

**TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
TOWN COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING**

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## APPEARANCES

### **Council Members:**

Mr. John David, Mayor Pro Tem  
 Carla Taylor, Councilwoman  
 Edward Campbell, Councilman  
 William Booker, Assistant Interim Town Manager  
 Attorney Smith

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Linda Cheatham, Interim Town Manager  
 Cheryl Pereira, Town Clerk

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1     **CALL TO ORDER:**

2     **MR. DAVID:**   Can I get a motion to come out of  
3                   executive session into general session? Is  
4                   there a second?

5     **MR. CAMPBELL:**   Second.

6     **MR. DAVID:** Roll call.

7     **ROLL CALL:**

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

9     **MR. CAMPBELL:**   Yay.

10    **MS. PEREIRA:**   Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

11    **MS. TAYLOR:**    Yay.

12    **MS. PEREIRA:**   Mayor Pro Tem, John David.

13    **MR. DAVID:**    Yes.

14    **MR. BOOKER:**   With that the attorney has a  
15                   statement.

16    **MR. SMITH:**    Yeah, just want to certify that there  
17                   was -- discussed in the executive session  
18                   that was only what was disclosed on the  
19                   agenda and there was no poll, votes, or other  
20                   matters discussed other than what was  
21                   disclosed.

22    **MR. DAVID:**    Okay. With that I would like to  
23                   welcome everybody to today's meetings. And  
24                   I'd like to have everyone to stand for a  
25                   moment of silence and the pledge of



1           allegiance.

2       **Pledge of Allegiance:**

3       **MR. DAVID:** With that is there any ceremonial  
4           matters? I don't think so. We will move to  
5           an approval of the genders. Motion to  
6           approve the agenda.

7       **MR. BOOKER:** I have a ceremonial matter.

8       **MR. DAVID:** Okay.

9       **MR. BOOKER:** We lost one our residents over the  
10           last week. Ms. Gilly Russell. She and her  
11           husband, Charles Russell, moved here from  
12           Ohio. And, she died. I don't know the day,  
13           the 31st. And, so they are going to take her  
14           back to Ohio to bury her. So I just wanted  
15           to make everyone aware that her husband,  
16           Charles Russell, expects to continue to live  
17           here, but is headed back to Chicago today to  
18           -- for the services.

19       **MR. DAVID:** I'd also like to give my condolences.  
20           They had just recently moved here and we'd  
21           often see her walking with Charles through  
22           the neighborhood. So they were a breath a  
23           fresh air, and I hate to see that. She will  
24           be missed so.

25       **MS. TAYLOR:** And I'll just add that we should keep



1 Mr. Russell in our thoughts and prayers as he  
2 goes through this time of bereavement.

3 **MR. CAMPBELL:** I second that.

4 **MR. DAVID:** Ok, with that, is there a motion to  
5 approve the agenda?

6 **MS. TAYLOR:** I make a motion that we approve the  
7 agenda as stated.

8 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Second.

9 **MR. DAVID:** Roll Call?

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

11 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Yay.

12 **MS. PEREIRA:** Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

13 **MS. TAYLOR:** Yay.

14 **MS. PEREIRA:** Mayor Pro Tem, John David.

15 **OLD BUSINESS:**

16 **MR. DAVID:** Yes. We'll move to the next order of  
17 business, Old Business. Town Council Meetings  
18 minutes from the Town Council Meeting held on  
19 December 2nd and the one held on December  
20 20th. Is there a motion to approve the  
21 minutes?

22 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Second.

23 **MR. DAVID:** Is there a motion to approve the  
24 minutes?

25 **MR. CAMPBELL:** A motion to approve the minutes.



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

2     **MS. TAYLOR:**   Second.

3     **MR. DAVID:**   Roll Call?

4     **MS. PEREIRA:**   Councilman Edward Campbell.

5     **MR. CAMPBELL:**   Yay.

6     **MS. PEREIRA:**   Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

7     **MS. TAYLOR:**   Yay.

