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SESSION MEETING**

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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
Connie McCullough
Interim Town Manager Titus Leaks

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1 **CHERYL PEREIRA:** Go ahead.

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

4 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** So moved.

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

6 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Second.

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

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

9 **COUNCILMAN EDWARD CAMPBELL:** Yea.

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

11 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Yes.

12 **CHERYL PEREIRA:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

13 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Yay.

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

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

16 **MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

17 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Next we have -- next we
18 have the -- a welcome and the pledge of
19 allegiance -- or moment of silence and pledge
20 of allegiance.

21 (Moment of silence observed.)

22 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Pledge of allegiance.

23 **IN UNISON:** I pledge allegiance to the flag of the
24 United States of America and to the republic
25 for which it stands, one nation, under God,



1 indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

2 **MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA:**

3 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Is there a motion to
4 approve the agenda?

5 **COUNCILMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** So moved.

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

7 **COUNCILMAN EDWARD CAMPBELL:** Second.

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

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

10 **COUNCILMAN EDWARD CAMPBELL:** (No audible response
11 heard.)

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

13 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Yes.

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

15 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Yay.

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

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

18 **CEREMONIAL MATTERS:**

19 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Is there any ceremonial
20 matters?

21 (No audible response.)

22 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** If there's none, is there
23 -- next we have public comment. We have one
24 person, Mr. Connie McCullough.

25 **PUBLIC COMMENT BY MR. CONNIE MCCULLOUGH:**



1 **MR. CONNIE MCCULLOUGH:** Oh, wow, hurried along.

2 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** How ya doing, Mr.
3 McCullough? Nice to meet you.

4 **MR. CONNIE MCCULLOUGH:** Fine. How are you?

5 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** All right, all right.
6 Tell where you from. Or -- or you from
7 Atlantic Beach -- but where you live at in
8 Atlantic Beach or what's your address?

9 **MR. CONNIE MCCULLOUGH:** I live in Virginia
10 presently.

11 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Come on, move down here.
12 We're looking for you.

13 **MR. CONNIE MCCULLOUGH:** And retired from New York.

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

15 **MR. CONNIE MCCULLOUGH:** And how I end up around
16 here, that -- we had some -- had some in-laws
17 that had some property down here years ago.

18 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yes, sir.

19 **MR. CONNIE MCCULLOUGH:** So came down here, liked
20 Atlantic Beach, so I purchased some properties
21 down here.

22 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yes, sir.

23 **MR. CONNIE MCCULLOUGH:** So I'm presenting tonight to
24 the council something -- let me see if copy's
25 there. I can't get my ---



1 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** I'll bring it up for you.

2 **MR. CONNIE MCCULLOUGH:** Okay. What I'm -- what I've
3 presented is I presently own two, two lots on
4 32nd Avenue adjacent to each other. On one of
5 them lots you'll see there on the -- on the
6 532nd Avenue is my house that I have. I use
7 for my getaway place to come. Next to that is
8 412. So my plans are to -- we'll be taking
9 down that house at 412. And my plans are to
10 put a -- put a -- a -- another building at that
11 spot. But I'm interested -- I'm coming before
12 the council because I'm interested in seeing if
13 I can have the building facing the ocean. As
14 I stated, I noticed that the two buildings over
15 there next to the Bay Watch that's facing the
16 ocean already. So I was just wondering. You
17 know, I wanted to see what the --

18 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** I can't tell on here
19 where is your lot at, because you got --
20 where's your lot at on 32nd?

21 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Irene's place right
22 here. That's Irene's house.

23 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Oh, okay. So -- so this
24 is 32nd, and this is ---

25 **MR. CONNIE MCCULLOUGH:** Yeah. Yeah.



1 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** -- this is -- this is --

2 **MR. CONNIE MCCULLOUGH:** I think I gave ---

3 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** This is ocean. Yes?

4 **MR. CONNIE MCCULLOUGH:** That is ocean, yeah.

5 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Okay. So this is 32nd.

6 You're be --

7 **MR. CONNIE MCCULLOUGH:** 32nd.

8 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Whose house are you

9 beside?

10 **MR. CONNIE MCCULLOUGH:** This is 32nd. That's where,

11 that -- that's the ocean.

12 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** It's Irene Brooks.

13 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** You're beside Ms.

14 Armstrong -- you're beside Irene.

15 **MR. CONNIE MCCULLOUGH:** Yes. Yes.

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

17 **MR. CONNIE MCCULLOUGH:** Yes, yes.

18 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Okay. You, if you have a

19 plan and a proposal, you can submit it to the

20 Town Hall, and the town manager can let the

21 planners look at it, and they can consult back

22 with you and let you know.

23 **MR. CONNIE MCCULLOUGH:** Okay. So -- so get some

24 plans and ---

25 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** And -- and tell 'em what



1 you're looking to do, or you can consult, ask
2 him, or send him an email, and maybe he can
3 forward it to the planner to see if it's okay
4 before you have your plans. Or if you got your
5 plan, it'd probably be better to look at it.

6 **MR. CONNIE MCCULLOUGH:** Yeah. I don't have the
7 plans yet, but I can, you know ---

8 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yeah. Yes, sir.

9 **MR. CONNIE MCCULLOUGH:** --- get some funds -- to
10 present to you.

11 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** Yeah, just come by the Town Hall,
12 yeah.

13 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

14 **MR. CONNIE MCCULLOUGH:** Can I get the information --
15 -

16 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Or email or either one.

17 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

18 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yeah. And thank you.
19 Nice to meet you, and look forward to -- you --
20 you -- you have a building there now? You have
21 a house there now?

22 **MR. CONNIE MCCULLOUGH:** Say what?

23 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** You have a place there
24 now, or you're gonna build a place there?

25 **MR. CONNIE MCCULLOUGH:** No, I have a place down



1 there. I have a house on 32nd Avenue.

2 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yeah. Okay.

3 **MR. CONNIE MCCULLOUGH:** Have a house there. As a
4 matter of fact, I've been -- I've been -- I've
5 had a ---

6 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** --- house?

7 **MR. CONNIE MCCULLOUGH:** --- I had a business down
8 here since 1992. I had a 13-apartment building
9 there at 500.

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

11 **MR. CONNIE MCCULLOUGH:** Years ago, 13-apartment,
12 about four down -- five -- four -- seven down
13 and seven up, was my apartment.

14 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Well, we look forward to
15 seeing the new stuff.

16 **MR. CONNIE MCCULLOUGH:** Yes, sir.

17 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Nice to meet you, too.

18 **MR. CONNIE MCCULLOUGH:** Thank you very much.

19 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yes, sir. Thank you.

20 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Connie.

21 **MR. CONNIE MCCULLOUGH:** Thank you for your time.

22 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** I think -- anybody else
23 got anything?

24 (No audible response.)

25

UNFINISHED BUSINESS



1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Okay. Next, we got
3 approval of the minutes. I didn't get to
4 mention this, but we, we went away from our
5 normal -- who did the minutes this time versus
6 what was done the last time? Because these
7 were kind of different.

8 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** I don't understand.

9 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** The minutes were
10 still done. You talking about the actual
11 transcript of the minutes?

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

13 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yeah, they were
14 still done by -- by the clerk.

15 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** I meant -- but we
16 normally have a -- the company with the blue
17 and ---

18 **CHERYL PEREIRA:** Not any more.

19 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yeah, we moved
20 away from Creel Reporting. Mr. Jones made that
21 decision to move away because of the cost. But
22 it is something that we can revisit if -- if
23 ---

24 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** 'Cause the cost -- I
25 thought the one that we had was cheaper than



1 the one we had before.

2 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Not that I know
3 of.

4 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** Are you talking about the app?

5 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yeah. The one that was
6 do -- the app, because it had the blue page.
7 That's from the app.

8 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** We still use the app.

9 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** That was pretty good, but
10 that wasn't -- that wasn't the ones we got this
11 time.

12 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** The transcript is sent to the
13 clerk ---

14 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Send it ---

15 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** To you.

16 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** --- the transcript?

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

18 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** It's sent to the council.

19 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Let's -- let's talk about
20 that at the next meeting.

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

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

23 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** And, I mean, we
24 can revisit it if you're okay with the -- with
25 this pricing.



