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AND BUDGET WORKSHOP  
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**COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

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

Leah B. Moody, Esquire, Town Counsel

**Also Present:**

Cheryl Pereira  
Interim Town Manager Titus Leaks  
Adaptive Surf Representatives, Van and Taylor  
Jeffrey Gore  
Kimberly Kinson, Accountant



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1     **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**  Is there a motion to come  
2             out of executive session into -- back to  
3             general session?

4     **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:**  So moved.

5     **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**  Roll call.

6     **CHERYL PEREIRA:**  Councilman Edward Campbell.

7     **COUNCILMAN EDWARD CAMPBELL:**  Yay.

8     **CHERYL PEREIRA:**  Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

9     **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:**  Yay.

10    **CHERYL PEREIRA:**  Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore.

11    **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:**  Yay.

12    **CHERYL PEREIRA:**  Mayor Pro Tem John David.

13    **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**  Yes, ma'am.  Make sure  
14             everybody turn off their cell phones and  
15             anything like that.  Are there any ceremonial  
16             matters?  If not, we'll move into public  
17             comment.  I think we have a Adaptive Surf that  
18             wants to speak.

19    **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:**  I'm sorry.

20    **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**  Go ahead.  I'm sorry.  
21             Oh, we amended agen- -- I'm sorry, I'm sorry.

22    **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:**  Yeah.

23    **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**  My bad.

24    **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:**  My apologies.

25    **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**  My apologies, my



1           apologies.

2           **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

3           **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**    Is it -- is there a  
4           motion to adopt the agenda or to amend it?

5           **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:**    I make a motion that we  
6           add to the agenda Resolution Number 6-2026, a  
7           resolution to authorize an amendment to the  
8           town council rules of procedure to correct  
9           scrivener's errors, including but not limited  
10          to an incorrect ordinance number, and to allow  
11          town legal counsel to make such corrections and  
12          reformat the document in accordance with the  
13          South Carolina Code of Laws and applicable best  
14          practices, and for other purposes.

15          **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:**    Question. This don't  
16          really say town legal. It say town council to  
17          amend. So therefore, is that supposed to be  
18          town legal ---

19          **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:**    Well, town counsel is  
20          not ---

21          **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:**    --- or town council?  
22          I mean ---

23          **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:**    I mean, C-O-U-S -- wait  
24          a minute, I can't spell.    C-O-U-N -- I'm  
25          reading from the ---



1 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: He be -- she reading  
2 from the ---

3 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: So -- so she reading from  
4 a different one.

5 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR: I'm reading from  
7 something else.

8 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

9 COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR: I'm adding this to the  
10 agenda. This was from the resolution that we  
11 discussed.

12 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: Oh, I thought you  
13 were reading from the ---

14 COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR: No, no. I wanted to add  
15 this resolution back to the agenda.

16 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: So I didn't get that  
17 one, right?

18 COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR: No. This was just from  
19 last week I was reading from.

20 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: Do you have that?

21 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: Not from that.

22 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: Let me see that.

23 COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR: That's the resolution  
24 that ---

25 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: Okay. So on that one



1 -- thank you.

2 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Uh-huh.

3 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** So, Titus, from my  
4 understanding, I thought that was to be  
5 corrected to be town council, though, not  
6 legal. Because if there was something to be  
7 changed, then it would be coming to us, and  
8 then it would go to legal to check -- change  
9 it. So therefore, is that supposed to be town  
10 council or legal?

11 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** --- this one  
12 here.

13 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** It's the town council.

14 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Well, on that. But  
15 I'm -- I -- I understand what you're saying,  
16 but ---

17 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** But the  
18 ordinance.

19 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** --- he was saying  
20 that whenever he changed it over, that he was  
21 changing it over, from my understanding, to be  
22 the council change it over, and then if we need  
23 legal actions, then we would have the attorney  
24 to change it. So is that ---

25 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Are we talking about the



1 same thing?

2 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Yes.

3 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** This is two different  
4 things.

5 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** 2026 -- 6-2026.

6 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** This is resolution.  
7 That's ordinance.

8 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** But you -- okay, so  
9 therefore -- oh, I see. This is supposed to be  
10 changed ---

11 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

12 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** This is something --  
13 this is something different. This is the  
14 Resolution 6-2026, and that's the ordinance.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Okay. So right here  
16 on the agenda, we're coming down ---

17 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** I'm asking to add this.

18 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Right. Oh, so you're  
19 asking to add this ---

20 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Add this.

21 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** So that -- that don't  
22 go here. That would go to where, here?

23 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Yeah.

24 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** So, ahead of A?

25 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Yes. There's been a



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motion.

**COUNCILMAN EDWARD CAMPBELL:** Second.

**MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Roll call.

**CHERYL PEREIRA:** Councilman Edward Campbell.

**COUNCILMAN EDWARD CAMPBELL:** Yay.

**CHERYL PEREIRA:** Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

**COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Yay.

**CHERYL PEREIRA:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore.

**COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** No.

**CHERYL PEREIRA:** Mayor Pro Tem John David.

**MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** No. Is there a motion to  
approve the agenda as written?

**COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** I thought we already did  
that.

**MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yeah, we did. Okay.  
Okay.

**CEREMONIAL MATTERS:**

**MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Next, we'll move into  
ceremonial matters. And there's none.

**PUBLIC COMMENT BY ADAPTIVE SURF PROJECT:**

**MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** And then public comment,  
we have Adaptive Surf.

**VAN:** All right. Hi, guys.

**MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Hey.

**VAN:** First, I wanna say thank you for having us.



1 Mr. Mayor, council, thank you for having us  
2 tonight. I don't know if you guys remember who  
3 we are. We're Adaptive Surf Project. We did  
4 an event here about two years ago. We did the  
5 matting down here at the beach. We did the  
6 wheelchair here at the beach and everything for  
7 you guys. We've got more matting. If you  
8 would like more matting anywhere, we'll be more  
9 than welcome to bring some matting. But we're  
10 here because we've got an event scheduled May  
11 the 30th, which entails taking people with  
12 disabilities surfing on the beach. We'll have  
13 probably about anywhere about 70 people that  
14 want to go surfing, and we'll bring about 125  
15 volunteers with us, so it's -- it's a big deal.  
16 Two years ago when we did it, the town was  
17 great. They came down with the grills and --  
18 and fed us lunch and everything like that. It  
19 was awesome. We had the best time here and we  
20 really appreciate it. You got parking down  
21 there. I hope the parking's still there that  
22 we can use and everything like that. But  
23 that's -- I hate to say it, but Luke was  
24 supposed to be here, and he's a lot better at  
25 this stuff than I am. He called me about an



1 hour before, he said, I'm not going to make it.  
2 I got -- can't be there. Can you guys be  
3 there? I'm like, yeah, we'll be there. So  
4 when I read on there it was a presentation, I  
5 was like, oh, my, I'd have brought more if I  
6 knew it was a presentation.

7 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** What are the hours?

8 **VAN:** The hours? We will be here about 6:30, 7:00  
9 to start setting up. Starts at 9:00.

10 **TAYLOR:** The event's at 8:30.

11 **VAN:** 8:30.

12 **TAYLOR:** Uh-huh. End time's at 3:00.

13 **VAN:** So we'll be gone about four o'clock.

14 **TAYLOR:** 4:00 -- 4:30.

15 **VAN:** Yeah, at the latest. It's a full day, and  
16 we'd love for you guys to come down there and  
17 check it out. News will probably be here and  
18 everything like that.

19 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Well, I was just gonna  
20 thank you all for giving the town a shout-out  
21 on one of the more recent news stories that  
22 covered your organization. I think you were  
23 appealing to the City of Myrtle Beach.

24 **VAN:** Yes, correct.

25 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** And the spokesperson for



1 your organization mentioned that the small town  
2 of Atlantic Beach was able to accommodate with  
3 the mats and the modified wheelchairs. So that  
4 was positive press that he shared ---

5 **VAN:** Awesome.

6 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** --- on the news. So  
7 thank you for that.

8 **VAN:** We love positive press.

9 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Yes.

10 **VAN:** And that's why the news loves when we do  
11 something ---

12 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Yes.

13 **VAN:** Because they love it, too. There's not enough  
14 of it in the world out there nowadays.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Absolutely.

16 **VAN:** So that's really all we've got.

17 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Well, we would love to  
18 have a -- if -- I mentioned to Luke that we'd  
19 love to have more matting, because I think we  
20 have a -- a access at 31st Avenue and 30- -- or  
21 29th or ---

22 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

23 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** 32nd, if you all are able  
24 to do ---

25 **VAN:** 31st and 32nd?