8     **MS. PEREIRA:**   Mayor Pro Tem, John David.

9     **NEW BUSINESS:**

10    **RESOLUTION NO. 1-2025:**

11    **MR. DAVID:**   Yes.   Next we'll move down to New  
12           Business. Consideration of matters discussed  
13           in the Executive Session. I don't think  
14           there was any that I am aware of. Next,  
15           we'll move to Resolution No. 1-2025. A  
16           resolution to approve law enforcement  
17           assistants and support agreement between the  
18           Town of Atlantic Beach and the city of North  
19           Myrtle Beach, and to authorize the Interim  
20           Town manager to sign the agreement on behalf  
21           of the Town of Atlantic Beach. Ms. Cheatham?

22    **MS. CHEATHAM:**   Mr. Mayor Pro Tem, this is an  
23           agreement between the Town of Atlantic Beach  
24           and the City of North Myrtle Beach. To enter  
25           into a Mutual Aid Agreement to secure each



1           other the benefit of providing mutual aid in  
2           the event of a national disaster, civil  
3           disorder, special events, emergency  
4           situations, and any other law enforcement  
5           activity. The city of North Myrtle Beach has  
6           adopted a resolution and have requested that  
7           we do the same.

8   **MR. DAVID:** With that is there a motion to approve,  
9           or?

10 **MS. TAYLOR:** Just a question?

11 **MR. DAVID:** Go ahead.

12 **MS. TAYLOR:** This doesn't give them any authority  
13           to police our municipality outside of what  
14           you just described?

15 **MS. CHEATHAM:** No, ma'am. They would -- we would  
16           have to ask for their assistance.

17 **MS. TAYLOR:** Okay.

18 **MS. CHEATHAM:** We would request their assistance as  
19           they would also the opportunity to request  
20           ours.

21 **MS. TAYLOR:** Okay.

22 **MR. DAVID:** With that I move that we approve  
23           Resolution No. 1-2025. Is there a second?

24 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Second.

25 **MR. DAVID:** Is there any discussion to the motion



1           or mother -- other conversation? With that  
2           roll call?

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

4   **MR. CAMPBELL:** Yay.

5   **MS. PEREIRA:** Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

6   **MS. TAYLOR:** Yay.

7   **MS. PEREIRA:** Mayor Pro Tem, John David.

8   **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:**

9   **MR. DAVID:** Yes. Next, we move down to Memorandum  
10           of Understanding. This is an agreement -- is  
11           made and entered by, and between, the Town of  
12           Atlantic Beach Police Department, Police  
13           Agency, and the city of Myrtle Beach Police  
14           Department, the Parties. Ms. Cheatham.

15   **MS. CHEATHAM:** Mr. Mayor, Pro Tem and members of  
16           council this is a similar agreement with town  
17           -- the city of Myrtle Beach. They had asked  
18           us to sign this mutual aid agreement under  
19           the same circumstances as was discussed with  
20           North Myrtle Beach.

21   **MR. DAVID:** Any questions, comments? Is there a  
22           motion to any way on this mem -- memorandum  
23           of understanding?

24   **MS. TAYLOR:** I move that we accept resolution. I'm  
25           sorry. I mis-spoke. The memorandum of





1 understanding with the City of Myrtle Beach  
2 Police Department.

3 **MR. DAVID:** Second. Roll Call.

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

5 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Yay.

6 **MS. PEREIRA:** Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

7 **MS. TAYLOR:** Yay.

8 **MS. PEREIRA:** Mayor Pro Tem, John David.

9 **RESOLUTION NO. 2-2025:**

10 **MR. DAVID:** Yes. Next, we have Resolution No. 2-  
11 2025. A resolution to amend Resolution No.  
12 2-2017 changing signatures on the Town of  
13 Atlantic Beach Municipal Court account.

14 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Mr. Mayor Pro Tem, and members of  
15 council this requests is to change the  
16 signatures on the municipal court bank account  
17 from Judge Livingston, who retired in December  
18 to Judge Angela Mary Brown. The bank has  
19 requested this resolution.