1 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** We're not -- no, I wanna
2 make -- I think -- I think wasn't -- what the
3 attorney said when we went with the app. The
4 app is way cheaper than the ---

5 **COUNCILMAN EDWARD CAMPBELL:** It is.

6 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** -- the creeds (ph).
7 Yeah.

8 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** It's way cheaper,
9 yeah.

10 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yeah, so the app did a --
11 a -- a nice, accurate job ---

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

13 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** --- from what I thought.
14 So we'll see what that cost is.

15 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** The transcript and the summary of
16 the minutes is sent. So it's two documents
17 that's been sent back.

18 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yeah. So that blue thing
19 that we have, and if we can see the ---

20 **CHERYL PEREIRA:** What blue thing? The cover?

21 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yeah, that blue cover.
22 Did you put that on?

23 **CHERYL PEREIRA:** No, it's the cover, but it's the
24 same thing.

25 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** It looks the same.



1 **CHERYL PEREIRA:** Yes, the same.

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

3 **CHERYL PEREIRA:** The same minutes.

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

5 **CHERYL PEREIRA:** -- initial put a cover on it.

6 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** It just -- okay.

7 **CHERYL PEREIRA:** Yeah.

8 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Is there a motion to
9 approve?

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

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

12 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Second.

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

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

15 **COUNCILMAN EDWARD CAMPBELL:** Yay.

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

17 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Yay.

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

19 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Yay.

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

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

22 **ORDINANCE NUMBER 3-2026:**

23 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Next, we have Ordinance
24 Number 3-2026, Business License Ordinance,
25 Second Reading. Mrs. Moody or the paramet



1 (ph), do you want to explain this?

2 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** Yes, this is the business
3 license for the administration to be able to
4 collect the business licenses in accordance
5 with the tax, the Standardization Act that was
6 Act 176 by the state. And currently those
7 taxes can be paid for online or paid at the
8 Town Hall. And so we are asking you to vote in
9 favor of this so that the town is in compliance
10 with collecting business license taxes. Are
11 there any questions?

12 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** One of them says 2022,
13 and one says 2026. I know we were looking to
14 pass the one from 2022 to make sure it was ---

15 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** Did it cover those years?

16 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yes. And now if it says
17 2026, that's different, right? Or is it not?
18 Because I'm fine with passing the one from 2022
19 to correct that.

20 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** Say that again?

21 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** I'm fine with passing the
22 one from 22 -- 2022 to correct the record as we
23 discussed, but this is saying 2026. This is
24 not what we discussed.

25 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** We need (inaudible) right now,



1 then. We need to correct it real quick.

2 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** Well, I would say pass the
3 2022.

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

5 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** And then we'll bring back the
6 2026 because we ---

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

8 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** So that's not what's on here,
9 though. So that's not what's on the ---

10 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** It'll still -- it'll
11 still be Ordinance 3-2026 ---

12 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** That's correct.

13 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** --- but it'll be the
14 license that was from 2022. It'll be the third
15 one this year, but it'll still be the same one
16 that we were provided.

17 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** Are you going to make a motion?

18 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** I will. Is there a
19 motion to pass the Second Reading of the 2022
20 Business License Ordinance as Ordinance Number
21 3-2026?

22 (No audible response.)

23 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Do I hear a second?

24 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Second.

25 **CHERYL PEREIRA:** Roll call. Councilman Edward



1 Campbell.

2 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** Can't go with that right now.

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

4 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Yay.

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

6 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Nay.

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

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

9 **BIKEFEST RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-2025:**

10 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Next we have -- we have
11 Number 1 -- Number 3 Bikefest Ordinance Number
12 -- it'd be resolution. Bikefest Ordinance
13 Number 12 -- it's not an ordinance.

14 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** It's a resolution.

15 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** --- been a resolution, change it.

16 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Bikefest Resolution
17 Number 12-2025.

18 **CHERYL PEREIRA:** It's a ordinance not a resolution.

19 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** It's a ordinance?

20 **CHERYL PEREIRA:** Yeah ---

21 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

22 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Oh. It's -- it -- it --
23 it amends the ordinance. Okay. So Ordinance
24 Number -- Bikefest Ordinance Number 20- -- I'm
25 sorry, Number 12-2025, to eliminate the fees



1 for property owners. Ms. Gore, you want to
2 talk about that?

3 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** I don't know how to
4 really say this to make it make any sense to
5 the ones who don't -- it don't make any sense
6 to, but Bikefest was not really discovered to
7 make the town rich. It really wasn't for the
8 town itself. It was really for the business
9 owners and the businesses, because we already
10 know that we aren't making a whole lot of money
11 off of it. So therefore for us to take and
12 have Bikefest and to charge the property owners
13 \$350 to use their property to me seems a little
14 harsh and it's double jeopardy because without
15 the property owners, we couldn't even have a
16 bike festival down how we normally have it. So
17 that's why I asked that that be eliminated, and
18 I just think it's fair to the property owners,
19 the taxpayers in here who have some of the
20 highest taxes in the county next to Loris. I
21 don't think that it's fair for the property
22 owners to have to pay \$350 to rent their own
23 property. And for the most property owners
24 that I've ever seen, they've always cleaned up
25 their own property. So, therefore, that's why



1 this motion to me, it means a lot because I
2 think it is helping the taxpayers.

3 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** And it is an additional
4 \$350 compared to -- taxpayers are also paid to
5 rent their lots as well.

6 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Town Manager Mr. Leaks,
7 help me understand, if property owners clean
8 their own lots, that money is what, refunded to
9 them?

10 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yes, yes. So if
11 you paid -- the lots are cleaned, the \$350
12 would be returned. Mr. Jones did make that --
13 make the property owners aware that it was just
14 a deposit to ensure that the property owners
15 clean their lots, because in the past years the
16 property owners that are absent would leave
17 their lot with debris and trash over the pla-
18 -- all over the place, and it would fall back
19 on the town to have the employees at the town
20 to clean those lots. So that's where it
21 actually came from.

22 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** That's the ---

23 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Okay.

24 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** That's the first we've
25 ever heard that it was refunded. So is that



1 written anywhere, or do we need to do it so
2 that we can say --

3 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** No, I believe it was in
4 the original amendment ---

5 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** It's not in there.

6 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** -- the ordinance. So --

7 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Do you read that?

8 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** I don't think
9 it's in the actual ordinance. It was something
10 that Mr. Jones was relying to -- to the
11 property owners.

12 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** But he didn't write it in
13 the chart either. It's not a refund in the
14 chart that was written for the town that was
15 passed out to folks either, was it?

16 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** No, I don't --
17 no, it was not.

18 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** It's so funny how Mr.
19 Jones came here.

20 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yeah, I wasn't in
21 this position ---

22 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yeah, I understand.

23 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** --- when y'all
24 passed it.

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



1 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** And it -- it's so
2 funny how Mr. Jones came here and had somebody
3 that sat right there beside him, Mr. Booker
4 right here, that knows for all these years that
5 Bikefest has been going on, that the property
6 owners always cleans up their own property if
7 they are making money off it. And now for the
8 ones that's not here, the absentee property
9 owners, they aren't paying any money because
10 they aren't making anything off it. So why
11 would they be paying \$350? You said the
12 absentee property owners, that don't make any
13 sense because the ones that's making money off
14 of these property, of the vendors, they always
15 clean up their property. Matter of fact, the
16 town used to give them some bags, so therefore
17 they make sure that it was cleaned up. So I
18 don't know where that came about. I don't know
19 if that's something that Mr. Jones dreamed up
20 or somebody told them, because -- but this
21 right here is the best way, and I want to
22 congratulate whoever it is that's wanting to
23 get rid of Bikefest. Y'all are doing a very
24 good job. Keep at it. You really are.

25 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Ms. Gore, would you be



1 okay -- or Ms. -- Council, would you all be
2 okay if we fixed it so it says, the ordinance
3 says that everybody can be refunded their fee
4 if -- if they actually pay it?

5 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Absolutely, if they clean
6 their lot.

7 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yeah, if they clean their
8 lot.

9 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Absolutely.

10 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** You okay with that?

11 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** I -- I -- I will go
12 along with that, but it's just to me that we
13 could trust -- they could trust us with
14 everything, and we don't trust our taxpayers -
15 --

16 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** I hear you.