1     **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** 31st -- yeah. If you're  
2           able to ---

3     **VAN:** Which one is the one that the drives -- the  
4           guys drive the trucks down?

5     **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** 32nd.

6     **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** 32nd.

7     **VAN:** So that one's going to give us a problem.

8     **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Well, we'll do 31st if  
9           possible.

10    **VAN:** Yeah, 31st.

11    **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** And maybe 29th. We'll go  
12           through 29th, depending on how much ---

13    **VAN:** Because we looked at 'em when we were down  
14           here last time.

15    (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

16    **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** But they have the one  
17           where people walk down from the North Myrtle  
18           Beach straight down to the ocean.

19    **COUNCILMAN EDWARD CAMPBELL:** It's up by Baywatch.

20    **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Is that ---

21    **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** By Baywatch.

22    **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** --- dunes or ---

23    **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Huh-uh. That's -- it's  
24           flat.

25    **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** --- encouraging ---



1     **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**  It's flat.  But they can  
2           look at it.

3     **VAN:**  Yeah, we'll be glad to look at that one.  
4           Because we love putting the matting down.  It  
5           helps you.  When we were here putting it down  
6           that day, we had two people drive up and wanted  
7           to use the beach wheelchair.  You know, we're  
8           like, wow.  We had to come get it.  I hope it's  
9           getting used now.

10    **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**  It is, it is, it is.

11    **VAN:**  Is it?

12    **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**  Anything you all need or  
13           -- check with Titus and ---

14    **VAN:**  Okay.

15    **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**  --- get his number or --  
16           or whatever, or if there's anything.

17    **VAN:**  Perfect.  That's awesome.

18    **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:**  Yeah.

19    **VAN:**  Titus, I'm Van.

20    **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:**  All right.  Nice  
21           to meet you.

22    **VAN:**  This is my wife, Taylor, by the way, guys.

23    **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:**  Nice to meet you.

24    **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**  You did good.

25    **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:**  (Inaudible) right



1 before you leave, just to get your information

2 ---

3 **VAN:** Yeah. That'd be awesome.

4 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** --- you know,  
5 we're doing everything on our side ---

6 **VAN:** Okay.

7 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** --- and, you  
8 know, somebody to coordinate with, just to make  
9 sure everything's in line.

10 **VAN:** That'd be perfect. Thank you so much, sir.  
11 And she told me on the way up here it was  
12 during Memorial Day, I'm like, oh, no.

13 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** No, no, it's good. No,  
14 no ---

15 **VAN:** --- we scheduled that week.

16 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Nah, nah, the week after.  
17 The week after.

18 **VAN:** That's when I looked at the calendar on the  
19 way here, I was like, thank goodness.

20 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** The dates change  
21 every year, yeah. We got you.

22 **VAN:** Appreciate that. Thank you so much.

23 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Thank you.

24 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Okay. Next we'll move  
25 into -- there's no minutes, so next we'll --



1 any more comment? Jeffrey, I'm sorry. Mr.  
2 Gore, please come up. We're happy to hear from  
3 you. Hope you tell us some good things about  
4 entertainment and everything.

5 **PUBLIC COMMENT BY JEFFREY GORE:**

6 **JEFFREY GORE:** Well, I'm happy to ---

7 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yeah. It should be.

8 **JEFFREY GORE:** How y'all doing?

9 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Very well. Good to see  
10 you.

11 **JEFFREY GORE:** My name's Jeffrey Gore. This -- this  
12 -- I -- I don't have to tell y'all that this  
13 year has really, with all the events happening  
14 in the town, that for me and the entertainment,  
15 it has been disastrous. The lack of me being  
16 able to commit -- get a commitment from this --  
17 the town, as -- as to the day, I got one  
18 vendor. I got one person that came in today  
19 that's gonna give me -- buy a ad from me. I  
20 got about \$45,000 that I'm already committed  
21 to, that I committed to on a -- on a verbal.  
22 And now after the contract came back, I'm not  
23 even -- I'm only able to get one year. I'm not  
24 gonna make any money. I'm not gon' make any  
25 money. I love the town. Lord knows I love it.



1 I don't love it that much to give -- donate  
2 \$30,000. So we are -- we are writing up a  
3 counteroffer for -- for us to host the Bikefest  
4 and pay \$30,000. If -- you know, if the town  
5 can't do it, I understand. You know what I'm  
6 saying? What -- whoever do -- you give it to,  
7 I can respect that because I'm not gonna be  
8 able to make any money. The -- with the --  
9 with the vending down there, I -- I know anyone  
10 -- no one in here probably has ever did the  
11 stage. But you don't make your money off of  
12 alcohol until starting about 11:30. That's  
13 when you make your money. People start  
14 drinking, and -- and it go 'til two o'clock.  
15 If we turn that music off, last year when we  
16 was forced to turn the music off, the crowd  
17 move up the street to where the rest of the  
18 crowd is. So we -- we really, really will be  
19 shooting ourself in the foot, you know. So I  
20 -- like I say, I'm gonna -- with the music  
21 having to be shut off at, I mean, at twelve  
22 o'clock and with not being able to get five  
23 years, you know, we gonna -- we gon' -- I spoke  
24 to Titus. We gon' send a counteroffer in, and  
25 if y'all can't do it, then, you know, I -- I --



1 I'm gonna have to pull out. I'm not going to  
2 be able to do it myself, you know. But like I  
3 say, I will give it -- I will -- I would -- he  
4 and I spoke about it, and I -- I figure I'd let  
5 the town know. And -- and no -- no disrespect  
6 to nobody. I -- I love citizens to be a part  
7 of anything that the town is having, but when  
8 it come to certain things -- when it come to  
9 certain things, you -- you need somebody that  
10 is familiar with that thing. If -- if I was  
11 gon' do something that deal with a motel,  
12 hotel, I -- I'd call Mr. Campbell, because I  
13 know he know about that. He's a expert in the  
14 matter, you know. Festivals, events, there is  
15 people that if you never been, more or less,  
16 did it, put on a event, sole did handle the  
17 business part, you -- some -- there need to be  
18 somebody on the board that know about that  
19 stuff, especially here in Atlantic Beach. I  
20 mean, there's a lot of people that -- that  
21 could've been asked to get on it also to make  
22 sure because -- you know, and I understand the  
23 town need more revenue, and I'm gon' to keep it  
24 to three minutes. I understand the town need  
25 more revenue, but increasing the fees two,



1 three times, that ain't the way to do it. 20  
2 of my vendors called saying, we're not coming  
3 this year, Jeffrey. I say, you're not coming  
4 over a few dollars? They say, well let us get  
5 your lot for free. You -- you understand? And  
6 a few dollars sometime make the difference. So  
7 ---

8 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Bless you.

9 **JEFFREY GORE:** -- I don't know nothing about town  
10 council, now. So if it come to town council,  
11 then I'm gon' ask the town council, hey, how do  
12 I town council? When it come to business, you  
13 need some business people there that know and  
14 that's done festivals, because festival is a  
15 real tricky thing, you know? I -- I done won  
16 and lost with 'em, you know? I done lost big  
17 here in Atlantic Beach, but I done won big with  
18 'em. So, you know, like I say, I'm gonna give  
19 it to him, and hopefully the town can, you  
20 know, look at what I got going on with it. And  
21 time is running, so I'm gonna try to get it to  
22 him tomorrow so if we decide to do it, you  
23 know, right now. Like I say, as of right now,  
24 because the, all the agreements that the town  
25 had made with me -- you know, not the council



1 but the city hall, I'm not able to -- I don't  
2 have 'em. So if we don't, then I guess we just  
3 have to figure out a way to pay the people that  
4 I got on the hook -- that we got on the hook,  
5 and we'll go from there.

6 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** I -- I understand what  
7 you're saying, but where are you -- I know last  
8 year you said this and maybe the year before  
9 too. Where do you keep getting five years  
10 from?

11 **JEFFREY GORE:** Whatcha mean?

12 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** You keep saying that  
13 there was a five-year agreement. And -- and  
14 I've even talked to you and said if you had an  
15 idea outside of Bikefest, just submit a  
16 proposal to the town and say ---

17 **JEFFREY GORE:** I ---

18 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** --- that you needed  
19 multiple years.

20 **JEFFREY GORE:** I ---

21 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Because ---

22 **JEFFREY GORE:** That's what ---

23 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** --- because the RFP was  
24 only put out for one year.

25 **JEFFREY GORE:** Nope. Nope. Nope.



1 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** We called negotiation  
2 (inaudible).

3 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** I understand.

4 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** --- when Mr. Q was  
5 here, and I remember I was on council at the  
6 time.

7 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Mm-hmm.