20 **MR. DAVID:** Any discussion or conversation? Is  
21 there a motion to -- in regarding to this  
22 resolution? I move to a -- I move to pass,  
23 or -- I move to amend the resolution as read.  
24 Well, actually, I move to pass the resolution  
25 No. 2-2025. Is there a second?



1     **MR. CAMPBELL:**   Second.

2     **MR. DAVID:**   Roll Call.

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

4     **MR. CAMPBELL:**   Yay.

5     **MS. PEREIRA:**   Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

6     **MS. TAYLOR:**   Yay.

7     **MS. PEREIRA:**   Mayor Pro Tem, John David.

8     **APPOINTMENTS TO THE HISTORY COMMITTEE:**

9     **MR. DAVID:**   Yes, ma'am.   Next we go down to  
10           appointments to the Historical Committee, or  
11           the History Committee. This is a special  
12           honor and we just want to say thank you and  
13           give you special accolades to the Atlantic  
14           Beach Historic Committee. Since their  
15           appointment three years ago, these ladies have  
16           worked tireless, to collect, preserve, and  
17           share the rich history of Atlantic Beach.  
18           Our Committee members are -- Our Atlantic  
19           Beach Historic Committee members are: Ms.  
20           Alice Adderton Graham, Ms. Helen M. Pierce,  
21           Ms. Rosa. I always say Rose. Ms. Rosa  
22           Rucker Lightfoot, and Ms. Pat Mallett, who  
23           now serves as the Chair of the Horry County  
24           Historic Preservation Commission. Since their  
25           appointment, these ladies have overseen the



1       telling of the full history -- oral history  
2       collection. Collecting many hours of history  
3       for many of us. If you shared your history  
4       with them, please stand right now, real  
5       quickly if you had the opportunity to share  
6       history with them. Thank you. Thank you.  
7       Thank you, everybody.

8       **(Applause)**

9       **MR. DAVID:** The next thing that they are excited for  
10       is following the oral history collection, the  
11       committee work to digitize the historical  
12       artifacts that many of us have in our homes  
13       so that they can become a permanent part of  
14       our history. If you shared these documents,  
15       newspaper, or photos with the committee,  
16       please stand. Next, and finally, most  
17       recently, these fantastic ladies served as the  
18       committee which gave significant leadership to  
19       and support of the Atlantic Beach nomination  
20       as a Historic District on the National  
21       Registry of Historic Places. Our nomination  
22       was approved on November 5th -- 15th by the  
23       state. And each of these ladies was there to  
24       support in Columbia. So, with that we would  
25       like to give them a good round of applause.



1 (Applause)

2 **MR. DAVID:** And I don't think any of them are here.  
3 Some of em' -- I know Ms. Pat was under the  
4 weather, and Ms. Rose and Ms. Helen are  
5 outside of town and Ms. Alice may be working.  
6 Because of their hard work and on behalf of  
7 the town of Atlantic Beach I am please to  
8 present these certificates which we have as  
9 recognition on their behalf from the entire  
10 town. And we'll make sure that they get  
11 this. And we are really, really  
12 appreciative.

13 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Wanna read the certificate?

14 **MR. DAVID :** I can't read what I -- the certificates  
15 say the Town of Atlantic Beach, South  
16 Carolina, the Black Pearl. Certificate of  
17 Appreciation. This certificate is presented  
18 to each of the four ladies for there tireless  
19 work to research, document, preserve, and  
20 share the rich history of Atlantic Beach.  
21 The only beachfront community to remain in  
22 the hands of African-Americans since  
23 inception, in 1934, and as a member of the  
24 Atlantic Beach historic committee presented on  
25 January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025. So again, we thank those