17 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** So we got to -- how
18 about -- how about -- how about the taxpayer
19 don't have \$350?

20 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** I agree with you.

21 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** So what that mean?
22 They ain't gonna use -- how about all the
23 taxpayers said then we aren't gonna use our
24 property? So what they gon' do then? They
25 gon' bring it over here?



1 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** If you wanna -- what do
2 you want to say, or how do you want to approach
3 it?

4 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** I mean, y'all can
5 vote how y'all wanna vote.

6 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Well, I'm ---

7 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** I'm against ---

8 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** I'm asking -- I'm asking
9 do you want ---

10 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** I'm always against
11 taxpayers paying money. Go ahead.

12 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** So -- so do you wanna put
13 it so it -- so just remove it, and anybody that
14 paid it refunds it? Gets a refund?

15 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** I think that we
16 should remove that completely.

17 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** And then ---

18 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** I don't think the
19 taxpayers should be paying anything extra than
20 what they already pay Atlantic Beach.

21 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** And then they -- and
22 anybody that paid it should be refunded.

23 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** And that anybody that
24 has paid that should be refunded.

25 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Okay. You make the



1 motion.

2 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** I make a motion that
3 the property owner fees be removed completely.

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

5 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** And for anybody that
6 has paid property owner fees, that they be
7 reimbursed.

8 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** That's the \$350 fee?

9 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Yes.

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

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

12 **COUNCILMAN EDWARD CAMPBELL:** Nay.

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

14 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Nay.

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

16 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Yay, with a question.
17 How is it that we're sitting here voting?
18 Because, you know, this right here don't only
19 affect the taxpayers, its affects the Crazy
20 Horse. They have -- they have bikefest going
21 on as well over there. So therefore, how is it
22 Mr. Campbell is even able to vote on this?
23 This should be against his voting. They're
24 property owners. So therefore, my answer is
25 the same.



1 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yes, so it's two to two.

2 **BIKEFEST ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NUMBER 12-2025:**

3 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Next, we have Bikefest
4 Ordinance Amendment Number 12-2025 to reduce
5 the Bike Festival 2026 vendor fees back to the
6 2025 fees. Councilman Gore?

7 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Okay.

8 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Councilwoman.

9 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Getting back to the
10 Bikefest fees, like I said, this was not to
11 make the town rich. This was for the business
12 owners in the town. This what this was about.
13 But of course, whenever you don't know anything
14 about Atlantic Beach, you can't really get mad
15 at nobody for not going the right way. So
16 therefore, I'm going to make a proposal again
17 that we take and put the fees back to what they
18 were last year, 2025 fees.

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

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

21 **COUNCILMAN EDWARD CAMPBELL:** Nay.

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

23 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Nay.

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. I -- I do want to
3 ask council, since I -- I know the -- the
4 amendment for item 3 did not pass, but I know
5 everybody, or at least three of us, agreed that
6 you could be refunded the fee. And I know that
7 that's not the way the motion was proposed.
8 Would it -- would you all be amenable -- and
9 I'll make a motion, and you can vote it down or
10 up, but I move to amend Ordinance Number
11 12-2025 to refund the fee to any landowner that
12 cleans and makes sure that their lot is clean.
13 Is there a second?

14 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Second.

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

16 **CHERYL PEREIRA:** Councilman ---

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

18 **CHERYL PEREIRA:** --- Edward Campbell.

19 **COUNCILMAN EDWARD CAMPBELL:** Yay.

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

21 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Yay.

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

23 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Yay.

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

25 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yes. And we'll -- next



1 year fees. So next -- we'll go -- that's a
2 different motion. It wasn't the same motion.

3 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** It's on the same.

4 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** It wasn't the same
5 motion.

6 (Inaudible side bar.)

7 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Show it to me.

8 **RESOLUTION NUMBER 4-2026:**

9 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Okay. Next we have
10 Resolution Number 4-2026 to execute a
11 separation and general release agreement.
12 Attorney Lee Moody -- Leah Moody.

13 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** Yes, sir. So this -- this is
14 to amend -- well, not to amend, but to execute
15 the separation agreement and general release
16 and to allow us to do so. This includes the
17 discretionary payment of the \$10,000, which is
18 -- the council voted on it on the record to
19 enter into, excuse me, settlement when the town
20 manager resigned on April 13th, 2026, at the
21 council meeting as well as sent his resignation
22 to media the week prior, and then to -- I'll
23 adjust for that -- to media the week prior and
24 served it on the town council as well as the
25 clerk, deputy town manager, and the accountant.



1 So it was not included in the packet, and, what
2 I understand, that packet was held by Mr. Jones
3 when it should've been in the packet. So after
4 we did our research to make sure that there was
5 no constitutional state -- South Carolina
6 constitutional requirement for you to amend the
7 budget, this payment of \$10,000 is not part of
8 his wages. This is discretionary payment that
9 the town agreed to enter into so that this
10 would resolve all issues with Mr. Jones, and he
11 can -- and the town can part amicably. With
12 that being said there were some -- there was
13 some spending that was done that amounted to
14 \$6,190, thereabouts, and it was unauthorized
15 expenditures. It was not within the scope of
16 performing his job. And we've confirmed that
17 with the town accountant to make sure that we
18 had all charges that were outside of the scope
19 of employment, which also included the charge
20 card or -- credit card I should say ---

21 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Gas card.

22 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** -- for the town and the gas
23 card. So with that being said, that \$6,190
24 would be deducted from the 10,000. And outside
25 of normal taxes that come out, which are your



1 federal and state taxes you're supposed to have
2 come out, he will receive the net proceeds of
3 that amount. And so what we're asking for the
4 town council is to allow the town manager to
5 execute or enter -- send that agreement to the
6 former town manager and allow that contract to
7 be executed.

8 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Can you let us know
9 what that amount is that -- is that something
10 that they can't know what it is? I mean ---

11 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** It's \$245.

12 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Thank you. And I --
13 I have one question for the town manager with
14 this being said. So we don't have to worry
15 about Agent Jones being a consultant or
16 anything in our town, right? He's not planning
17 on -- 'cause I had the -- out the wind, I've
18 heard that he's planning on coming back in
19 Atlantic Beach for Bikefest. So therefore we
20 don't have to worry about that, do we?

21 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** No, no, you don't
22 have anything to worry about.

23 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Okay. Okay. It's
24 been said. Thank you.

25 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** And because we are a -- a



1 town, there's certain limitations on what you
2 can say in terms of impeding someone's First
3 Amendment right.

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

5 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** So he does have the right to
6 talk publicly to the degree that we're not
7 suppressing his First Amendment right. There
8 is a provision in there that's limited that we
9 address, but we -- because we are a
10 governmental entity, we can't just say, you
11 can't talk about this at all. But the thing
12 that you would talk about would be the \$10,000,
13 right?

14 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

15 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** And the accounting that I've
16 just given -- given you is we're recovering the
17 \$6,190 back on behalf of the town, and the net
18 after taxes and all of that are taken out,
19 which are within the court of the law, the
20 payment as you asked about was -- is \$245.

21 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Is there a motion to
22 approve Resolution Number -- Resolution Number
23 4-2026?

24 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** So moved.

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



1 COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR: Second.
2 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: Roll call.
3 CHERYL PEREIRA: Councilman Edward Campbell.
4 COUNCILMAN EDWARD CAMPBELL: Yay.
5 CHERYL PEREIRA: Councilwoman Carla Taylor.
6 COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR: Yay.
7 CHERYL PEREIRA: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore
8 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: Yay
9 CHERYL PEREIRA: Mayor Pro Tem John David.
10 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: Yes.

11 NEW BUSINESS

12 RESOLUTION NUMBER 5-2026:

13 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: Next, we have new
14 business. Authorize -- Resolution Number
15 5-2026, authorize the interim town manager to
16 enter into a contract with CKG [sic] -- I'm
17 sorry. I'm on -- I'm on the wrong thing. No,
18 I'm skipping around.

19 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: You're right.

20 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: Okay.

21 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: That's okay.

22 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: To enter into a contract
23 with CKG [sic] Group for accounting services as
24 required by law for 2025. Any comment on that
25 or ...