8 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** When Mr. Q was here,  
9 the council had -- we talked, we negotiated  
10 because what happens is whenever you pull off  
11 this event, this is a event that it takes more  
12 than one year to get your money back.  
13 Sometimes you take a event like this right  
14 here, you might lose ---

15 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Mm-hmm.

16 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** --- \$10,000. But you  
17 -- what you're trying to do is put your name  
18 out here. You trying to get ahead. So  
19 therefore, if you got five years, now you got  
20 time enough to take that loss right there, take  
21 the next years that come behind it and make up.  
22 And by the time that five years come, you done  
23 built what you need to get, so you got yourself  
24 what you need to operate ---

25 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** And I -- I mentioned that



1 to ---

2 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

3 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Me and Jeffrey -- me and  
4 Jeffrey talked about this before.

5 **JEFFREY GORE:** I done spent money on ---

6 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** We talked about this  
7 before.

8 **JEFFREY GORE:** --- geo tracking. I spent money on  
9 drones. I spent money on putting ad, getting  
10 all the content to put ad packages together to  
11 go after advertisers. I got people set up to  
12 go after the county to -- to -- for -- trying  
13 to get dollars that the county got for  
14 different events that the town would share  
15 also, because we would have to go through the  
16 town ---

17 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Well, but they don't  
18 understand that.

19 **JEFFREY GORE:** --- to get some of them. Huh?

20 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** They don't understand  
21 that.

22 **JEFFREY GORE:** But the thing about it is  
23 advertisers, they don't give you -- just like  
24 I'm saying, I -- I love the town, but I'm not  
25 giving my money for free.



1 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Mm-hmm.

2 **JEFFREY GORE:** You know what I'm saying?  
3 Advertisers don't just give money because of my  
4 good looks. I know I look good ---

5 (Laughter.)

6 **JEFFREY GORE:** --- but I don't look that good to  
7 them.

8 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** To them.

9 (Laughter.)

10 **JEFFREY GORE:** If I don't have something that, you  
11 know, that can produce them a return on their  
12 dollar. So it's just like the -- the -- the  
13 drones he and I had discussed. I know I got to  
14 speak about him because he was here. We -- he  
15 said at the time, he said he couldn't give me  
16 three year -- I mean, five years, but he would  
17 give me a three year with a option. And -- and  
18 you was privy to the conversation. You was in  
19 the office during the meetings. And that's  
20 where we was at, three years with a option for  
21 additional years. Because I can't get traction  
22 off of one year. Last year -- last year I  
23 walked away with \$5,000. We had a -- I spent  
24 \$90,000. Thank God it didn't rain. The -- the  
25 police stopped us twelve o'clock one night. We



1 made no money after that. That's when we  
2 usually make our buck. But on Saturday night,  
3 the main night, you know, so certain things we  
4 got to -- we got to -- you know. I don't know,  
5 you all might have -- be having better luck  
6 with the vendors than I -- than I'm having, you  
7 know, but I'm just not having any luck with  
8 'em. And it might be a genius move. We might  
9 -- after Bike Week, you might say, man, we  
10 tripled our money. Might be a genius move, but  
11 it haven't proved to be genius for me, you  
12 know. And I just, that's where I'm at. And  
13 like I say, I love the town. And we --  
14 everybody just got to do what they got to do,  
15 you know?

16 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** And there are -- I'm  
17 looking at the ordinance for the town. I know  
18 there's, for commercial section, I know -- I  
19 heard about music being down -- off from 12:00  
20 to 2:00, but I think if the decibel level is a  
21 certain level, it can be ---

22 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Yeah, that's what was --  
23 -

24 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** --- decreased ---

25 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** --- number.



1     **JEFFREY GORE:**    Okay, but listen ---

2     **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**    It could be decreased,  
3                    but not ---

4     **JEFFREY GORE:**    Listen -- listen -- listen.

5     **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**    I'm just a- -- I'm just  
6                    pointing out ---

7     **JEFFREY GORE:**    Okay, but -- but ---

8     **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**    --- just pointing out.

9     **JEFFREY GORE:**    --- but understand this, understand  
10                   this.

11    **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**    Yeah.

12    **JEFFREY GORE:**    I do -- I got to have a -- I just --  
13                   not this year, but I had a restaurant in -- in  
14                   -- in Little River.

15    **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**    Mm-hmm.

16    **JEFFREY GORE:**    Music, we played. That -- that one  
17                   weekend, they let it go. North Myrtle Beach,  
18                   when they have festivals, the one weekend of  
19                   just during that event, people have to put up  
20                   with it just for that event. I ---

21    **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:**    Hold on. I don't think  
22                   it was just the noise. I think it was the  
23                   content of the music. I think a lot of people  
24                   complained about the vulgarity of the music.

25    **JEFFREY GORE:**    I respect that. So the -- the -- the



1 content can be changed, but we got to be able  
2 to play the music. If -- if we don't play the  
3 music to keep the people in place, you know,  
4 we're -- we -- it's -- our music is our draw.  
5 The only way I'm gon' sell enough alco- -- you  
6 know, it's hard to sell \$95,000 worth of  
7 alcohol, and I'm talking about it's hard to  
8 sell 120-thou- -- -five thousand dollars worth,  
9 because you got to pay for the alcohol too.  
10 It's -- it's -- it's a balancing act, you know.  
11 And to be -- and to be honest, when I say I  
12 walked away with 5,000, I got two partners that  
13 walked away with 5,000 too, you know, so we  
14 made \$15,000. But that's a lot of money --  
15 that's a lot of money to have to recoup almost  
16 100,000 to be able to make 5,000 a piece, you  
17 know. And now, it is -- it's really, really  
18 scary now. Because we -- we 12 days away.

19 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Uh-huh. 11 -- 11.

20 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** And we got 12  
21 vendors.

22 **JEFFREY GORE:** 12 vendors?

23 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** How many vendors we  
24 got? 12?

25 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yeah.



1 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: 12 vendors. So  
2 therefore -- and see, money seems like it's  
3 something all the time, but if we make  
4 \$100,000, you know how many vendors that mean  
5 we have? We had 25 vendors.

6 JEFFREY GORE: And ---

7 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: But then without  
8 vendors, you don't have no festival. So we  
9 might get 30 vendors this year with these  
10 prices, but next year we won't have a festival.

11 JEFFREY GORE: And ---

12 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: It'll be gone. Then  
13 they had -- the dream will be came true for the  
14 people in the high places that the ---

15 JEFFREY GORE: Now ---

16 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: --- administrator has  
17 been working on for years.

18 JEFFREY GORE: Now ---

19 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: --- got it.

20 JEFFREY GORE: Now, now, I got about 50 vendors out  
21 there in the country. The Atlantic Beach doing  
22 what they doing kind of helping me out -- out  
23 there now.

24 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: But they ain't doing  
25 this -- no thing here in Atlantic Beach,





1 in your agendas today. This will -- and also  
2 Ordinance Number 9-2017 is the actual  
3 procurement -- I mean, it's the wrong listed  
4 order. Hold on, let me find it. Did I give  
5 you my ---

6 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** No.

7 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** No, no, I got it  
8 right here.

9 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** This page?

10 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** No. Yeah, yeah,  
11 yeah. That's -- that's it. No, this one here.

12 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** You got the other page in  
13 here.

14 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Sorry, I may have  
15 ---

16 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** That's another one.

17 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** You got that  
18 other agenda thing I gave you?

19 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** So I got ---

20 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** So the actual  
21 agenda is listed as 1-2027 -- I mean, 2017. In  
22 this ordinance it has the wrong number listed  
23 to 9-2017. So this ordinance will be changing  
24 -- updating that to read correctly, which is  
25 our rules and procedures. Also it will move



1 the executive session from line number ---  
2 (Inaudible speaker.)

3 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** --- 11 to line  
4 number 5.

5 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Two.

6 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Two?

7 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yeah.

8 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Well, line number  
9 two. So those are the two main things, is  
10 making sure we have the correct agenda on file  
11 and that it reads the correct ordinance as is  
12 listed in the rules of procedures.

13 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** I would just like to say  
14 that had we passed Resolution 6-2026, then we  
15 would've been authorizing the admin team to  
16 correct any other issues like this one,  
17 correct?

18 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yes, that's  
19 correct.

20 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** So, Titus, question  
21 for you.

22 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yes, ma'am.

23 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** So therefore, she's  
24 asking if we had ch -- passed the resolution --  
25 -



1 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yeah.

2 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** And that would've been  
3 getting legal advice for her to have done it,  
4 right?

5 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Not necessarily  
6 getting leg- -- I mean ---

7 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Well, getting the  
8 counsel?