1 ladies for all their efforts. And today, we  
2 are honored to also, on behalf of --  
3 announcing appointments that we'd like to make  
4 and we will vote on accordingly. On the work  
5 for collecting, and preserving, and sharing  
6 the history of the Town of Atlantic Beach.  
7 We have -- we would like to confirm the  
8 nominations of the folks that have worked  
9 tirelessly; the four ladies. Dr. Rosa Rucker  
10 Lightfoot, Ms. Pat Mallet, and Ms. Helen  
11 Moore Pierce, as well as, we would like to  
12 appoint Mr. John Skeeter as our Historian  
13 Emeritus. We'd like to make sure and appoint  
14 Ms. Alice Graham - Ms. Alice Adderton Graham,  
15 as our Town Archivist and chair of the  
16 History Committee, and Matthew Baily as our  
17 Town Photo Archivist. Is there a motion  
18 before us to approve? These folks?

19 **MS. TAYLOR:** I move that we appoint Mr. John  
20 Skeeter, as Historian Emeritus of the Atlantic  
21 Beach Historic Committee. Ms. Alice Adderton  
22 Graham as the Town Archivist, and chair of  
23 the Historic Committee. And Mr. Matthew J.  
24 Bailey as the town Photo Archivist.

25 **MR. DAVID:** Second?



1     **MR. CAMPBELL:**   Second.

2     **MR. DAVID:**    Roll Call?

3     **MS. PEREIRA:**   Councilman Edward Campbell.

4     **MR. CAMPBELL:**   Yay.

5     **MS. PEREIRA:**   Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

6     **MS. TAYLOR:**    Yay.

7     **MS. PEREIRA:**   Mayor Pro Tem, John David.

8     **MR. DAVID:**    Yes.   With that, after this is over,

9         we'd            like to - - I know Mr. Skeeter's here --

10                   we'd like to take pictures with the

11                   council with Mr. Skeeter after we finish

12                   the agenda and we look forward to that.

13                   He is dressed very sharply today.

14     **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

15     **MR. DAVID:**   Next we have the Manager's report.

16     **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Thank you.   You gonna take this?

17     **MR. DAVID:**   You want this?   If it'll go.

18     **MS. CHEATHAM:** You can hear me right?

19     **MALE SPEAKER:**   (Laughing.)

20     **MS. CHEATHAM:** No one's ever said it like that.

21     **(Laughing)**

22     **MS. CHEATHAM:**   How is everyone?   Happy New Year.

23     **EVERYONE:**   Happy New Year.

24     **MS. CHEATHAM:**   Mr. Mayor and members of council as

25                   well the residents of the Town of Atlantic



1 Beach. I'd like to take a few minutes today  
2 and talk about some of the accomplishments  
3 that occurred in the town during 2024. Most,  
4 or much of what we read about in the town is  
5 not necessarily favorable news. In fact, I  
6 cancelled my subscription Sun-News. But they  
7 gave it to me for free. So I told them that  
8 I was tired of seeing negative publicity  
9 about where I live and there is never any  
10 good things published. And, so I cancelled  
11 it and they assured me that they were gonna  
12 do some things differently. And, I said  
13 okay. I'll take it if it's free. So we'll  
14 see what happens. Well, I wanted to just to  
15 spend a few minutes talking about some of the  
16 great things that occurred. Last January,  
17 we had a meeting of Black Pearl by a  
18 playwright, Grace Robinson, and it was  
19 directed a Mr. Williams. This play is going  
20 to be put on again this year at Coastal. And  
21 it's gonna cost a lot of money to buy tickets  
22 and we were able to have read and care last  
23 year for free. In February, the  
24 International Gullah Geechee and African  
25 Diaspora Conference visited the beach and had