1 INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS: No, I don't have
2 a comment.

3 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: CKH.

4 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: Oh, CKH. I'm sorry. My
5 bad.

6 INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:: And that's
7 standard yearly -- annual audit that takes
8 place every year, and so we just ---

9 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: Right. Is there a motion
10 to approve?

11 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: So moved.

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

13 COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR: Second.

14 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: Roll call.

15 CHERYL PEREIRA: Councilman Edward Campbell.

16 COUNCILMAN EDWARD CAMPBELL: Yay.

17 CHERYL PEREIRA: Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

18 COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR: Yay.

19 CHERYL PEREIRA: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore.

20 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: Yay.

21 CHERYL PEREIRA: Mayor Pro Tem John David.

22 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: Yes.

23 RESOLUTION NUMBER 6-2026:

24 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: Next is Resolution Number
25 6-2026 to authorize an amendment to the Town



1 Council rules of procedure to correct
2 scrivener's errors including but not limited to
3 correct ordinance number and to allow the town
4 and legal council to make such corrections and
5 reformat the document in accordance to South
6 Carolina law and applicable best practice. Ms.
7 Moody, you have a comment?

8 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** Yes, I'll just say that going
9 through the ordinance over the years y'all have
10 made some amendments, and it was brought to the
11 -- my attention at one of the other meetings
12 that there was a set order for the agenda.
13 Looking at that, we have not been necessarily
14 abiding by that, and there was a error where
15 the adoption of agenda is no longer required
16 since the FOIA was amended in 2015. It is
17 presumed that the agenda is adopted once you're
18 posting it and you all sent in your items for
19 the agenda, and that's placed on -- those items
20 are placed on the agenda. And then -- so when
21 you post it, it's adopted. And the requirement
22 for you to add anything to the agenda or amend
23 the agenda is two-thirds votes. We -- we've
24 talked about that too before. So that needs to
25 be adjusted, and that's best practices from the



1 Municipal Association.

2 The other thing was the -- on the -- the
3 amendment 6-2025 has, I guess, the executive
4 session in the wrong place, and the public
5 comments was moved up, but it put the executive
6 session at the back end, which, as I understand
7 it, you want it at the front at five o'clock.
8 So that's what this entails as well as some
9 other things in bringing it up to date, which
10 we will bring back this procedure for you to
11 review, and then if you want to change
12 something, we can make those, and then you can
13 adopt. That's -- just asking permission to
14 make -- and scrivener's errors are like missing
15 commas and stuff like that. Just asking for
16 your permission to do that.

17 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Well -- well, normally we
18 have a ordinance revision or update, and then
19 it's already with the changes in there, and
20 then we look at the changes and ---

21 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Yeah.

22 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** --- and then go forward
23 with that.

24 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** So the reason why I'm asking
25 is because best practice says when you are --



1 when you've approved the final ordinance, it
2 would be appropriate for me to ask you all to
3 change it, right? And so I thought, out of
4 abundance of caution, that because I -- I
5 received the heat the last time that I asked
6 can we do that and you give me authority to do
7 that. And then when we bring you back all the
8 changes, you'll be able to see them, and you
9 can say yay or nay or if you think something
10 else -- if it is applicable. If it's -- if
11 it's consistent with law, that we can add those
12 things too. So we're just trying to make it so
13 that it's all clear and everybody can
14 understand.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** I would feel more
16 comfortable with doing it after we've
17 recognized that something is not in the right
18 place and it needs to come up for it to be
19 edited or whatever. Then we approve it like
20 that because, with that being said, I mean,
21 there may be things that we don't think need to
22 be changed over. I think we need to be ---

23 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

24 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** -- showed what was,
25 you know, out of place or whatever, and then we



1 vote on it.

2 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** Okay, so I can tell you ---

3 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** That's how I feel
4 more comfortable.

5 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** -- the procurement ordinance
6 is -- is 18-2025. This ordinance, the document
7 says, it is 18-2025, and then it also says it
8 is 6-2025. And so it's stuff like that that --

9 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** All right. Ms. Ca- --
10 Ms. Taylor.

11 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** So by clarifying and,
12 and making sure that the numbering system is
13 correct and making whatever other grammatical
14 and administrative changes that need to be
15 made, will it then be possible for us to be
16 able to post these on our website? Because I
17 know that's been one of the issues a lot of the
18 constituents has brought up that they aren't
19 able to see these documents on our website. So
20 would this process speed that part up?

21 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** Well, these will be, but
22 there's some other things that need to take
23 place on the other ones. Like for instance,
24 you might have an amendment to -- I don't know.
25 I'll give this -- y'all don't have this, but



1 this is the one that comes to my mind, food
2 trucks. So when you amended, like, section A
3 of the food trucks, that's up there, but you
4 don't have the full ordinance. And so at one
5 point in time, Mr. Jones -- hate, hate to keep
6 bringing it up, we were asking for him to,
7 like, apply and get a grant so that we could
8 get all these things done all at once by
9 combining all of the ordinances to show the
10 full ordinance, and people can look under the
11 section. Because typically when you're looking
12 in the South Carolina Code of Laws book, books
13 or volumes, you see the whole -- you see the
14 whole act within the book, and it cross
15 references to when it's been amended, what's
16 changed, or what happened. You don't ha- --
17 that's not what ---

18 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** All right.

19 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** I'm trying to get us, like, at
20 least we can take section by section, but we do
21 have all the ordinances. They have been
22 scanned, if I'm not corrected, and we can give
23 you those, but it's -- we're gonna have to work
24 backwards on that.

25 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** So -- so in addition to



1 what Ms. Taylor said, so the ordinances are not
2 back on the website?

3 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

4 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** They are on the website.

5 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** So they're on the
6 website. So, okay, we're good.

7 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** So we're going to leave those
8 up there, but we want to fix ---

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

10 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** So what I'm asking here is, I
11 didn't go through all -- I had two different
12 versions, so I didn't go through and find all
13 the commas and all the different things. But
14 what I did notice when I was trying to put
15 something in it was that the ordinance number
16 was incorrect, and I'm not going to change
17 anything that changes y'all's substantive, I
18 guess that's what I should say. It's just
19 cleaning it up so that we all are on the same
20 page.

21 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** So basically it's a --
22 it's -- well, we still would have to read -- do
23 two readings of the ordinance because it's a
24 update of the ordinance?

25 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** Right. You -- so I'm not



1 asking you -- I'm asking you, this is the
2 intent that everybody's on the same page and
3 that I can go forward and do this, as opposed
4 to doing it and then y'all like, we didn't ask
5 you to do that.

6 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** I think we're good with
7 you doing it, and we didn't have to vote on it.

8 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** Well, I'm just -- out of
9 abundance of precaution, I was just asking if
10 y'all would support it.

11 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Okay.

12 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Okay. Okay. I think I
13 -- I support it, but I ---

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

15 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** --- we don't have to vote
16 on it.

17 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** She said we did.

18 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** You can go ahead and ---

19 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** I make a motion that we
20 approve Resolution 6-2026.

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

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

23 **COUNCILMAN EDWARD CAMPBELL:** Yay.

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

25 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Yay



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

2 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Nay.

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

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

5 **RESOLUTION NUMBER 7-2026:**

6 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Item number seven --
7 number three, Resolution 7-2026 to authorize
8 the interim town manager enter into Bikefest
9 vendor contracts over 5,000. Town manager --
10 interim town manager.

11 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** As you see on the
12 table, we have a few contracts that are over
13 \$5,000, and according to our procurement,
14 anything over \$5,000 will need approval from
15 council. We do have some -- some -- some items
16 that are less than \$5,000, so they are there
17 just to -- for informational purposes. But we
18 do have porta johns that came in at \$10,751.
19 We have our cleanup, the person that was
20 rewarded the RFP for the cleanup is \$18,000.
21 And the electrical service, we're not sure
22 because it's all about the amount of poles he
23 actually installs and inspects, so we won't
24 know that number until -- until the end of
25 Bikefest.



1 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** I'm -- I'm good. Go
2 ahead.

3 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Okay. Titus okay.
4 So therefore, I got a couple questions to ask
5 you that's not on here for Bikefest. So
6 therefore, this year we will not be doing no
7 insurance on private properties, huh?