9 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yeah, she will  
10 word -- yes. According to the responsibility  
11 of the coun- -- the legal attorney is supposed  
12 to review the agenda, making sure we're in  
13 compliance, making sure everything reads  
14 correctly. So we'll still make the agenda, but  
15 the attorney will actually go through and make  
16 sure that everything is listed correctly.

17 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** From ---

18 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Part of the  
19 ordinance, I mean, I keep saying the agenda,  
20 but ordinance, any type of ordinance, anything  
21 we bring to her, she'll review it, make sure  
22 it's listed correctly, make sure we're doing  
23 the correct things. So that's just -- that's  
24 the proper ---

25 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Is this new?



1 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** No.

2 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Is this something that  
3 the legislation has brought to the house where  
4 we vote on. Now you do it like this? Because  
5 this is all so -- it's been times and times and  
6 times when there are things not right in the  
7 ordinance, the resolution, or whatever, and  
8 there have to be an amendment. But we're gon'  
9 take out and just have somebody just go -- just  
10 through everything and find out what's wrong  
11 with it? Is that what we're talking about?

12 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** No, no, no. It -  
13 - we'll still bringing it before you to let you  
14 know the changes, but it would authorize us to  
15 go through and look at what legal -- the town  
16 and legal -- the attorney to go through  
17 everything and correct it and make sure it  
18 reads correctly. Because some of the things  
19 ---

20 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** But is it ---

21 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** --- that we  
22 identified, it's simple things like that, the  
23 ordinance numbers being incorrect, things are  
24 not in order, things are in -- like the agenda  
25 in the rules and procedure, it's certain



1 departments that are not even in Atlantic Beach  
2 anymore. So it's just some things that need to  
3 be updated and corrected to make sure that  
4 we're in compliance and not -- not running with  
5 a certain ---

6 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** So you're not talking  
7 about changing the content or the meaning of  
8 anything?

9 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** No.

10 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Just grammatical and ---

11 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yeah.

12 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** ---- organizational  
13 errors.

14 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** So -- if I may speak?

15 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Please.

16 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** Section 5-7-230, it states  
17 what the legal counsel's supposed to do, and  
18 that's the state law, what's a legal duty and  
19 what is unauthorized practice of law. The  
20 legal counsel can practice. Unless someone has  
21 a law license, they cannot do the things that  
22 I'm supposed to do with the agenda, with the  
23 ordinances. And so what I was asking to do was  
24 to correct all those things. So all the things  
25 that he just pointed out to you, that's because



1 I read through the ordinance because previously  
2 it was said that I wasn't supposed to do it.  
3 So I had the wrong packet. Then I noticed that  
4 the wrong ordinance section was at the top of  
5 the current procedures that you are using. So  
6 that's why. That's one glaring example that I  
7 can -- that I see. It -- it took me some time  
8 to notice that it was a procurement code  
9 section. So under that, under the law, I'm  
10 supposed to make sure it complies with FOIA and  
11 advise the proper agenda procedures, correct  
12 any legal deficiencies within the agenda items,  
13 and review executive session citations. So in  
14 your executive session, I'm necessary so that  
15 I can come out and say that there was no action  
16 taken -- places not supposed to occur in  
17 executive session. So I'm not trying to change  
18 any of the stuff. I'm just trying to make sure  
19 that it is compliant so that you all are in  
20 compliance. But that's in the South Carolina  
21 Code of Laws, where I'm citing 5-7-230.

22 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Okay, so therefore a  
23 question past that. So therefore, I have a  
24 question for you.

25 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** Yes, ma'am.



1 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** So I asked you last  
2 week because I'm trying to understand. We in  
3 a four-block town, very small population here.

4 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** Uh-huh.

5 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Undeveloped. I'm  
6 trying to figure out how and why is it that we  
7 have to have an attorney in every meeting, but  
8 you did tell me that the law states that we're  
9 supposed to have one or whatever. So are you  
10 going to tell me something?

11 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** Yes, ma'am.

12 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Well, that's not what  
13 I was told.

14 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** I understand.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** I was told that it  
16 was not required that we have an attorney in  
17 every one of our meetings and that we could  
18 call ---

19 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** But that's what y'all have in  
20 y'all's ordinance. That's what y'all have  
21 written in there.

22 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** And how -- how new is  
23 that ordinance that we have? Because from my  
24 time being -- from the time I worked in here up  
25 until 2016, I've never seen where we had a



1 attorney at every meeting ---

2 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** I know.

3 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** --- in every session  
4 or -- and on call and whatever. Because how  
5 I'm looking at it, if we got an attorney doing  
6 all the work, I'm not understanding why we  
7 paying admin because you're doing all the work.  
8 I mean, I'm not knocking you for what you're  
9 doing, but I'm just saying how can we afford  
10 that and why do we afford this. I've never  
11 seen it like this before.

12 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** That's what y'all ---

13 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** And -- and ---

14 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** That's what is in this  
15 document and I ---

16 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** But my question was -  
17 --

18 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** This is y'all's document.

19 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** So our document is  
20 there that we must have -- something, something  
21 'bout that's not right. And, you know, I got  
22 so many taxpayers is calling me, asking me  
23 about this. They're trying to understand how  
24 is it that they are paying so much tax. Where  
25 is all the money coming from? I mean ---



1 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** Under section 9 on page 12 ---

2 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** You call that to me,  
3 Imma go home and Imma pull it up and look at  
4 it.

5 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** It says the town attorney  
6 attends all meetings as required by town  
7 council. He or she shall act as parliamentary-  
8 -- parliamentarian, proposes ordinances ---  
9 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

10 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** ---- resolutions, reviews all  
11 ordinances, resolutions, and documents  
12 presented to the council, and gives options on  
13 questions of procedure, form, and law to  
14 members of council.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Okay, wait a minute.  
16 You can stop right there. You just said, as  
17 required. Why is it required that we have you  
18 at every meeting? I mean, I -- and I'm not  
19 trying to be funny. I'm just trying to  
20 understand it. How is it that we can even  
21 afford to pay for an attorney to be at every  
22 meeting, in every session, executive session,  
23 and -- and throughout the whole -- I'm just --  
24 I'm just trying ---

25 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** No, I ---



1 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: --- to make it make  
2 sense to me.

3 ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY: --- but like this is ---

4 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: ---- it's not making  
5 no sense to me.

6 ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY: So, ever since when I  
7 represented y'all before, I came to every  
8 meeting.

9 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: Oh.

10 COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR: And Brad was at every  
11 meeting until he walked out.

12 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: Look, look, I'm just  
13 trying to figure out -- maybe that's so ---

14 COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR: And we were searching  
15 for one ---

16 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: --- it may be the  
17 gospel, but ---

18 COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR: --- until we got ---

19 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: --- I'm just trying  
20 to see ---

21 COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR: --- Ms. Moody.

22 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: Wait a minute. Just  
23 let me talk. Because I asked a question and  
24 you gave me a answer, but you said it was that  
25 -- just now you said, as required. So is it



1 required?

2 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** That's in y'all's -- y'all  
3 required to create ---

4 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** As required, though?

5 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** Y'all -- okay. But y'all are  
6 required to go through and create your -- your  
7 ordinance of procedure. I'm just giving you  
8 what the state law says. If you're gonna have  
9 me as your attorney, that's what my  
10 responsibility is and what is considered ---

11 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** At every ---

12 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** --- authorized practice of  
13 law.

14 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** --- meeting, we're  
15 required to have an attorney on deck at every  
16 ---

17 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

18 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** --- can come to every meeting,  
19 but y'all want me to come to every meeting.

20 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** So you're here, like,  
21 every meeting. So that's what we do.

22 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** I've been here every meeting.

23 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Yeah, that's -- and  
24 see, it's nothing against you.

25 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** I gotcha.



1 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** I'm asking a question.  
2 You don't know what I'm saying. I'm asking you  
3 a question. I'm asking you, and you gave me a  
4 answer. But that's -- so that means that we  
5 are requiring that you be here at every  
6 meeting. We are requiring that. That's what  
7 we're doing, right? That's what I'm asking  
8 you.

9 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** Yes. Yeah.

10 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Oh, okay. So that  
11 mean we gotta -- okay. Okay. That's all. I  
12 just need to know that. That's why I asked the  
13 question.

14 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Okay. Is there a -- is  
15 there a -- a motion on the floor to approve  
16 ord- -- the first reading of Ordinance Number  
17 6-2026?

18 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** So moved.

19 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Second. Roll call.

20 **CHERYL PEREIRA:** Councilman Edward Campbell.

21 **COUNCILMAN EDWARD CAMPBELL:** Yay.

22 **CHERYL PEREIRA:** Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

23 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Yay.