1 a tour and shared stories with us. In May,  
2 the Silvern Art Museum opened. In addition,  
3 the town received three awards on the Harry  
4 County Historic Preservation Committee. In  
5 June, Adapt and Serve installed a wheelchair  
6 access on 3rd Avenue for people who were not  
7 able to get to the beach from the sand. On  
8 the 23rd there was a Mullah Leechee Festival.  
9 On the 22nd of June, we had the Bike Riders  
10 Across Georgia who were traveling on their  
11 bicycles from Florida to Maine, stopped by  
12 here and had a conversation. They did not  
13 know about Atlantic Beach, but they were  
14 thrilled to come and we had very nice  
15 discussion with them. On July 20th, we had  
16 an Economic Development Workshop. On August  
17 8th, we sponsored a meeting with the South  
18 Carolina Department of Transportation about  
19 the highway improvements on seventeen. In  
20 November, we had our first groundbreaking for  
21 a development property by the ground. Also,  
22 on -- in November we traveled to Columbia to  
23 be nominated to be on the National Registry  
24 of the Historic Places, the Town of Atlantic  
25 Beach. It was approved by Shifter and we





1           expect to receive confirmation any day now.  
2           And in December, the police had a wonderful  
3           Christmas party. They were advertised for  
4           the youth but a lot of people like myself  
5           came and --

6           **(interrupted by laughter)**

7           **MS. CHEATHAM:** And had a good time. In addition to  
8           those activities we are able to put some EV  
9           chargers in the town. We have one that is  
10          already outside and we'll be putting another  
11          three level charging fast speed next to the  
12          Art Museum. And we also anticipate getting a  
13          couple of more. We have made commitments to  
14          make the repairs to the roof so the lights  
15          will stop blinking. We have also began to  
16          discussing to take out these florescent lights  
17          and get some LED lights. And on Wednesday,  
18          we are going to visit with Santee Cooper to  
19          talk about burying those wires, some of the  
20          wires, underground. And we've also had some  
21          paving done for the town. So I'd like you  
22          all to give yourself a round of applause for  
23          a wonderful job.

24          **(applause)**

25          **MS. CHEATHAM:** Last year, I'll be glad to answer



1 questions, if anyone has them.

2 (Indiscernible)

3 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Can I just make a --

4 **MS. CHEATHAM:** Yes.

5 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** It is not a question. I just  
6 want to thank you for highlighting for the  
7 public, and the press, all the positive  
8 things that are happening, and have happened  
9 in the Town of Atlantic Beach this past year.  
10 And I'd also like to give a special shout out  
11 to our Public Safety Department for the  
12 Children's Christmas Party or the Community  
13 Christmas Party. As a parent, my child was  
14 very excited about her gift, as you said the  
15 food was good, the atmosphere was beautiful.  
16 They did a great job decorating, so I just  
17 wanted to thank you all again for the time  
18 and effort that you put into celebrating the  
19 holidays with the community. Thank you.

20 **MR. DAVID:** I just want to mention one thing too,  
21 great report. The Black Pearl play at  
22 Coastal Carolina will be in full force. And  
23 opening night is Friday March 28th, and it  
24 will run until April 6th. So, I encourage  
25 everyone to go out and see. The readings



1           were exceptional. We were blessed to have  
2           them here and I look forward to seeing the  
3           actual play, so if anybody can go we like to  
4           make sure that we are well represented on  
5           open night -- opening night. As well as  
6           throughout the play's performance.

7       **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Are the ticket's on sale yet?

8       **MR. DAVID:** I think they are, they are listed. The  
9           pricing is \$19.00 for adults and down to  
10          \$16.00 for seniors and -- \$15.00 for seniors  
11          and alumni, and stuff like that.

12       **MS. CHEATHAM:** I just wanted to talk a little bit  
13          about the budget for the year. We had a  
14          budget of 1.3 million dollars. And that's  
15          all we can spend, no more no less, because we  
16          have to have balanced budget. We were  
17          fortunate as I went through the accounts to -  
18          - I didn't find any money but there was some  
19          money that was provided to the town during  
20          the pandemic. That they put out a number the  
21          second -- the last week in November that had  
22          to be spent by the end of December -- had to  
23          be obligated. And so that's how we're  
24          getting the roof fixed. To be able to do  
25          that, that's \$83,000.00. And, so we think