8 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yes, yes. All --
9 all vendors are required to have insurance.

10 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** No, no, no. Not --
11 not talking. Yeah, the vendors are required to
12 have it. I'm talking about the town itself.

13 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Mm-hmm.

14 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** We won't be putting
15 no town's insurance on nobody individual's
16 parking lots ---

17 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Oh, no, no, no.

18 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** -- or anything like
19 that, right? So we don't have to worry about
20 that.

21 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

22 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yeah, unless
23 we're doing ---

24 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** What ---

25 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Unless we're doing the



1 parking ---

2 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** --- parking ---

3 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Well ---

4 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** --- unless we're
5 doing something with the parking ---

6 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** --- for the parking
7 -- the parking, it should be -- if we're gonna
8 put insurance on park -- parking properties, it
9 should be the town's property. Because we are
10 not and we have never been into real estate.
11 And I don't know how we've gotten over it -- to
12 it in the years past, but we should not be
13 putting no taxpayer's dollars on nobody's
14 private properties because we are not into real
15 estate. That's not our job. That's outside
16 our scope. So therefore if we're going to put
17 insurance on properties, it should just be
18 Atlantic Beach properties. That's what I'm
19 asking. So is that what we're doing?

20 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** If we're -- if we
21 have access to somebody lot, and we're parking
22 ---

23 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

24 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** --- we would need
25 to have insurance to cover anything that



1 happens on that lot.

2 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** So there ---

3 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** If anything
4 happens in the town, that property owner would
5 give us the authorization to have that lot. So
6 it'd basically be under our control. So if
7 anything happens with the -- the town would be
8 liable because it's not giving a individual
9 access. They're giving the town access to that
10 lot.

11 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** So my question to you
12 is this right here, though. So the town, like
13 I said, the town don't have any business with
14 private properties. We have -- we -- we don't
15 do that. That's not what we're into, real
16 estate. So therefore, what my question is:
17 the town should not be putting insurance on
18 anybody's private property to park cars,
19 because the owner should be able to get their
20 own people to park cars on their properties.
21 The town should not -- the taxpayers should not
22 have to pay for anybody else's property.
23 That's what I'm saying. So therefore -- so
24 therefore are we planning on using somebody
25 else's property?



1 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** So as of today,
2 no, but we may have access to some lots ---

3 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Well, he would have a
4 contract --

5 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** --- for parking.

6 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Better to use it if
7 they going to give it.

8 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** And in the case
9 of that, we will have insurance on those lots.

10 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** On ---

11 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** And last year,
12 particularly the lots on Ocean Boulevard were
13 a part of the pivot parking and so the town had
14 access to those lots, and that's the reason why
15 insurance was placed ---

16 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Well --

17 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** --- on those lots
18 where parking for Bikefest.

19 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Well, my question is
20 this right here. To me, it seems to be a waste
21 of money, and it's a waste of the taxpayer's
22 money. Not mine so much, because it's not
23 mine. But the taxpayer's dollars, because for
24 the simple reason if last year we got back that
25 we made \$3,000 on parking.



1 INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS: Yeah.

2 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: That's running the --
3 the rabbit down the hole right there. That
4 don't make no sense. \$3,000 for parking, and
5 we had all these parking lots and stuff.
6 That's why I don't think that the town's
7 employees should have anything to do with
8 parking lots, period.

9 INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS: Yeah.

10 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: It should be
11 considered a liability.

12 INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS: Yeah. So at
13 council's -- you know, it's up to council if
14 y'all don't want to make ---

15 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: Well, I'm just asking
16 a question. I'm not making no orders. I'm
17 just asking a question for it to be out there
18 for the taxpayers to see how they're trying to
19 come up with the monies for Bikefest.

20 ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY: But for clarification, if the
21 town does go into an agreement to park on
22 private property, we are responsible for
23 liability.

24 INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS: Yes.

25 ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY: Therefore, we have to have



1 insurance to protect us in case any incidents
2 happen.

3 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yes, that's true.

4 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** Because we are going to be
5 responsible if we are the ones parking the cars
6 on someone else's property.

7 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** So why would we,
8 though? Why would we be parking cars on
9 somebody else's private parking lots, though?
10 I don't understand that. Because like I said,
11 if we want to make monies in this town, we will
12 lower our vendor fees and we would get more
13 vendors. Can I ask a question? How many
14 vendor do we have? Do we know how many vendors
15 we have collected money from already?

16 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** So we have
17 \$20,000 in vendor fees ---

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

19 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** --- collected so
20 far.

21 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Okay.

22 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** I had a question. I know
23 we have golf carts here. And I know normally
24 town council and other folks have had golf
25 carts. I -- I don't know if we necessarily



1 need golf carts. I don't know, maybe we can
2 cut those golf carts in half.

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

4 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yeah, so we did
5 take away golf carts for council.

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

7 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** So, each law
8 enforcement agency has, I think, two golf cart
9 -- two golf carts. And so that's basical- --
10 and staff, we have, what, it's three -- three
11 -- three golf carts.

12 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** And that get us to the 16
13 total?

14 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yeah, that gets
15 us 16 golf carts.

16 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Okay. That's less ---

17 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** --- how many we
18 had last year?

19 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** A lot.

20 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** I think it was
21 about 28.

22 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yeah, okay.

23 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** So it did go
24 down.

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



1 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** And we can just
2 have the golf carts, so we can deliver -- the
3 town is responsible for delivering drinks ---

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

5 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** --- and ice and
6 stuff to the law enforcement officers, and when
7 we're going around doing audits and stuff like
8 that. So that's why we have three.

9 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** And I was gonna say, we
10 have a lot of the tables and chairs that we had
11 in here. Was that -- was that a possibility to
12 use those tables and chairs that we have versus
13 paying the \$1,100 for tables and chairs?

14 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Just a thought. But then
15 you can think about it.

16 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yeah -- yeah.

17 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** But we'll pass, whatever.

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

19 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Just a thought.

20 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** We can think
21 about that, yeah.

22 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** I -- I got one more
23 question. This printing part right here, who
24 looks at those passes? For the life of me, for
25 years and years and years, we've been getting



1 those, and for every year when I take and show
2 them my pass, it's like it's -- I'm just
3 showing them something like, oh, okay. So
4 what's the purpose of those?

5 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** So the -- the
6 passes are supposed to identify vendors,
7 property owners, staff. The main reason is if
8 something -- a event happen, like last year
9 when the Bikefest -- they wasn't gonna allow
10 any more traffic on the beach, if you had a
11 resident's pass, they were allowed to ---

12 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** No, they wouldn't let
13 you in.

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

15 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** They wasn't even looking
16 at them.

17 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** But that's the --
18 -

19 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** They didn't even look at
20 them.

21 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** --- main reason.
22 Yeah.

23 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Mm-mm. That's a waste
24 of money.

25 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** So it is



1 something that we can look to in the future to
2 change, maybe lower the cost, do some things
3 in-house, possibly.

4 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** That was an in-house
5 something to come in. That's a way to --
6 that's -- that's -- that's a way to bring it in
7 without anybody knowing. That's a good one,
8 though. Okay.

9 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Is there ---

10 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Not by you, but that,
11 yes.

12 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Is -- is there a motion
13 to approve Resolution Number 7-2026?

14 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** So moved.

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

16 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Second.

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

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

19 **COUNCILMAN EDWARD CAMPBELL:** Yay.

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

21 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Yay.

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

23 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Yay.

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

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



1 **RESOLUTION NUMBER 8-2026:**

2 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** And I -- let me make sure
3 I'm reading right, but I think 4 is the same as
4 3. 4 is the same as 3, isn't it?

5 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** No, 4 is a little
6 different because we're actually receiving the
7 money versus paying it out. But it's still
8 over \$5,000, so I still, according to
9 procurement, I still have to have -- ask for a
10 confirmation from council.

11 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** So, to authorize to
12 receive or enter -- still enter into?

13 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yes, still enter
14 into a contract, but I broke it out to make
15 sure that you know that we're receiving it
16 versus the other resolution was to pay it out.

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

18 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** So it's just the
19 entertainment. It's -- it's over \$5,000 that
20 we receive, and just wanted to make council
21 aware that we are going into a contract over
22 \$5,000.