24 **CHERYL PEREIRA:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore.

25 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Yes.



1     **CHERYL PEREIRA:** Mayor Pro Tem John David.

2     **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yes. And then we'll  
3         update -- you'll have this updated with our ---

4     **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yes, that's the  
5         way I've got it.

6     **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** All right. I'll take  
7         mine back then.

8     **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Nah, you got it.

9     **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yeah.

10     (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

11     **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** And yeah, we'll  
12         have everything updated.

13     **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Gotcha.

14     **ORDINANCE NO. 7-2026 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE**  
15     **BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE NO. 3-2026 OF THE TOWN OF**  
16     **ATLANTIC BEACH TO UPDATE THE CLASS SCHEDULE AS**  
17     **REQUIRED BY ACT 176 OF 2020:**

18     **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** And then next we have  
19         Ordinance, dash, 7-2026, an ordinance amending  
20         the business license ordinance 3-2026 of  
21         Atlantic Beach, update of the class schedule  
22         required of Act 176 of 2020. I don't know. I  
23         -- can we discuss it please, Ms. Moody?  
24         Because I don't ---

25     **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** Yes. This is so we can match



1 the NAIC codes and all the amendments that you  
2 made with the other statute. You were required  
3 by law to adopt Act 7 -- 176 of 2020. And you  
4 all have made changes like in 2023, 2025. And  
5 so the -- I had the council review a portion of  
6 what occurred in court, and I wanted to make  
7 sure that I was making all the changes that we  
8 needed to have. You adopted the new business  
9 law license, and this is the most recent  
10 schedule that you all adopted, which matches  
11 what's on the Municipal Association's portal  
12 for people to pay their business license. So  
13 it's just making sure that it matches.

14 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Now, I'm -- I'm good with  
15 this, doing if it's the one from 2020, but I --  
16 I -- somebody please verify, because I'm quite  
17 sure it's not 3-2026. Maybe it's ---

18 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** We adopted so that it has to  
19 have a different ordinance number.

20 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** I -- I agree that, but  
21 that's -- that ordinance number is 7-2026, not  
22 3 Number 2026. So maybe that ---

23 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** Oh, I see what you're saying.

24 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yeah. So ---

25 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** This is what you have.



1     **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** That should be -- that's  
2             not -- that -- that should probably be 3-2020  
3             or 21.

4     **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** No.

5     **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Because it's from 2020.

6     **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** No, it's 2026. You're  
7             adopting.

8     **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Because in here we have  
9             Ordinance 3-2026, and it's -- it's at -- it's  
10            wrong too.

11    **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** What are you looking at? I'm  
12            not sure what you're looking at.

13    **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** On the website it --  
14            'cause it says 3-2026 is chapter one through  
15            four, peace and property, but I'm not -- I'm  
16            not sure if that's right either. But if you  
17            could verify that and make sure it's good to  
18            go, just the 3-2026, because I'm good with it,  
19            but just verify that.

20                    Is there a motion? Any more discussion on  
21            this?

22    **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** No.

23    **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Is there a motion to  
24            approve Ordinance Number 7-2026?

25    **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** So moved.



1 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: Yes.

2 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: Roll -- second. Is there  
3 a second? Second. Roll call.

4 CHERYL PEREIRA: Councilman Edward Campbell.

5 COUNCILMAN EDWARD CAMPBELL: Yay.

6 CHERYL PEREIRA: Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

7 COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR: Yay.

8 CHERYL PEREIRA: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore.

9 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: Yay.

10 CHERYL PEREIRA: Mayor Pro Tem John David.

11 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: Yes. We'll make sure we  
12 correct this for -- make sure we correct this  
13 for ---

14 CHERYL PEREIRA: Second reading.

15 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: --- second reading.

16 **NEW BUSINESS**

17 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: Next we have a new  
18 business, business -- budget workshop. As  
19 we'll have our accountant to start.

20 **BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR 2026-2027:**

21 KIMBERLY KINSON: Okay.

22 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: Thank you.

23 KIMBERLY KINSON: So, right now we're -- we have the  
24 -- a balanced budget, revenue and expense. We  
25 have a balanced budget right now with no



1 increase in property tax millage. I haven't  
2 gone through the expenses with Titus. I want  
3 to do that before our next budget workshop.  
4 And then the next budget workshop, you'll also  
5 see a breakdown by department for the expenses.  
6 Is there anything specific that you'd like to  
7 go through on the budget?

8 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** I think I mentioned this  
9 to you before, but I'll mention again. Just  
10 for -- because we have the hosp- -- I know  
11 we've -- we've talked about hospitality and  
12 accommodations, and I know we probably need to  
13 update all of those, and I think the staff is  
14 gonna do some research on what we're paying and  
15 make sure we collect everything we're supposed  
16 to collect and collect it from who we're  
17 supposed to collect it from. But just with the  
18 hosp- -- I think we talked about too, or want  
19 to talk about, making sure whenever we have the  
20 reporting mechanisms in the future, that we'll  
21 have hospitality and accommodations broken out  
22 into separate because the accommodations, per  
23 our ordinance, gets to be spent on a lot of  
24 things that will be like capital improvements  
25 and things to help the town in addition to



1 police and everything else. But ---

2 **KIMBERLY KINSON:** Yeah, I believe you want the road  
3 fees ---

4 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yeah, road fees too.

5 **KIMBERLY KINSON:** --- and hospitality separated.

6 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Road fees too, yeah.

7 **KIMBERLY KINSON:** Yep, we can do that.

8 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Because we do get money  
9 for road fees, which we -- we just found out  
10 about or didn't know about. And I wanna make  
11 sure that we use our road fees for the roads  
12 and sidewalks every year, instead of everything  
13 else that we've been using it for in the past.

14 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** And I just request for  
15 the next time, if you could break out what --  
16 what fell under other income for this past  
17 year.

18 **KIMBERLY KINSON:** I will, yes.

19 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Just so we can see if  
20 there's any ---

21 **KIMBERLY KINSON:** I'll do a separate schedule.

22 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Yeah, any expectation for  
23 future other income. And then, like I asked  
24 earlier, the breakdown of personnel.

25 **KIMBERLY KINSON:** Yeah. The personnel will have to



1 go into executive session.

2 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Yes.

3 **KIMBERLY KINSON:** Okay.

4 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Okay, can I just ask  
5 a question? And I'm asking a question because  
6 I wanna know whether or not it's something  
7 legal for us to let the taxpayers know that we  
8 have -- don't have to so much call the numbers,  
9 because maybe if the numbers need to be given  
10 out, they can get the numbers themselves if  
11 it's applicable. But at the same time, do we  
12 not need to let them know that how far we would  
13 be in the red in the town, like as far as the  
14 budget, like under the budget, over the budget?  
15 I'm sorry.

16 **KIMBERLY KINSON:** Well, I think -- well, my -- my  
17 projections are conservative. I'm ex- -- I'm  
18 projecting higher expense and lower income and  
19 hoping that it's going to kind of sort of  
20 balance out. But I think we had -- we've had  
21 -- I would say that's something that I would  
22 discuss when -- with the financial packet that  
23 y'all get each month.

24 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Uh-huh.

25 **KIMBERLY KINSON:** Because you can -- you -- you



1 start to see it each -- you know, in the  
2 financials report where you are going over  
3 budget in certain areas. You know,  
4 specifically legal, so.

5 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** No, specifically  
6 illegal. Well ---

7 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** And personnel.

8 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Well, well, the reason  
9 why I say that is because we have had -- I'm 61  
10 years old. We've had a police department in  
11 this town all my life, and now the monies, the  
12 funds for that is not there. They're somewhere  
13 else, but yet at the same time, the town, the  
14 taxpayers, wants to know, they needs to know  
15 what's going on with their money, how their  
16 money is being misused. That's -- that's my  
17 question. So therefore -- and at some point  
18 they needs to know. I don't think we need to  
19 keep them in the dark.

20 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** But they'll get a budget  
21 sheet too before -- whenever we approve the  
22 budget, they'll have a budget sheet to look at  
23 that they ---

24 **KIMBERLY KINSON:** Yes, yes.

25 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** --- and because the



1 budget dates are ---

2 **KIMBERLY KINSON:** We'll have two readings.

3 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yeah. The two readings  
4 are June something and ---

5 **KIMBERLY KINSON:** The 2nd and 7th.

6 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

7 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** The first ---

8 **KIMBERLY KINSON:** Do you remember what the dates  
9 were that we ---

10 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Is the first one the  
11 first meeting?

12 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

13 **KIMBERLY KINSON:** Okay. So we're gonna do one more  
14 workshop and then we'll ---

15 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yeah.