1           that we can probably get about 200 thousand  
2           more dollars for the year. And, so they will  
3           give us a budget of 1.4. We've had a lot of  
4           legal expenses. We had a legal budget of  
5           \$87,000.00. We've already spent \$114 and the  
6           cases keeps piling on. And, so we gonna have  
7           to make some adjustments because we have to  
8           pay for our attorneys and we can't not  
9           respond when people file charges with us.  
10          All in all, we think that we will -- we will  
11          end the year in a positive light. We have  
12          some more work to do to understand some of  
13          the charges that have been made before I  
14          came. But, all in all, we got a good year --  
15          we had a good year and we will continue to  
16          have a good year. Thank you and I will be  
17          back (sic).

18       **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** First of I would like to thank Ms.  
19          Cheatham and her staff for the work they have  
20          done. And I want thank them and I am going to  
21          thank the police department for putting the  
22          Christmas event that they had here. And they  
23          did some beautiful decorations - - .

24       **UNKNOWN SPEAKER 2:** They did.

25       **UNKNOWN SPEAKER 1:** (indiscernible)And it showed



1           that as long as we work together in the  
2           interest in everybody here. We can move  
3           Atlantic Beach forward like it ought to be  
4           and I want say that in being the oldest  
5           person in this house right now. I didn't say  
6           I am no old man right here. (Indiscernible)

7           **(applause)**

8           **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** Thank you.

9           **UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER:** (audio interrupted)

10          **MR. BOOKER:** (unclear audio)- - I just want to make  
11          an announcement about Dominion energy service.  
12          You may hear from someone that they are not  
13          able to get gas service. I know that there  
14          is a business owner here in town, who I spoke  
15          with that wanted to add on some commercial  
16          operations and they wanted to get gas. And  
17          they called Dominion Energy and then Dominion  
18          Energy told them that they would not no  
19          longer add any gas service to Atlantic Beach.  
20          So, from looking into that, what I determined  
21          from talking protagf?? From Duke Energy that  
22          they need to improve or increase their live  
23          gas lines that brings the gas to Harry  
24          County. And they have a plan to do that,  
25          but, there is an environmental group that has



1       taken legal action against them to prevent  
2       them from making this approved.

3       Until then it is necessary so that they can  
4       add on more service and name change the  
5       pressure from the current customer. Until  
6       then buy those roots to build a court  
7       Dominion Energy won the lawsuit. But, they  
8       appealed the decision, so they still can't do  
9       the upgrade. So, until that upgrade can  
10      occur Dominion Energy is not adding any  
11      commercial services in Harry County. And  
12      they are not added any residential services  
13      that they are not on a street that already  
14      have a gas lane. So if there is a gas lane  
15      in front of a property and you wanted to get  
16      gas they could tap into that but if they  
17      happen to be on a street where there is no  
18      gas service on that street then they are not  
19      going to run a lane along that street to give  
20      people the service. And they wanted to do  
21      this so that they can maintain the service  
22      and the pressures from the current customers  
23      and so once this lawsuit is resolved. Then  
24      they can continue to increase their number of  
25      customers and give service where other people



1 would want it, but, they can't do it right  
2 now because (cough). So, just, I wanted to  
3 share this with you in case you hear someone  
4 say, they can't get gas and when the person  
5 calls they said that we are not adding any  
6 gas to Atlantic Beach and I was curious as to  
7 why just Atlantic Beach. And it is not just  
8 the black community, it is Harry county. I  
9 just wanted to make you aware. Thank you

10 **UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:**

11 **MR. DAVID:** Next if everyone has noticed we have  
12 some upcoming events. Coming up, - -  
13 specifically dealing with the town. The  
14 Planning Commission Meeting is on January 16<sup>th</sup>  
15 and please look at our website to list - -  
16 other upcoming events and dates that are  
17 moving forward. With that - we have two  
18 people that are here public time. First, we  
19 have Ms. Gloria Lance.

20 **PUBLIC TIME:**

21 **MS. LANCE:** Good Evening Mayor Pro Tem, and council  
22 members.

