you may not get an answer. So, if you
11 need to get a hold of an officer here in
12 Atlantic Beach, I suggest you call the non-
13 emergency number, and obviously, if it's an
14 emergency, you dial 911, and they'll let you
15 know there's an officer on duty and if they're
16 responding, or if a county unit's coming.

17 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Can you share that number?

18 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** Yeah, let me ...

19 **MR. DAVID:** And while you're looking for it, I'm
20 gonna ask you one last thing. We -- we did
21 parking ordinances last -- a couple months ago,
22 and I was told that they have to go to the
23 State to be coded or something like that. Have
24 they ---

25 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** Yeah, so, they -- we did get a



1 list, and they are coded. So, now, what we
2 have to do is -- we can use them, yes, yes.

3 **MR. DAVID:** Okay.

4 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** They're usable now, yes.

5 **MR. DAVID:** And then when we approve these traffic
6 ordinances, how long will it take to be coded
7 at the State?

8 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** That one took, I think, like,
9 three days, but I would just say a week ---

10 **MR. DAVID:** Okay.

11 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** --- just to -- just to give 'em
12 some time.

13 **MR. DAVID:** Okay.

14 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** And the non emergency number for
15 dispatch, if anybody wants to write it down, it
16 is 843-248-1520. Again, it's 843-248-1520.
17 And they'll be able to get us out there to the
18 call for service.

19 **MR. DAVID:** Any questions from anybody else? Any
20 questions?

21 **MR. JONES:** I got one last question. With the
22 wrecked unit outside, what is the status on
23 that?

24 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** I know the adjuster came in and
25 checked it out on Monday. I don't -- I haven't



1 received a report from him or his office about
2 that.

3 **MR. JONES:** Okay. I know I asked you to bring a
4 budget for the Police Department.

5 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** Yes.

6 **MR. JONES:** I'm gonna give you a little more time
7 to work on that, 'cause I know you probably
8 been scrambling with it. So, I just hope --
9 we're gonna shoot for the next Council meeting
10 to have that -- that ironed out.

11 **CHIEF CASTILLO:** Okay.

12 **MR. JONES:** What we want to do is be able to
13 present Council with a monetary budget of what
14 the police operation really is ---

15 **MR. DAVID:** Right.

16 **MR. JONES:** --- instead of the way we've been
17 operating. We need to build their budget out
18 in totality.

19 **MR. DAVID:** Right.

20 **MR. JONES:** So we can see -- make sure that they
21 have the things that they need in order to be
22 doing the job that they're doing.

23 **MR. DAVID:** Okay. Thank you. Thank you. Next, we
24 have the manager's report.

25 **MR. JONES:** Okay. Well -- Hey everybody. How



1 y'all doing. I wish my report was full of funs
2 and games, but I start out saying we have a lot
3 of events coming up. So, hoorah, hoorah to
4 those events coming up. I won't go through the
5 whole list, but I will give you an idea of what
6 my first 30 days have been like.

7 My first 30 days have been a consistent
8 processing of the understanding of how this
9 charter works and how this municipality works
10 as a -- as a whole. And at the same time
11 trying to get an understanding of the citizens
12 for which -- whom I was chose to serve. We
13 have -- in the last 30 days have -- I have
14 tried to figure out ways to make our processes
15 more streamlined, because we don't really have
16 procurement processes in place within the
17 municipality. I guess it's whoever sit in the
18 seat that I sit in designate how things flow
19 from that seat. We need a more streamlined
20 process. So -- so, whoever comes after me
21 won't be sitting in a chair drinking out a fire
22 hose. We need some processes for the people
23 that are sitting in the seats. And we also
24 need some processes and procedures put in place
25 for personnel, as well. We have a lot of



1 internal looking before we can start to look
2 outside. So, I'm going to be doing a deep
3 dive, not only on our financial circumstances,
4 not saying that they're in trouble, but there's
5 always ways that we can fix things. And so I'm
6 going to be looking for the solution, not the
7 problem. The problem already presents itself
8 each and every day, and I don't like spending
9 a whole lot of time on the problem. I like
10 spending my time on solutions. So, me and my
11 team, thanks to Mr. Booker, thanks to Ms.
12 Cheatham, they have helped guide me through
13 this process, and I'm sure most ways that other
14 Town Managers didn't have the luxury of having
15 anyone with that experience and with that
16 wealth of knowledge to bring me in and get me
17 acclimated. So, with that being said, I'm --
18 be moving forward on a few things, I've spoke
19 with Council. So, I'll be moving forward with
20 getting a business finance manager that is
21 someone that we need within the Department to
22 handle the business side of managing the
23 businesses and things of that nature. So, I'll
24 be moving forward this week with that process,
25 trying to get someone in there as soon as