16 **KIMBERLY KINSON:** --- do the ---

17 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

18 **CHERYL PEREIRA:** On the 10th for 10 days?

19 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yeah.

20 **KIMBERLY KINSON:** 14.

21 **CHERYL PEREIRA:** 14 days it'll be.

22 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** So at least it -- we're  
23 -- we're -- we hopefully do it by that first  
24 meeting.

25 **CHERYL PEREIRA:** It'll be the second reading, yeah.



1     **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**   And then we have a date  
2             that we wanna talk about for the next meeting?  
3     (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

4     **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**   You got a date that  
5             you're free for the next -- a Monday or  
6             Tuesday, I guess?

7     **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:**   When do it have to be  
8             done?

9     **KIMBERLY KINSON:**   On a Monday or Tuesday.   I have  
10            next week, Monday or Tuesday.   And then we  
11            don't want it to fall in the -- fall on like a  
12            Sunday, yeah.

13    **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**   Yeah.   Yeah, yeah, yeah.

14    **KIMBERLY KINSON:**   So then we're into June.

15    **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**   And we don't need to do  
16            it -- we need to get it done before they --  
17            because the first reading ---

18    **KIMBERLY KINSON:**   If we're talking Monday or  
19            Tuesday, it would have to be next week because  
20            the following week is Bike Week.

21    **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:**   What date?

22    **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**   Are y'all free from ---

23    **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:**   The 19th.

24    **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**   --- which Monday or  
25            Tuesday?



1 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** The 19th.

2 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

3 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** You okay?

4 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** That works for Carla.

5 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Yeah, the 19th.

6 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Does the 19th work for  
7 you, Campbell?

8 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

9 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Okay. 19th at 5:00 or  
10 5:30 or ---

11 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** 5:30.

12 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** 5:30, okay. So the next  
13 budget workshop, the next and last, will be  
14 5:30 on the 19th.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Right.

16 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** And then we'll have  
17 whatever the posting day is for the -- or  
18 whatever, so we can post that and be legal.

19 And, Titus, I think I gave you a piece of  
20 paper. I don't know if we turned that in with  
21 the budget or not, but I think it might've been  
22 done -- that -- I'd like to get it back from  
23 you, too, that -- that we report to the state,  
24 the fiscal thing.

25 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Oh, yes, yes,



1           yes.

2       **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**     Did he turn it in  
3           already?   Did Jones turn it in before, or we  
4           need to do something to make sure Kim sees it  
5           and turns it in?

6       **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:**   No, we -- we need  
7           to do something to make sure Kim sees it.   I'm  
8           not sure that ---

9       **KIMBERLY KINSON:**   What is it?

10      **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**   It's -- it's the annual  
11           thing we do every year for fiscal and  
12           management or something.   I thought it would  
13           be, like, May or something.   He can give you a  
14           copy of it.

15      **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:**   Yeah, I got a  
16           copy.

17      **KIMBERLY KINSON:**   Did they say we haven't done it?

18      **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**   No, it -- it comes in  
19           every year, but it was due by a certain time,  
20           but we didn't do it.

21      **KIMBERLY KINSON:**   Okay.

22      **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**   Yeah.   I think -- I think  
23           one time they even did it with the budget, I  
24           think.

25      **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:**   So when they



1 approve the budget, that's when they ---

2 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** They -- they did it, but  
3 I think it's due earlier than that.

4 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Okay.

5 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Cheryl got a copy, and  
6 Titus got a copy. You can get a copy from him,  
7 and then give me the copy.

8 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** I can give it to  
9 you. I'm sure.

10 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** It's a fiscal management  
11 for the state or something, I think.

12 **KIMBERLY KINSON:** I did that already.

13 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Okay. Well, there you  
14 go. That's good.

15 **KIMBERLY KINSON:** Yeah.

16 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** That's why we ---

17 **KIMBERLY KINSON:** The 25 -- the annual financial ---

18 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** -- fiscal management.

19 **KIMBERLY KINSON:** Annual municipal financial report?

20 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yes, ma'am. I think  
21 that's it.

22 **KIMBERLY KINSON:** Yeah, I did that.

23 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** That's good.

24 **KIMBERLY KINSON:** Okay.

25 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Well, I'm glad we got it



1 done. So we good.

2 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Okay.

3 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Gotcha. Okay. So any  
4 more questions and stuff in far as the -- and  
5 then I -- I think capital improvements and --  
6 I hope everybody -- I submitted whatever we can  
7 do for capital improvements. If everybody else  
8 got for capital improvements and whatever else.  
9 And I know we talked about the business tax  
10 last year, and I submitted it to all of y'all  
11 in regards to the business tax to hopefully  
12 decrease our business tax some because we have  
13 one of the higher ones in the state. So  
14 hopefully we can give the relief for the --  
15 some business owners as we talked about last  
16 year and through the middle of the year and all  
17 that too.

18 Any more questions, comments, anything?

19 (No audible response.)

20 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Okay. If not, we'll move  
21 on to the next section, which is old business.  
22 We skipped all old business, and we did new  
23 business -- and I'm looking at the wrong piece  
24 of paper.

25 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** What? I -- I thought



1 the capital improvements was over right here.

2 **ITEMS A:**

3 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** I'm looking at -- I'm --  
4 I'm on the wrong piece of paper. Here it is.  
5 I'm sorry. Number A, to authorize the town  
6 manager to enter into a contract with building  
7 officials where contracts may exceed \$5,000.

8 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yeah, so this is  
9 in regards to the building official that'll  
10 come -- come through the -- to the town to do  
11 inspections, but it'll be on a as-called,  
12 as-needed basis. He'll come. We -- lately,  
13 we've been grouping our inspections together.  
14 We've been paying Bowman more than we were  
15 expecting to pay Bowman. Right now, we're not  
16 making any money. We're actually paying more  
17 money than we're actually -- than the money  
18 that we're bringing in. So we have, you know,  
19 four inspections. The bill could easily go up  
20 to \$2,000. So with this building official  
21 coming in, like I said, he's on a as-need  
22 basis. He'll be under contract, and he'll  
23 charge us based off of inspections. The  
24 highest one would be \$100 per inspection, and  
25 then at any inspection you have after that



1 would be \$75 per inspection. So, the town has  
2 a opportunity to make 75 to \$100 per inspection  
3 if we can bring the -- bring him on.

4 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** And this person is  
5 certified through the state, and he's ---

6 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Licensed.

7 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** -- licensed through the  
8 state, and he can give reports of ---

9 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yes.

10 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** --- inspections monthly  
11 so we can know what he's inspecting and not  
12 inspecting.

13 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yeah, yeah. So  
14 this guy is the actual same guy that's been  
15 doing all of our inspections since we started  
16 using Bowman. Bowman just, you know, they have  
17 parted ways, but Bowman actually, they -- they  
18 referred us to him. They -- they knew our  
19 situation. They knew we was trying to cut  
20 costs as much as possible, so once that  
21 separation happened, they recommended that we  
22 pick him up and use him. But this guy is  
23 familiar with everything. He's been doing our  
24 inspections since, I want to say, August. And  
25 he also provides reports and does everything



1           that he needs to do.

2       **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**   And there's no contract  
3           we need to get out of with Bowman?   Because I  
4           know -- I don't know if Jones signed a contract  
5           or didn't sign a contract.

6       **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:**   So Bowman will  
7           still be there as needed, so certain things  
8           that a regular building official can't do,  
9           Bowman will still be there, and they're on a  
10          as-need basis as well.   So any big thing we  
11          need to do far as it come down to it, like fire  
12          safety, certain things with that, we'll have to  
13          have a fire safety review, they will be the  
14          ones to come in.   We can still call them and  
15          use them as needed.   But on a -- in the  
16          meantime, far as our regular inspections, we'll  
17          be able to use this -- this building official.

18       **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:**   A question.   And I  
19          just need this for the record just in case I'm  
20          right and everybody else wrong.   I just don't  
21          wanna go down the wrong road.   So we do not  
22          have to have three bids for this job,  
23          municipality, government?   We do not have to  
24          have three bids for this job.

25       **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:**   I don't know whether you got



1 three bids.

2 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** I'm just ---

3 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** There was no RFP put out.

4 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** So we have not posted  
5 this job.

6 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** I ---

7 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Has this job been  
8 posted?

9 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** This is something that ---

10 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** It started --  
11 started with Mr. Jones, and we just getting  
12 here now, so.

13 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** But -- but -- well,  
14 we must -- before we go sign on this contract,  
15 right here -- and I could be wrong, but I just  
16 want us to be right.

17 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yeah.