23 **EVERYONE:** - Good evening-

24 Thank you

25 **MS. LANCE:** Happy New Year



1 **EVERYONE:** - happy new year

2 **MS. LANCE:** 37.49 It appears that they want to block  
3 you in, can't hear you.

4 **MR. DAVID:** You can stand right here.

5 **MS. LANCE:** This in reference to the U.S. DOT that  
6 wants to put in the concrete median and they  
7 stated that on the paperwork they're suppose  
8 to start - - U.S. 17 from Conway Street to  
9 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and so when they put the  
10 medians in from what I could understand from  
11 the meeting was the west side was gonna be  
12 blocked and the east side was gonna be  
13 blocked. I live on 29<sup>th</sup>, so, if I wanna go  
14 south to Myrtle Beach. I am gonna havta go  
15 right like everybody else on the the east  
16 side of Atlantic Beach. Would have to come up  
17 to the light or just bear right and there's  
18 suppose to be a turn signal up at this light  
19 at Dodge's and then come back down to going  
20 towards the south end of the beach. For  
21 citizens who live on this side how in the  
22 world are you gonna get out?

23 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** Or the police department.

24 **MS. LANCE:** Or the police department for safety? As  
25 well as the fire department for safety if





1           there are fires over on this side? So who in  
2           the world came up with this major idea that  
3           Atlantic Beach is for this? I personally,  
4           don't agree with that and then there was no  
5           introduction when the meeting was held. I  
6           don't know the program manager the young lady  
7           she was Kailen Metzy. No one was introduced  
8           whatsoever, they had their talking points.  
9           Now they said in a five year span. I don't  
10          know the start date or the end date. There  
11          were sixty-nine accidents. Now, I knew right  
12          there practically on seventeenth ok? If  
13          we've had sixty-nine accidents within that  
14          span that's fourteen if you move it up one to  
15          seventy. That's fourteen accidents per year.  
16          Where did we get this number from? And they  
17          said , it was from Atlantic Beach, and North  
18          Myrtle Beach, and I was like well I live  
19          right here. How can you have fourteen  
20          accidents in one year? Times five?

21                 So that to me was like, with their  
22          talking

23                 points. I don't know where they got their  
24                 statistics from but that data did not say it  
25                 was favorable towards us. And so we know



1           when there is an accident that happens on 17.  
2           That - - they - - people try to go around.  
3           Right Mr. Booker? When you sat o'le cats lap  
4           on the front porch?

5       **MR. BOOKER:** Yes.

6       **MS. LANCE:** They were going around trying to come  
7           out. So that tells me is that they want to  
8           unblock Ocean Boulevard. With that being  
9           said to us. So I hope you all are sitting at  
10          the table when decisions are being made about  
11          us. Ok, and let us know it goes back to John  
12          Skeeter when he said "we gotta communicate to  
13          each other who's going on". And the council,  
14          is aware of what's going on. So, we can get  
15          these items addressed. Please do.

16               The second item, I'll - - have- - um-- -

17       **(Laughter)**

18       **MS. LANCE:** make this really short.

19       **MS. CHEATHAM:** What's that?

20       **MS. LANCE:** I know you discussed the budget Ms.

21               Cheatham, but, in the budget. Our Mills?

22       **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** Eighty four nine.

23       **MS. LANCE:** 84.9

24       **KNOWN SPEAKER:** Highest in the county.

25       **MS. LANCE:** Is it the highest? I tried to reach out



1 to the county on Friday, but they were so  
2 busy. So Horse used to be the highest - -.

3 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** See what I mean?

4 **MS. LANCE:** I was told by council, we were second.

5 So, if that can be addressed because I storm  
6 water is \$89.00 dollars and yeah that's a  
7 hundred dollars. So, it increases our our  
8 tax so that really needs to be addressed so  
9 that we can keep our property. OK?

10 Thank you so much.

11 **MS. TAYLOR:** Thank you.