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

24 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Which we haven't
25 discussed the details ---



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

2 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** --- prior to ---

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

4 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Question?

5 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** It's just
6 adhering to the procurement that was passed,
7 the procurement ordinance.

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

9 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** And so it's just
10 adhering to that to make sure that we're doing
11 correctly.

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

13 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** I got a question.
14 Because this is a lot of money that we handles
15 in here and from my understanding that nobody
16 in the town is bonded, so therefore, is there
17 no way that we could get whoever it is that's
18 gonna be handling money for Bikefest to get
19 bonded? Because year after year we do this, a
20 lot of money that comes through the town, and
21 I think that what -- everybody needs to be
22 bonded that's handling money in or out in
23 Atlantic Beach. So please, that might need to
24 be in there.

25 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Check into it.



1 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: Yeah.

2 INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS: I'll take a look.

3 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: Is there a motion to
4 approve Resolution Number 8-2026?

5 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: So moved.

6 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: Sec- -- second. And roll
7 call.

8 CHERYL PEREIRA: Councilman Edward Campbell.

9 COUNCILMAN EDWARD CAMPBELL: Yay.

10 CHERYL PEREIRA: Councilwoman Carla Taylor.

11 COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR: Yay.

12 CHERYL PEREIRA: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore.

13 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: Yay.

14 CHERYL PEREIRA: Mayor Pro Tem John David.

15 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: Yes.

16 **REPORT FROM COMMITTEES AND STAFF**

17 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: Next we have town
18 manager's report or report by committees.
19 Titus?

20 INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS: Okay. So I'll
21 start with the --

22 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: Hm.

23 **PROPERTY MAINTENANCE:**

24 INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS: The report by
25 committees for property maintenance. And then



1 the way that -- the way that the agenda reads
2 is according to how the ordinance is written.
3 We was required to have reports from the listed
4 -- the listed boards and the listed
5 departments. But the property maintenance, we
6 don't have a report.

7 **MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION:**

8 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Municipal Election
9 Commission, we don't have a report.

10 **PLANNING COMMISSION:**

11 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Planning
12 Commission, the next meeting is May 21st, 2026.
13 We also have a meeting planned -- Planning
14 Commission Workshop scheduled for May 14th,
15 2026 at 1:30 p.m. here in the community center.
16 So we have May 14th, 2026 Planning Commission
17 workshop, and the next Planning Commission
18 meeting is May 21st, 2026 at 5:30. And then
19 the June meeting will be June 18th, 2026 at
20 5:30.

21 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** What time does the
22 meeting start on the 14th?

23 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** 1:30, 1:30 p.m.

24 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Titus, have you -- I know
25 we -- have you all communicated so we can make



1 sure that the planning commission is aware of
2 all the dates and make sure that they -- so
3 that we have a quorum and everything so we can
4 finish our work on the comprehensive plan?

5 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yes, yes. So we
6 have definitely communicated. Ashley has
7 drafted up an email to send to all commission
8 members to make sure that they're attending the
9 meetings as they're supposed to. We've had
10 (inaudible) issues in the past when they were
11 not attending the meetings, which is pushing
12 the -- the dates out to get the comprehensive
13 plan completed. But we have sent out that --
14 well, we will send out. We've received it from
15 Ashley, but we will send it out tomorrow to all
16 the Planning Commission members. And we have
17 expressed the frustration with them not
18 attending the meetings, so they plan to start
19 attending the meetings as -- as they should.

20 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** And should they not
21 come, is there be a time for us to put in
22 somebody that we recommend for the position?

23 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yeah. After two
24 meetings, if you consecutively miss two
25 meetings, you -- you will automatically be --



1 well, not automatically, but you will be up for
2 being removed from the board.

3 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Okay.

4 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** And so that was
5 listed out in the email that will be sent out
6 to the Planning Commission.

7 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Okay.

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

9 **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:**

10 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Plan of Board of
11 Zoning Appeals, we don't have any report.

12 **FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

13 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Finance Economic
14 Development, we don't have any report.

15 **LEGAL:**

16 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Legal, we don't
17 have any report right now.

18 **ADMINISTRATION**

19 **CULTURAL AND LEISURE SERVICES:**

20 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** For the Cultural
21 and Leisure Service, the Bikefest is May 26th
22 -- I mean, May 22nd through May 26th, 2026.

23 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

24 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Public Safety,
25 staff is currently focused on recruiting a new



1 police chief. We have received a strong pool
2 of applicants and have selected three
3 candidates to advance to the interview phase,
4 which will begin next week. In the interim,
5 Horry County is providing patrol services, and
6 this will continue until we have sufficient
7 officers back on duty within our department.

8 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Also, will you let them
9 know the advertisement for the -- the town
10 manager too is out?

11 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Oh, yeah, yeah.
12 So we do have a town manager position is posted
13 up until May 30th of this year. So if you know
14 anybody, any applicants, please feel free to
15 apply or send a email to Ms. Cheryl or the town
16 hall with your resume and cover letter.

17 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Question. Do we know
18 how many building permits we have that's active
19 right now?

20 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** So I don't have
21 the exact number right now. I'd have to get
22 back with you with that, but we do have a few
23 building permits that are active right now.

24 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** And are they being
25 attended to? Because they have to be serviced.



1 I mean, they have to be -- have checked offs
2 and stuff like that.

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

4 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Do we have somebody
5 that's doing that?

6 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yes, yes.

7 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Okay. And my next
8 question, the last question that I have, is do
9 we have -- are we paying a judge and a judge
10 clerk without a police department? I've been
11 asked that question several times. Somebody's
12 called me, taxpayers that's very concerned
13 about are we paying a judge a salary and we
14 don't have a police department. Therefore, I
15 just need to know whether or not ---

16 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yes, yes. We are
17 currently paying a judge and a court clerk.

18 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** So why -- why is
19 that? How is that? I mean, is that something
20 that we have to dissolve until -- because I
21 think that that should've been discussed. If
22 we don't have a police department, and yet
23 we're paying a judge and a clerk, what, we just
24 paying them to sit and be cute? I mean, that
25 don't make no sense to me. Is that something



1 a -- wrong with that, Ms. Moody? Is there any
2 way that we could take and -- I mean, do y'all
3 think that's okay? I mean, I'm just asking a
4 question ---

5 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** I think it's a contractual ---

6 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** --- 'cause it's
7 something that we need to address.

8 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** They -- they're
9 under contract- ---

10 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** It's a contractual issue.

11 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yeah, and then we
12 wasn't -- we didn't know that it would take --
13 we would go this long without having a police
14 -- having active officers in our police
15 department. So it was always under the
16 understanding that we would bring a chief in
17 that would be able to retain officers to keep
18 the police department active. So I think
19 that's one of the main reasons which I, like I
20 said, I'm new in this role, so I'm not sure
21 what the previous town manager plans were, but
22 I can confirm that we do currently pay a judge,
23 and we do currently pay a court clerk. But we
24 just have to be mindful, if we do let go of
25 either one of those positions, we would have to



1 find somebody to replace those positions. That
2 may not be as easy.

3 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Well, I don't think
4 it'd be such a hard problem if we was to put
5 them on -- their pay should not be getting paid
6 just to -- because we don't wanna get rid of
7 'em because we don't wanna have to go through
8 the process again. We're taking taxpayers
9 dollars, we're paying somebody who's not doing
10 no work just because they're holding a judge
11 position. That's not fair.

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

13 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** I -- I mean, I don't
14 know about them, but I have a problem with
15 that.

16 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** We can discuss this.

17 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Yeah.

18 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Next week.

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

20 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** We have the ---

21 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Okay. Okay.

22 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** We have -- we have the
23 budget to talk next week too. We -- I think
24 that's the next meeting too that he can
25 announce that. We have the budget meeting.



1 INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS: Yeah. Yeah, that

2 ---

3 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: On the 21st.

4 INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS: Yeah, neither one
5 of them are not on salary.

6 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: No. Well, it's not
7 ideal, sure. We could talk about it later, but
8 I'm just saying we shouldn't be paying anybody
9 if they aren't doing any work. I mean ---

10 COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR: Are -- are we? If
11 they're not on salary, are we paying them?