1 possible. Mr. Booker serves as my chief
2 community engagement officer. He is someone
3 that knows the community, and he will help me
4 get an understanding on how -- how I need to be
5 carrying myself when dealing with the
6 community. He has a good temperature on what
7 goes on, and he guides me. He's my moral
8 compass in this process. And I thank -- I
9 thank God for him 'cause he has really --
10 really helped me, him and Ms. Cheatham. Ms.
11 Cheatham, as well. But we gotta start to move
12 the process along, and I understand it, so we
13 will be moving forward with that position this
14 week. And, like I said, it's just -- I wish I
15 had a lot of bells and whistles to sit here and
16 shoot off, but it's not pretty right now. This
17 is -- this is in the trenches, getting
18 understanding what I'm dealing with right now.
19 And things are good. Things are in good place.
20 We have good pers- -- I have a good Council
21 that backs me 100 percent, everybody answers
22 the phone whenever I call 'em, whenever I need
23 'em for anything. They haven't start running
24 me off yet. So, I thank -- I thank God for
25 'em. Even Ms. Cheryl and Carnisha, I thank you



1 guys -- and Chief, everybody has been a
2 contributing force to -- to my first 30 days.
3 And I want you guys to know to look forward to,
4 I'm gonna be heavily engaged with this
5 comprehensive plan on delivering a product for
6 you guys as the way you see your town. This
7 will not be a dictatorship. I am a bipartisan
8 person. Everybody will have a say. Where I'm
9 from, there are no big I's and little U's.
10 We're all the same. We're all fighting for the
11 same thing, and my job is to deliver on that.
12 Hopefully, we can get to a point where, you
13 know, we stop turning my seat to a merry-go-
14 round, right? We gotta stay the course at some
15 point.

16 **COUNCILWOMAN:** Yes.

17 **MR. JONES:** And so not just for myself, but for
18 those in the future. We have to -- we have to
19 lay the blueprint down, we have to do the
20 groundwork, and then we have to trust the
21 people that we put in position to get it done.
22 And I -- and I serve the whole body of
23 communities, not just one person. I'm not just
24 one entity. I truly serve everybody in this
25 room and for anybody that's out in Zoom-Zoom



1 land, I'm definitely here to serve you guys.
2 So, like I said, my first 30 day report isn't
3 pretty, but I'm gonna be honest and transparent
4 as I possibly can. There are a lot of nuances
5 that I'm -- that I'm evaluating and getting in
6 place. So, next time I stand up at this
7 podium, we'll have some greater stuff to
8 announce. But there are projects and things
9 that are going on, but everything is still in
10 its infancy, as well as me, as myself, trying
11 to learn. So, like I said, each month will --
12 will be a more detailed, a more transparent
13 approach onto how we're doing business within
14 the City. Our website, we're steady building
15 upon it, trying to make it more interactive and
16 more conducive to people that -- can you hear
17 me? Okay. More conducive to the public at
18 large. I want to have more engagement with the
19 public. We need to start having more town
20 halls, especially with this comprehensive plan
21 going into play, because we want everybody to
22 be a contributing factor into what your town
23 looks like. We want -- we truly want total
24 engagement. So, if there's anything you guys
25 want to ask me, go ahead, fire away. I'll



1 answer what I can as honestly as I possibly
2 can.

3 **MR. DAVID:** Okay.

4 **MR. JONES:** I guess that's it.

5 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Can you tell us your name, please?

6 **MR. JONES:** My name is Adrian Jones.

7 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** (inaudible)

8 **MR. JONES:** Yes, ma'am.

9 **MALE SPEAKER:** What do you think has been -- you
10 said you've got a lot of (inaudible)
11 specifically most challenging one or two things
12 you're dealing with right in front? What's
13 (inaudible) that sort of need addressing?

14 **MR. JONES:** Well, I mean, there -- there's not a
15 one specific thing, right? There's a multitude
16 of things. But I would say immediately,
17 pressing me -- immediately facing me right now,
18 is trying to make sure that we get all of our
19 planning and zoning ordinances and stuff in
20 line. We need to get that stuff in line. I
21 mean, we have processes that need to be updated
22 when it comes to our ordinances and the way
23 that we conduct our business, taxes and
24 licenses, stuff. So, there's some things that
25 we have to -- to work out in order to be more



1 streamlined and compliant in certain areas.
2 And so I want to first dig in and make sure
3 that we're compliant, make sure that our books
4 are up to par, make sure that we're on a path
5 to where we're -- we have our -- we're doing
6 our -- we're doing our back office work. We're
7 getting it in order for whatever the future may
8 bring. And I want to be able to have a digital
9 competence. We need to get digitized with our
10 processes in there. You know, God forbid we
11 have a fire, it's all gone. So, just got to
12 figure out ways. Yeah.

13 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Thank you.

14 **MR. DAVID:** Thank you.

15 **MR. JONES:** Thank you.

16 **MR. DAVID:** And I'd like to thank Town Manager
17 Jones. It's been a good learning experience
18 for him over the last 30 days, and we're very
19 appreciative of his hard work, and thank you.

20 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** And we'd also like to thank the
21 transition of Mr. Jones, thanks to our Ms.
22 Cheatham and our Mr. Booker for working with
23 him and helping him get his feet on the ground
24 and -- and help him move the Town in the
25 direction that we've all been supportive of.