12 **MR. DAVID:** I will, I will say that, and I probably  
13 shouldn't - - but - - we did have a - - we  
14 have been aware of the - - the a seventeenth  
15 project since last year. When they told us  
16 that beach advocates and we've been to at  
17 least - - three - - public meetings and we  
18 had one here in Atlantic Beach in December  
19 17<sup>th</sup> I think it was. And we've communicated  
20 our concerns to greatly to the SCDOT and that  
21 we, I know that I am not for it and I have  
22 sent an email as of this week to them again  
23 to let them know that we don't want to be  
24 treated any differently than Myrtle Beach  
25 who has and Surfside and along the Grand



1 Strand if you ride all the way down to George  
2 town that they have cut throughs on each  
3 street and shorter medians and we feel that  
4 we should be treated any differently. So,  
5 we've communicated that, we will continue to  
6 continue communicate that they do have to  
7 have a sign off from the town to do anything  
8 and - - and we gonna keep working  
9 ferociously to make sure that we have our  
10 concerns heard. Budget season is - - -

11 **MR. DAVID:** Go ahead.

12 **MR. DAVID:** Yes M'am

13 **MR. DAVID:** Yes M'am

14 **MR. DAVID:** What we we will talk to him before we  
15 sign or address anything toto who for with  
16 SCDOT.

17 **MR. DAVID:** Yes, and the next thing - - as far as  
18 the meal situation. We have a meals and we  
19 are new on council. We have seen different  
20 things that have come about - - we have a  
21 problem with being the highest meals. We are  
22 also have a problem meals, we also have a  
23 problem being the highest business tax. So,  
24 those are are things that we are gonna try to  
25 address for this next budget cycle. I don't



1 know how much we'll be able to do, but, we  
2 are gonna access it and see what we can do.  
3 So, - - there's a lot of tings we need to  
4 work on.

5 **MR. DAVID:** Next we have - - Ms. Booker. Ms. Linda  
6 Booker?

7 Welcome back

8 **MS. BOOKER:** Happy New Year.

9 **COUNCIL:** Happy New Year.

10 **MS. BOOKER:** Happy New Year everybody, Good evening.

11 I wanted to make you all aware Elliot  
12 Stillhen who owns the Museum and who was a  
13 resident on 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue has donated to the  
14 town. A machine that we can use to clean the  
15 floors. It is not a buffer, we have a  
16 buffer. It is for grout cleaning, it comes  
17 with several brushes we can clean the  
18 bathrooms, we can clean these floors as well.  
19 And, he donated that to us, and I was hoping  
20 he could be here tonight. So that you all  
21 could thank him personally. In addition, -  
22 - the community center needs some work and as  
23 Ms. Cheatham has expressed - - I can't ask  
24 Ms. Cheatham for money. Because I get the  
25 ugly face from from, I'm asking the residents



1 if you have any money that you can donate.

2 We need to redo our bathrooms, we definitely

3 need to do mold rededication from all the

4 water and all of the leaks over the years.

5 This community center has been leaking since

6 I've been here and I've been here for fifteen

7 years. And I went in to one of the rooms, I

8 won't say which one, as soon as I walked in,

9 I had to walk out because the odor of the

10 mold was so bad. So we have got to get some

11 mold rededication and we need to re do our

12 bathrooms and I just want donation. Anyone

13 who is willing to donate to that I'd

14 appreciate it. Thank you.

15 **MR. DAVID:** With that is there anymore questions or  
16 comments or concerns? Is there a motion to  
17 adjourn?

18 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Second. You make the motion, I'll  
19 second.

20 **MR. DAVID:** So moved. Roll?

21 **MS. PEREIRA:** Councilman Edward Campbell.

22 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Yay.

23 **MS. PEREIRA:** Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

24 **MS. TAYLOR:** Yay.

25 **MS. PEREIRA:** Mayor Pro Tem, John David.



1       **MR. DAVID:** Yes.

2       **ADJOURNMENT:**

3       **MR. DAVID:** Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:48,  
4               thank you.

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