12 ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY: The court clerk ---

13 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: She said the clerk is
14 not ---

15 ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY: The court clerk is not on
16 salary.

17 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: Okay.

18 ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY: So she still attends because
19 we still have people with pending tickets, so
20 she only gets paid when she comes.

21 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: So she's working.

22 ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY: She gets like three hours or
23 five hours. It's nothing like the judge.

24 COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE: So it's not like the
25 judge, because judges ---



1 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** The judge is on salary.

2 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yeah, the judge
3 is definitely -- yeah, yeah.

4 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** But the judge -- and
5 -- and he's getting -- if he's working, then
6 he's supposed to be getting paid, but is he
7 working? That's what I'm -- my question. With
8 not having a police department, do we have a
9 judge that's active? Is -- I mean ---

10 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yeah, we
11 currently don't have any -- any court dates set
12 ---

13 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Right.

14 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** --- right now.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Right. Okay. So ---

16 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** It's something
17 that we can ---

18 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Okay. I'm just want
19 them to know that -- you're right.

20 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** I think you're going to a
21 budget workshop, so that'll be a good time to
22 discuss that.

23 **FINANCE:**

24 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** And so that
25 brings us into the next topic is finance. But



1 we do have a -- a budget workshop on May 11th,
2 2026, at 5:30.

3 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Okay, great.

4 **PLANNING:**

5 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Planning. I
6 already mentioned that Aspire 2036 is currently
7 being prepared. Diamond Shores is in the
8 process of updating the comprehensive plan and
9 will begin revising the Land Management
10 Ordinance upon completion.

11 **COMMUNICATIONS:**

12 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** And so we do not
13 have a report for communications.

14 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Wait a minute.
15 Question. What is that?

16 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** What?

17 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** What -- what is --
18 who -- who over that department?
19 Communications?

20 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** It's just in -- it's in
21 the --

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

23 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** It's in the ordinance.

24 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** It's in the
25 ordinance. Yeah.



1 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** It's in the ordinance.

2 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** So when the
3 ordinance was written for the ---

4 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** That's why.

5 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** --- agenda, all
6 of these departments ---

7 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** It's just in the
8 ordinance.

9 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** --- should be
10 providing reports. Going forward, we will have
11 reports from these departments if we have them.
12 We will have the reports being stated, so we
13 will. Property Maintenance, we'll have a
14 report for that, just to give an update on
15 what's going on. And Municipal Election
16 Commission we'll get a report just to see if
17 anything's going on. Any other department,
18 we'll definitely just wanna address it. And
19 it's kind of a standard between different
20 municipalities that these departments give
21 these updates.

22 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Well, my question was
23 asking. I'm not going to say anymore, but you
24 know, these departments that we have here, for
25 most places and most towns and stuff, they have



1 been created by the mayor and council.

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

3 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** These departments,
4 right here, was not created by mayor and
5 council.

6 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** But that's what y'all have in
7 your ordinance.

8 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yeah, it's listed
9 in the ordinance.

10 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Well, but they still
11 -- but the law says that for us to have them,
12 they are created by mayor and council.

13 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** But y'all've got them on there
14 ---

15 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** --- voted ---

16 **ATTORNEY LEAH MOODY:** --- as that they are, so y'all
17 voted on it, so that's why it's on there.

18 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** But yeah, like I said
19 before I came along to vote, because that right
20 there is illegal as it come. But anyway.

21 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Okay. This is --
22 just a few other things just to give an update
23 on.

24 **MARTHA GRANT PROJECT:**

25 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** The Martha Grant



1 Project. It's substantially complete. All
2 major components have been installed and are
3 operational, including the cameras, collars
4 (ph), and Wi-Fi system. The required training
5 has been completed, and all operation and
6 maintenance manuals has been received. With
7 the exception of the documentation of the
8 poles, access to the pole software has been
9 established, and reports will be generated from
10 each pole twice annually as part of the ongoing
11 monitoring. Bay Electric is preparing a
12 maintenance quote to maintain warranty
13 compliance. The poles must be inspected twice
14 a year, which will be go- -- ongoing expense
15 for the town. Once we have that quote, I will
16 present it to council. But to maintain that --
17 the warranty on those poles, those poles must
18 be inspected. And to inspect the poles, we
19 have to pull the pole out the ground and test
20 the battery. And so ---

21 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** So, do we have a
22 ballpark figure what they will cost us?

23 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** It's -- we don't
24 have a ballpark figure yet, but Bay Electric is
25 preparing that quote for us, and it's up to the



1 council to decide if they want to take on that
2 cost and mak- -- keep those poles maintained.

3 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Because that is gonna
4 be paid by who? The ---

5 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** The taxpayers

6 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** --- taxpayers.

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

8 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** And the -- the
9 funniest thing about that is, to me, if I lived
10 down by John David, I would say, you know what,
11 we're gonna pay this right here, whatever. But
12 I think it's a little off to the ones that
13 don't live close to there. The ones that live
14 across the highway, I mean, and not saying that
15 we don't need it or don't want it down there,
16 and they look nice down there, they really do,
17 but I mean, I think it should be a way -- I --
18 I don't know. It -- it don't seem right to me
19 for it not to be some -- some people ready --
20 may never go down to where they could get
21 access to their phone to use it and not even
22 see the lights. So I don't think that's so
23 fair to the rest of the property owners that
24 live across the street over here that have to
25 pay that bill. I just don't -- I mean, I



1 thought whenever that was coming along, I
2 thought that grant, for some reason, I don't
3 know why I thought this, but I thought that
4 grant was going to take care of the service and
5 all. I don't know why I thought that.

6 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yeah. Once it --
7 -

8 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yeah. Well, two things
9 with that, too. The lights that are being
10 charged through Santee Cooper can be removed,
11 so we don't have that extra added cost, which
12 can go into paying for that service as well.

13 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** So, the lights
14 will be removed once we completely close --
15 close out everything to ---

16 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

17 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** --- out to Santee
18 Cooper to remove the lights on Ocean Boulevard,
19 so we won't have to pay the bill for --
20 associated with the -- the lights.

21 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** And the second thing is
22 that I think it's in there that the Wi-Fi can
23 generate revenue, too. That can help with
24 that, too. So we can -- I don't know how --
25 how you all plan to do it, but that would



1 generate money that will then pay ---

2 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Pay, yeah, yeah.

3 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** --- for that as well.

4 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** So we will
5 coordinate with Good Life. Good Life is the
6 company that provided the Wi-Fi software, not
7 the actual service. The service comes from
8 Spectrum, which is a bill that we do have to
9 pay monthly. But the Good Life has the actual
10 platform, so they will -- they can offer Wi-Fi
11 service to monetize it, but the grant wasn't
12 written to -- for us to sell Wi-Fi, if it makes
13 sense. It was written to provide Wi-Fi. And
14 so all the grant would do is provide Wi-Fi. So
15 the selling of the Wi-Fi, that would be
16 something that we would have to look into ---

17 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** So we have to -- okay.

18 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** And there'd be a
19 cost associated with that, because there'd have
20 to be a processing fee and stuff like that, a
21 service cost, so. But it's definitely
22 something we are looking in to. We'll bring
23 the quotes to council so y'all can look at 'em
24 and -- and make a decision if it's something
25 you wanna move forward with.



1 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** And I think ---

2 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** And what -- what ---

3 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** The truth of the matter
4 is most people have free Wi-Fi on their phone
5 ---

6 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** Anyway, yeah.

7 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** --- so selling Wi-Fi is
8 ---

9 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** --- gonna be hard ---

10 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** --- a moot point. Yeah.

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

12 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** And -- and one more
13 question, because, I mean, the lights down
14 there are good and bright right now. Are those
15 lights that we're talking about, the
16 replacement lights, are they gonna be bright
17 enough to replace the other lights? Because we
18 have a nice, bright, lit up boulevard before
19 they came along, and they look -- they even
20 brighter now with those. So I'm just
21 wondering, though, would those lights be as
22 bright as the ones that -- the permanent lights
23 we have already with Santee Cooper?

24 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** I'm not sure, but
25 ---



1 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

2 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** --- and if so, could
3 we ---

4 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** --- cut 'em off.

5 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Could we make -- you
6 know, enhance the brightness of 'em? Because,
7 I mean, we don't want it to be dim down there
8 at all, because they are nice and bright.