18 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** I just don't want us  
19 to be in no trouble, no legal trouble. So  
20 therefore, I'm just asking a question. Before  
21 I'm gonna bid on it, it's going to be known  
22 that we didn't have to have three bids for  
23 this. Because most municipalities, whenever  
24 there's jobs out there, we can't just go hiring  
25 our friends and whatever. There have to be



1 three bids. I could be dead wrong though. So,  
2 therefore, with that being said, I'm gonna wait  
3 -- I'm not gonna vote on it 'cause I'm not sure  
4 of that.

5 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** If the -- if -- again, if  
6 the attorney or -- or whoever says whatever, we  
7 can approve it and then you can post a  
8 advertisement for it and see if anybody comes  
9 back and maybe you have three or maybe you  
10 don't have three.

11 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** I don't know if you  
12 could really do that with the government. You  
13 sure?

14 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** I'm not sure.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Oh.

16 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** That's why I'm asking the  
17 attorney.

18 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** See, I'm not gonna  
19 get into nothing like that right there.

20 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

21 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** I'm not your attorney, but I  
22 wouldn't do it ---

23 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** You would what ---

24 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** I wouldn't do it that  
25 way.



1     **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**    --- you would post the  
2             bid?

3     **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:**    Yes.

4     **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:**    You gotta go through  
5             your procurement, and so ---

6     **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**    Yeah.

7     **KIMBERLY KINSON:**    Put the opportunity -- yeah.

8     **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**    And so maybe you could -  
9             --

10    **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:**    But there may have been  
11            one done.    Mr. Booker has this file, I'm  
12            assuming, or whoever started the contract.

13    **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:**    Yeah.

14    **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:**    We need to look at that  
15            file to make sure.

16    **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:**    But it would be --  
17            well, that question gonna go to the clerk.  Has  
18            there -- do you know whether or not a RFP was  
19            put out for the building official?  That's who  
20            that goes to right there.  That's what the  
21            clerk -- the clerk plays a very important role.  
22            She mostly knows.  If there was a ad placed,  
23            then most of the time she would know.  Did you  
24            place a ad?

25    **CHERYL PEREIRA:**    No.



1 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** But there we go. I'm  
2 not voting on it. Go ahead.

3 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** You wanna collect the --  
4 do you wanna do a RFP for it or a motion to do  
5 a RFP for the building inspector?

6 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yes, we ---

7 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** As -- as long as it's  
8 under \$5,000, then -- then do whatever.

9 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yes.

10 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Say what?

11 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Well, where you gonna  
12 put it ---

13 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

14 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** And I'm saying -- I'm  
15 not saying you're doing anything wrong ---

16 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** That's all I'm  
17 saying.

18 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Consultants are brought  
19 in all the time.

20 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** --- it's just I -- we  
21 don't know if ---

22 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** Yeah, but you gotta do a RFP.

23 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** No, you don't.  
24 Consultants come in all the time. Just like  
25 you, you were brought in as a consultant, and



1 we didn't do a RFP for you.

2 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** --- say y'all got ---

3 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** But it ---

4 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** Y'all advertised it. It was  
5 advertised.

6 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** It had to be. Well,  
7 I know we didn't hire no whole ---

8 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** It was advertised.

9 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** --- whole attorney  
10 without it being -- I know we didn't do nothing  
11 like that.

12 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** It was advertised.

13 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** I know we got some  
14 minutes somewhere where that right there was  
15 discussed. I know that for sure, right?

16 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** It was.

17 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Yeah. Yes, most ---

18 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** It's on the ---

19 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** --- definitely.

20 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** --- it was advertised.

21 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** It must've -- it  
22 definitely had to be advertised, yes.

23 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** And it was discussed and  
24 voted on.

25 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Right. In order for



1           that -- I know for sure we ain't made no  
2           mistake like that now.

3           **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** So unless the contract is not  
4           in the aggregate of 5,000, you still have to go  
5           through the procurement statute.

6           **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** So do we want to table  
7           this for now?

8           **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Unless ---

9           **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** We wanna make sure  
10          that we ain't got to ---

11          **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yeah, or -- or --

12          **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** --- put a bid out  
13          there. We wanna make sure we're doing it  
14          right. That's what we want to do.

15          **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** The accountant says do we  
16          need a bid for both of them.

17          **KIMBERLY KINSON:** Well, I mean, the procurement code  
18          tells you what you need to do.

19          **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Yeah, procurement.

20          **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Okay. Well, let's put a  
21          RFP out then.

22          (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

23          **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** --- same thing  
24          for ---

25          **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yeah.



1 INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS: --- for the  
2 consultant.

3 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: I guess, I guess.

4 INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS: Okay, we're good.

5 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: Okay. So we'll put a RF-  
6 -- the town -- the town manager will put a RFP  
7 out for those, follow the procurement code for  
8 those too.

9 KIMBERLY KINSON: For items A and B?

10 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: Yes.

11 INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS: Yes. That's  
12 gonna be the same thing for B as well, yeah.

13 KIMBERLY KINSON: Okay.

14 INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS: For a consultant.

15 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: Then I guess, do we have  
16 anything ---

17 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: Wait a minute.  
18 Question.

19 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: Go ahead.

20 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: Question. I gotta  
21 question. So therefore ---

22 ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY: Go back and say if it's a  
23 emergency for you to have somebody in place  
24 because you already create the situation where  
25 the town manager resigns.



1       **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Or illegally hire people  
2           that he wasn't supposed to.

3       **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** I don't think we need  
4           to put emergency nothing there. I think we  
5           need to take and put a bid out, or RFP out for  
6           a bid, and then we hire as we're supposed to,  
7           the way the law says we do it. Because what  
8           we're doing now, we're gon' just bring somebody  
9           in. Now we have the internship, so therefore  
10          we need somebody in for interim, like for  
11          whatever the thing is.

12       **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Interim.

13       **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Did you say interim?

14       **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Interim.

15       **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Not -- not him, like  
16          for whatever we need him for instead of ---

17       **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** So you're saying you don't  
18          want to have a consultant to support the staff  
19          during Bikefest?

20       **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** I'm going by -- I --  
21          I didn't say anything about a consultant.

22       **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** But that's what the letter B  
23          is.

24       **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Well, I'm asking about  
25          how we just hire some -- Mr. Booker -- well,



1 Mr. Booker, from my understanding, Mr. Booker  
2 was gonna be leaving here once Kenneth came in.  
3 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

4 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Is Kenneth not coming  
5 in? I thought we discussed that already, that  
6 we could bring McIver in. So therefore, that's  
7 what we was waiting on the the contract, right?

8 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** But that's what that letter B  
9 is for.

10 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Yeah. So therefore  
11 that's what I'm talking about. Now, I'm just  
12 asking a question about -- so therefore one  
13 gon' be walking out the door and one walk back  
14 in the door? Is that what we're doing?  
15 Because this right here is gonna be replacing  
16 -- is that what it is?

17 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** No. We're -- we're still ---

18 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** I think we're --  
19 it's -- we're gonna have to bid for both.

20 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Oh my God, we're ---

21 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yeah, we're gonna  
22 have to bid for both if -- according to the  
23 procurement, yeah.

24 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Okay. So ---

25 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Can you tell me which



1           one it was?

2       **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** The shorter fellow ---

3       **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** But this not ---

4       (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

5       **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** --- this is not what  
6           I'm talking about right here.

7       **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yeah, he was supposed to  
8           be if you'd had him on the contract already.

9       **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** (Indiscernible.)

10      **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** No, not ---

11      (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

12      **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** This right here was  
13           just for ---

14      **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** I thought it was for  
15           those three days.

16      **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** No, no, no, no.

17      **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** What it was said --  
18           this is what -- this. What's going on with  
19           this right here is that, of course, our budget  
20           is over right now. We over thousands of  
21           dollars in our budget. So therefore, no need  
22           to having somebody here, two people doing the  
23           same thing. So we already talked about Kenneth  
24           McIver coming on. We're waiting on the  
25           contracts. So therefore, whenever he came in,



1 the other person that was there was to leave  
2 out. That's ---

3 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Okay, which is on the  
4 books, yeah.

5 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Which is on the --  
6 exactly. So therefore, that's why I'm asking  
7 now. But this right here is not what, as far  
8 as ---

9 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** It's not ---

10 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** --- the building  
11 official, this not the same thing as the  
12 building official.

13 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yeah.

14 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** That's what I'm  
15 saying. This right here is not ---

16 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** But it's ---

17 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** I got your point.

18 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** You're saying that they need  
19 to do an RFP for a consultant?

20 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Okay.

21 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** For -- no. She said for  
22 the build- ---

23 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** For the permanent ---

24 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** --- for the ---

25 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** For the permanent one,



1 we do. For the permanent building official, we  
2 do.