1 So, thank you all for the team effort, for
2 moving the Town forward.

3 **MR. DAVID:** Again, we -- I second that and
4 appreciate that and thank you for the hard work
5 y'all have done in serving as interim town
6 manager and assistant interim -- interim
7 assistant town manager. So, we thank you for
8 your service, and we appreciate it.

9 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Okay.

10 **MR. DAVID:** Okay. Just a few upcoming dates and
11 events. The next event with the concert series
12 is the I Love Seafood Fest, family fun/food on
13 August 9th and 10th. I know they said it may
14 rain, so there may be an alternate plan maybe
15 to have the performances here in the Community
16 Center. So, be aware of that, and follow the
17 website or the Facebook page. And there's
18 other dates after that, in September, October
19 and November. Tomorrow is the needs
20 assessment, which will be held here in the
21 Community Center. The last needs assessment
22 that was done by Waccamaw Regional Council of
23 Governments was in 2019, so, we're gonna update
24 that, and hopefully it'll help us with the CBDG
25 grants and other things that are going on. So,



1 please come out in the community, if you can,
2 let 'em know your thoughts, your needs.

3 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Is there a time?

4 **MR. DAVID:** 6:00 o'clock, I think. I think there's
5 flyers out there, yeah.

6 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** 6:00.

7 **MR. DAVID:** So, if there's flyers and please come
8 out and provide your input. And I'll second,
9 we need to have everyone's input when it comes
10 to the comprehensive plan. Again, we're trying
11 to make sure we have our town the way we want
12 it for the next ten years, and working on a
13 comprehensive plan will help us develop that
14 and for our future, for our kids and family.

15 Next is the Gullah Geechee Festival, which
16 we've been working hard on. We will have a
17 parade, and we -- a lot of these things are on
18 the website, so we are looking for people who
19 want to participate in the Gullah Geechee Cook-
20 off, which is on the 30th, the parade, which is
21 on the 30th. If you want to put your golf
22 cart, if you got a family vehicle, if you want
23 to have your little miss princess to ride
24 around in your car, we would look for anybody.
25 And you can apply on the website or contact



1 Carla Taylor or Mr. Titus -- Titus out there in
2 the audience. So, please contact them if you
3 want to be a part of the ---

4 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Parade.

5 **MR. DAVID:** --- the parade. If you want to be a
6 part of the Gullah Geechee Cook-off, please
7 apply online or contact Ms. Angela ---

8 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Brown.

9 **MR. DAVID:** --- Brown. And the fun run is also
10 happening on Saturday morning at 0730 if anyone
11 want to participate in the Fun Run, please --
12 the link is on the web page. Please register.
13 You get a free 20- -- when you register for
14 \$25, you do get a free t-shirt. And we have
15 the big -- one of the bigger things happening
16 is the economic development seminar, which will
17 have a lot of folks, from builders to bankers
18 to people from the South Carolina Department of
19 Commerce that will come in and speak to
20 different residents. If you're looking to
21 build a commercial entity, or if you're also
22 looking to build residential, there will be
23 lenders here, builders here, that can help you
24 through the process. If you need business
25 plans, there'll be all kind of folks that can



1 help you throughout the state. And we will
2 conclude the Gullah Geechee Festival on that
3 Sunday, August 31st, with a dinner on black,
4 and that will be a outdoor activity on the
5 ocean. We will have black tables and chairs
6 positioned on the Ocean Boulevard, and
7 everybody will be dressed in black. The
8 tickets are \$60, you gotta buy a pair, so it's
9 \$120. And you'll come out, you'll be able to
10 have dinner on the Ocean Boulevard and have
11 festivities. There will be a silent auction
12 with different memorabilia that you can
13 purchase. You'll be able to take pictures.
14 The whole festival day, on the 30th, you'll be
15 -- we'll have free picture booths so we can
16 have people taking pictures like they used to.
17 There will be music and entertainment. There
18 will be storytellers. So, we look forward to
19 a day of fun. We look forward to a whole
20 weekend of fun, festivities and an all out good
21 time.

22 If there's any questions at all?

23 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** The parade is free to enter, just
24 so you know, if you want to enter the parade,
25 there is no registration fee. Just sign up.



1 **MR. DAVID:** If there's nothing else, we will now
2 move -- we will adjourn this meeting, and then
3 we will move into the ceremonial memorial for
4 Mr. Will Thomas. I think Ms. Pat Millette will
5 handle that and we'll move forth after that.

6 **ADJOURNMENT**

7 **MR. DAVID:** So, if there's no other items, I seek a
8 motion to adjourn.

9 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Thank you.

10 **COUNCILWOMAN:** So move.

11 **MR. DAVID:** Second. Is there a second?

12 **COUNCILMAN:** Second.

13 **MR. DAVID:** Roll call.

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

15 **MR. TAYLOR:** Yay.

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

17 **MS. TAYLOR:** Yay.

18 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore.

19 **MS. GORE:** Yay.

20 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Mayor -- Mayor Pro Tem John David.

21 **MR. DAVID:** Yes, ma'am. Thank you.

22 **(The meeting was adjourned.)**

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