9 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** It should still be the
10 same. Well, again, I don't know.

11 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** I don't know.

12 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** But it should be -- you
13 think -- you're gonna lose the lights that you
14 get -- that -- they're double lights.

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

16 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** You're right.

17 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** So it's not gonna
18 be dark, but it's gonna be -- it's not gonna be
19 as bright.

20 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Less -- less bright ---

21 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** But the ---

22 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** --- 'cause you don't have
23 double lights.

24 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** --- Bay Electric
25 has said that those lights are brighter than



1 they expected.

2 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Oh.

3 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** So they should be
4 pretty bright.

5 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Well, maybe. Okay.

6 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** But I'm pretty
7 sure they're not gonna be as bright as ---

8 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Two lights.

9 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** --- two lights.
10 Yeah -- yeah. So you will see a difference.
11 Now over time, that's something I'm not sure
12 about. That's something -- that's why I said
13 the maintenance part of the -- the solar
14 project is something that we have to look into,
15 because, you know, over time stuff does, you
16 know ---

17 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Okay.

18 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Okay. I was gonna ask.
19 There's -- there's one more, too. Don't we --
20 don't we generate solar power that we could
21 send -- and I know it ain't gon' be at the cost
22 that we generate, but -- that we could sell
23 back to Santee Cooper, too, with the solar?

24 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Well, not with
25 the solar lights.



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

2 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** That would be
3 another opportunity that we could take
4 advantage of. We have been in contact with ---

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

6 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** --- out of
7 Louisiana, and they have proposed some options
8 where we can place solar panels on the
9 community center, on this roof here, and we can
10 sell ---

11 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Sell it.

12 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** --- over time
13 sell the -- the energy back to Santee Cooper.

14 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Back to the company.

15 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** So it'd be
16 definitely something to look forward to. We've
17 been in contact with them, and they should be
18 able to send us some stuff over that council
19 will be able to review. And we'll just have to
20 decide if we wanna take up -- take that on.
21 And it's all grants, so it is -- you know, it's
22 -- it's there far as if we decide to approve
23 it. We just have to be in compliance and agree
24 to the terms of -- of their company to -- to
25 manage the grant and get everything done for



1 us.

2 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Just one last question.

3 We got most of the money back from Santee
4 Cooper that was reimbursed -- not Santee
5 Cooper, from this grant.

6 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** The grant, yes.

7 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** We got most of it back,
8 or are we waiting on that?

9 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** So we have
10 everything back except the last payment that
11 we'll be waiting on. What we have remaining is
12 the retainage. The retainage is 18,000, a
13 little over 18,000. And we have a little over
14 19,000 with Santee Cooper -- I mean, not Santee
15 Cooper, Horry County left. So we will be able
16 to submit that payment because we couldn't
17 submit the payment until everything was
18 completed with the grant. Now that everything
19 is completed, everything was just completed
20 last week, we can make that payment and receive
21 the reimbursement.

22 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** And what was that?

23 **COUNCILMAN EDWARD CAMPBELL:** 18,000.

24 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Yeah, only thing
25 that did come up Friday was we received another



1 -- a bill from Crawford around \$8,500. And it
2 was supposed to be in reference to the \$25,000
3 grant we received from Santee Cooper for the EV
4 charging stations. So we have to do some
5 research with that because as we look at it
6 right now, we're not a hundred percent sure how
7 that money is going to be -- be, you know,
8 where it's gonna come from. Because right now,
9 it looks like it's gonna come at the expense of
10 the town.

11 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Could be.

12 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** But we did
13 receive the \$25,000 from Santee Cooper, we just
14 have to make sure that it wasn't -- it was
15 applied correctly and that it was still just
16 sitting -- why am I saying sitting in my bank
17 account, but sitting, waiting for us to make
18 that payment. So there's just some research
19 that we have to do regarding that payment. But
20 we wasn't aware of that bill until Friday. The
21 only thing we thought we had remaining was the
22 18,000 which is left with Horry County.

23 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** But still you might can
24 get -- you can get off 19.

25 (Inaudible.)



1 INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS: Yeah, we'll see,
2 we'll see.

3 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: Okay.

4 INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS: No, no. The 19
5 is there, though.

6 (Inaudible due to simultaneous speakers.)

7 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: We'll get 18, but there's
8 still one you might be ---

9 INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS: That 8,500 -- so
10 that'll be ---

11 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: --- one thousand.

12 INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS: --- if it does --
13 if the money -- we found out that it's, it's --
14 you know, if we don't find any explanation from
15 it, that 8,500 will come from the town.

16 MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID: Gotcha.

17 INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS: And the town will
18 have to come up with that money. But like I
19 said, we did receive the 25,000, so we just
20 have to make sure that it was applied
21 correctly. And Bell Electric, Crawford, and
22 Sharon from Horry County will be invited to the
23 June council meeting where we will also give a
24 overview of the project. They'll come look at
25 the project see the poles. Sharon -- she was



1 also involved with the historic grant, so
2 she'll also wanna see the plaques that are
3 installed on the buildings around town. So
4 hopefully we can get the media out and have a
5 nice day that day to show off the poles and
6 show the historic plaques again and, you know,
7 give our thanks to them at the council meeting.
8 Because I know they did work hard for this
9 project.

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

11 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** It's been a long
12 project. I think it started in 2023, but we --
13 they're finally completed.

14 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Okay.

15 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** And thank you for all
16 your work on it.

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

18 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Okay.

19 **BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS:**

20 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** Next thing I
21 wanna mention is the business license ups --
22 the update. Business license renewals were due
23 on Thursday, April 30th. While we have
24 received a substantial number of renewals, a
25 significant number of businesses remain



1 delinquent. We will send out notices to all
2 businesses to make sure that they're paying
3 their license. There will be a five percent
4 late fee attached to that, that payment. But
5 we just wanna make sure that -- that the
6 businesses are doing, doing their part and make
7 sure that they're in compliance with paying
8 their license on time. We made a strong
9 emphasis on collecting proof of income this
10 year to ensure the Town of Atlantic Beach
11 received its appropriate share. Over the
12 years, there's been certain businesses that
13 wouldn't report a correct amount. So this year
14 we did make sure that we are receiving that
15 proof of income to verify that we're receiving
16 the right amount. And we had a lot of
17 businesses that weren't -- that did not have an
18 active license, and so we've been going out
19 after them and just making sure that all
20 businesses are in compliance with the right
21 zoning.

22 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Okay.

23 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Thank you, Titus.

24 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Okay.

25 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** I -- I think there's just



1 one more announcement. The -- you got anything
2 else?

3 **INTERIM TOWN MANAGER TITUS LEAKS:** I was making sure
4 that -- I just wanna update y'all with
5 everything, so that's why I was just making
6 sure. I was just wanting to make sure that I'm
7 not leaving anything out. Yeah, that's --
8 that's pretty much it, yeah.

9 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Thank you very much.
10 That's a good -- good report.

11 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Good report, Titus.
12 Thank you.

13 UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

14 LEAGUE OF CITIES:

15 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** The other thing, we got
16 League of Cities that will be in Conway. It's
17 all the cities or towns in the Horry County
18 meet every quarter to share best practices and
19 -- and -- and to express livelihood within
20 government. And that meeting is May 28th at
21 6:00 p.m., and it'll be held in Conway.

22 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Where in Conway?

23 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** I think 5th and Main, I
24 think. And we'll be -- I guess, yes, it'll be
25 at 5th and Main. And we'll send the



1 information out to the council and staff to
2 make sure everybody goes to that.

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

4 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** If there are anything
5 else? Any other questions? Comments? Is
6 there a motion to adjourn?

7 **ADJOURNMENT:**

8 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** So moved.

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

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

11 **COUNCILMAN EDWARD CAMPBELL:** Yay.

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

13 **COUNCILWOMAN CARLA TAYLOR:** Yay.

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

15 **COUNCILWOMAN JACQUELINE GORE:** Yay.

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

17 **MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN DAVID:** Yes, ma'am. Thank you
18 all. Have a great night.

19 (End of recording.)
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal this June 5, 2026.



Amanda J. Creel Godfrey
Court Reporter

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