3 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yes.

4 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** For right now, the  
5 same position he's in right now, we already  
6 talked about this at the last meeting, where  
7 she was doing the contract for Mr. McIver,  
8 right? That's where -- that's where -- this  
9 right here is for that. That's why I'm asking  
10 ---

11 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** So RFP --

12 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** --- it's for that ---

13 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** --- for A and not a RFP  
14 for B because B is coming in to replace  
15 somebody that's already here.

16 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** So wouldn't A be  
17 doing the same thing with the -- it'll be  
18 replacing the ---

19 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** That's the permanent  
20 one.

21 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** It would be, but we never  
22 -- we never approved a contract for Bowman.

23 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Oh, y'all never  
24 approved the contract for ---

25 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yeah, yeah, yeah. We can



1 approve the salary ---

2 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** I mean, if we gon'  
3 just break the rules, I mean, y'all wanna go --  
4 we just break rules, long as I'm on -- in the  
5 minutes showing that I was trying not to break  
6 rules, we can do what we got to do. I just  
7 want it to be known that I didn't break any  
8 rules. That's all I'm trying to make sure of.

9 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** So we're going to ta- --  
10 is there a motion to ta- ---

11 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** I don't think anyone's here  
12 trying to break the rules.

13 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Well, that's what I'm  
14 saying.

15 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** We're just following ---

16 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Is -- is there ---  
17 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

18 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Well, that's why we  
19 thinking -- and you thinking -- or everybody's  
20 thinking. It's all ---

21 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Is there a motion to  
22 table Item A?

23 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** So moved.

24 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Second. Roll call.

25 **CHERYL PEREIRA:** Councilman Edward Campbell.



1 COUNCILMAN EDWARD CAMPBELL: No.

2 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: Shouldn't be voting.

3 CHERYL PEREIRA: Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

4 COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR: Yay.

5 CHERYL PEREIRA: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore.

6 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: Yay.

7 CHERYL PEREIRA: Mayor Pro Tem John David.

8 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: Yes.

9 ITEM B:

10 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: So then next is there a -  
11 - we were discussing Item B. We've talked  
12 about a consultant coming in to replace the  
13 consultant that we have. Is there ---

14 COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR: So we're not ---

15 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: --- are we still moving  
16 forward with Item B to replace the consultant  
17 that we had? This right here.

18 (Inaudible speaker.)

19 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: That's tabled, tabled.  
20 And then that's -- put this right here.

21 Is there any discussion to Item B?

22 COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR: Well, my concern is  
23 we're trying to tell the town manager, interim  
24 town manager, who he can hire and -- and not.  
25 -- I think -- are we gonna authorize him to go



1 into an agreement knowing that it may exceed  
2 \$5,000, which is, I think, our role, but not to  
3 tell him who he can and cannot put in that  
4 role? Am I clear on that?

5 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** We can't tell him who  
6 to put there. It's just the ideal that in  
7 order for us to -- him to put somebody there he  
8 have to have three bids. We can't tell him  
9 nobody to hire.

10 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** We're talking the about  
11 next one.

12 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** He hire who he want  
13 to hire.

14 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** We're talking about next  
15 one, the consultant.

16 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** So you're talking about  
17 the one ---

18 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Anybody.

19 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** --- consultant for the  
20 interim town manager -- we need to do an RFP  
21 even though it's emergency situation?

22 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** For the ---

23 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** For the interim ---

24 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** --- for the -- for the  
25 consultant, for the consultant.



1 COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR: For the consultant.

2 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: Well, I thought it  
3 was already discussed who that was, but I mean,  
4 that's ---

5 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: We did, but ---

6 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: However -- whatever  
7 the law says, we do.

8 COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR: --- authorize him to do  
9 it and he'll ---

10 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: That's where I'm at.

11 COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR: --- follow the law.

12 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: Okay. We ---  
13 (Inaudible speaker.)

14 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: We can authorize him and  
15 he can follow the law, as long as he follows  
16 the law. For B.

17 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: That's all we want to  
18 do is follow the law.

19 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: Okay. Is there a motion  
20 to approve item B?

21 COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR: So moved.

22 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: Is there a second?

23 COUNCILMAN EDWARD CAMPBELL: Second.

24 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: Roll call.

25 CHERYL PEREIRA: Councilman Edward Campbell.



1 COUNCILMAN EDWARD CAMPBELL: Yay.

2 CHERYL PEREIRA: Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

3 COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR: Yay.

4 CHERYL PEREIRA: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore.

5 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: Yay.

6 CHERYL PEREIRA: Mayor Pro Tem John David.

7 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: Yes.

8 ITEM C:

9 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: And we've already  
10 discussed Item C with Adaptive Surf. And  
11 again, that program will be 8:00- -- from 8:30  
12 to 4:00 on May the 30th. And hopefully we'll  
13 get some matting out of that, and we'll have a  
14 great day, and we are gonna -- I'm -- I'm gonna  
15 volunteer to cook and -- and provide food for  
16 the folks. And ---

17 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: We can provide the  
18 drinks.

19 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: --- and -- and I think  
20 Councilwoman Taylor -- Councilwoman Gore is  
21 gonna provide drinks. And anybody else that  
22 wanna help out, it'll be -- I think our town  
23 manager say he may help out, too, if he's here.  
24 And anybody else would like to volunteer, I'm  
25 sure everybody appreciate that.



1           Then we have -- do we have anything to go  
2           into executive session on, since we already  
3           went, or is there not?

4           **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** No.

5           **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Okay.

6           **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Ms. Moody, is there  
7           anything else that you need to discuss with us  
8           under legal matters?

9           **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** No, but (inaudible).

10          **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Hm?

11          **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Yeah, we done did  
12          everything else to the next bit item. It's  
13          time to go. It's almost eight o'clock. It's  
14          7:18.

15          **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** We just added 30 minutes  
16          to the beginning. We did not take off the  
17          executive session at the end.

18          **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Is there a need to do  
19          that, or is there ---

20          **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** I don't think so.

21          **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** --- anybody got anything  
22          else?

23          **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** I thought when we  
24          started that y'all made a motion to bring the  
25          executive session to the top.



1     **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**   We did -- we did.

2     **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:**         That was my  
3         understanding.

4     **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:**   Yeah, yeah, yeah.

5     **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**   She's just asking to see  
6         if you got anything else to say.  If we don't,  
7         we'll move on.

8     **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:**   Move on.

9     **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**   Okay.

10    **UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:**

11    **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:**   Next, we got upcoming  
12         events.  Interim town manager, you wanna talk  
13         about that?

14    **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:**   So we have Dr.  
15         Jermaine Johnson, State Representative, as a  
16         candidate for governor, will visit Atlantic  
17         Beach on May 13th, 2026 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
18         here at the community center.  We ask everyone  
19         to come out and talk to Mr. Johnson, ask any  
20         questions, just tell him anything you have on  
21         your mind.  But he will be here on May 13th,  
22         2026 from 2:00 to 4:00 here at the community  
23         center.

24    **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:**   Oh, shoot.

25    **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:**   We have a



1 planning -- planning commission and budget  
2 workshop meeting scheduled for May 14th, 2026  
3 at 1:30. We would like anyone to come out.  
4 Like I said, we're getting down to the end of  
5 the comprehensive plan, so all feedback is  
6 welcome. But this is a budget workshop that we  
7 have just to kind of get some -- some things  
8 sorted out and get everybody's opinion on  
9 certain things. And then also we have the  
10 Atlantic Beach Bike Festival May 22nd through  
11 25th, 2026.

12 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** And then I'll -- I'll  
13 also say we do have the League of Cities on the  
14 28th in Conway as well.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** On the 28th.

16 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yeah, at 6:00 p.m.

17 **ADJOURNMENT:**

18 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Are there anything else,  
19 any more comments, questions, anything? If  
20 not, is there a motion to adjourn?

21 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** So moved.

22 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Is there a second?

23 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Second.

24 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Roll call.

25 **CHERYL PEREIRA:** Councilman Edward Campbell.



1 COUNCILMAN EDWARD CAMPBELL: Yay.  
2 CHERYL PEREIRA: Councilwoman Carla Taylor.  
3 COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR: Yay.  
4 CHERYL PEREIRA: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore.  
5 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: Yay.  
6 CHERYL PEREIRA: Mayor Pro Tem John David.  
7 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: Yes. Meeting adjourned  
8 7:20 on the 11th. Thank you. Thanks,  
9 everybody.  
10 (End of recording.)

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal this June 5, 2026.



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Amanda J. Creel Godfrey  
Court Reporter

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