TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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Monday, July 2, 2018
5:00 p.m.

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APPEARANCES

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Mayor Jake Evans, Chairman
Mayor pro tem Kenneth McLaurin
Councilman Lenearl Evans
Councilwoman Josephine Isom
Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore

ADMINISTRATION:
Benjamin Quattlebaum Jr., Town Manager
Cheryl Pereira, Town Clerk

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Call to Order:

MAYOR EVANS: This Town Council meeting is called to order this Monday, July 2nd, the year 2018, at 5:00 p.m. Roll call?

CLERK: Mayor pro tem Kenneth McLaurin?

MAYOR PRO TEM McLaurin: Here.

CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans?

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Here.

CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

(No response.)

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Here.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Here. Council, I seek a motion for Executive Session for legal and personnel matters.

MAYOR PRO TEM McLaurin: So moved.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: Motion and a second to go into Executive Session for legal and personnel matters. Any other questions or comments? If not, roll call?

CLERK: Mayor pro tem Kenneth McLaurin?

MAYOR PRO TEM McLaurin: Yea.

CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans?
COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor, I failed to mention during the Roll Call that Council Woman Isom called and said that she has an illness and would not be able to make the meeting tonight. And the legal matters are matters involving meter manager Paul Curry and personnel matters.

MAYOR EVANS: All right. Thank you.

Executive Session:

(Executive Session.)

MAYOR EVANS: Council, I seek a motion to come out of Executive Session into the General Session.

MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN: So moved, Mr. Mayor.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: Motion and a second to come out of the Executive Session into the General Session. Any other questions or comments? If not, just for the record, the only items that were discussed in Executive Session are the items outlined on the agenda -- legal and personnel. Roll call?
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CLERK: Mayor pro tem Kenneth McLaurin?

MAYOR PRO TEM McLaurin: Yea.

CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans?

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted.

General Session:

MAYOR EVANS: I want to take this time out to welcome the general public. If you've got any cell phones or devices that might disturb the proceedings, would you silence those for us please. And once again welcome. If you would, stand for a moment of silence.

(Moment of Silence.)

MAYOR EVANS: Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison.)

MAYOR EVANS: We're down to ceremonial matters. Council members, any ceremonial matters? If not, approval of the agenda. Council, I seek a motion for the approval of the agenda as it is outlined.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: I seek a motion to approve the agenda as outlined.
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MAYOR PRO TEM McLaurin: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: Motion and a second for approval of the agenda. Any other questions, comments?

Roll call?

CLERK: Mayor pro tem Kenneth McLaurin?

MAYOR PRO TEM McLaurin: Yea.

CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans?

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted. Council, I don't think we have anything on the agenda today. No old business. No new business. We just got some reports to go through.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Let's go through them.

Reports:

MAYOR EVANS: Police report?

CHIEF: How are you doing Council?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Good.

(Inaudible.)

CHIEF: The report that y'all have in front of y'all is something I created to implement for y'all for being with cards. Knowing what the police department is doing. What kind of
investigation -- well, y'all won't know the investigation, but y'all will know (inaudible) I always -- I made time to be out educating. Doing public talking, complaints and stuff that we get in that y'all would not know about. Thus, I gave y'all information about it. The office -- on the third sheet is an office daily report. That's a report our officers have to fill out everyday before they leave. That's where we get our data from to put in the chart. So, I know exactly what they have to do and everything. And it's basically it's a report that y'all will get every month -- every council meeting. Y'all will get a report on what the police department is doing. Complaints -- how many complaint's we're getting in. How many times the officer is out there talking with the public. How many traffic tickets we'll be writing. Reports we're putting out will be -- we check businesses. Another thing we're starting to do -- we ride around the town at night. They have -- they're required to check the business twice a night while they're out. So, they have to go out, check the door and make sure everything is
secure. This is basically just an outline of what they job is while they're out their patrolling. On the last sheet -- it's a yellow page on the back. This is -- y'all gon' probably start seeing it around. It's not going to be yellow, it will be red. Y'all just got a copy of the yellow one. But it will be red. It will be for any abandoned vehicles that when we run the tag -- the stuff's not up to date then we're going to tag them. And they have 10 days to remove their vehicles or get it into compliance or they will be towed away. And that goes for any kind of equipment that if an owner or a resident of the town have a business, but they're not -- they didn't put on their business license that they have to have that type of equipment -- they can't keep it in town. So, y'all will -- if you notice if you notice some of the red tags are starting to go up. And we are starting to tag some of the cars in the town. You got any questions about anything in the reports that you would like to ask me about? It also states junk, like old refrigerators that people might put out of their house. Couches, anything that is
considered junk, they can't put it out of their house. It should be on the first line I think of that report. The floor is open if y'all got any questions about anything on it.

MAYOR EVANS: Council, any questions for the chief?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Huh-uh. No.

MULTIPLE VOICES: No.

MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN: No. Good job, chief.

CHIEF: All right. I appreciate it.

MAYOR EVANS: All right. Thank you.

(Inaudible background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: Ben, town manager's report. Bike Fest report?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor and council, I'm handing out the financial report for the Black Perl Cultural Heritage Bike Festival 2018. Just to highlight some of the major issues. Our vendor number -- total vendors -- were 59. Total vendors, food and and retail vendors. I think the count was 22 retail vendors. Retail vendor numbers are going going down. Vendor numbers overall have been going down over the past three years. A lot this year had to do with the pending inclimate weather and storm in terms of commitment. Just to give a
correlation, we did 59 total vendors this year. Last year the number was 65. And the number before was somewhere around 75. So, the numbers have been declining. A lot of factors are impacting on that that number as I indicated, the weather. But we just see a decline in the actual retail numbers than with food overall. Total income collected was $60,174.93. Total expenses $43,520.05. Total expense in cost and breakdown of the categories are listed above. The town net profit to date was $17,000 -- is $17,154.88 for this particular year. I gave an overview, again I thanked staff community residents that supported us and helped in the success of the overall implementation of Bike Fest 2018. Any questions?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Quick question.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Yes?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: For the building inspection -- inspectors cost, now did that money from the monies that the property owners paid? Because the property owners had to pay for their own posts to be a staple. So, was that ---
MR. QUATTLEBAUM: No. They pay for their own --
they pay for the inspection ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Uh-huh.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: --- correct me if I'm wrong Cheryl
-- they pay for the inspections through their
fees in terms of that. To cover that cost.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Oh. Okay. Okay.

(Mute)

MAYOR EVANS: Anybody else have any questions for
our town manager? If not, We're down to Public
Time ---

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: I I have one more issue. I just
want to bring to attention to the council and
the community, business licence renewal
deadline was June 30th of last week. We still
have a number of businesses who have not
responded. After June 30th, if -- there are
penalties that go into effect for noncompliance
with renewals. So we -- I just want to get
that message out to the business community.

(Mute)

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Late fees kick in on August the
1st.

MAYOR EVANS: August the 1st.

(Mute)
MALE VOICE: Can you state that again? We can't quite hear you back here.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Yes. Late fees for noncompliance with submission of business license kick in August 1st. Penalties start being assessed. Providing your business license fee. I've met with the residents -- a representative who made the proposal to do the Rock the Block program, July the 21st. A family event focused on non-violence and gun violence control for young family members. I met with her and asked her for some present commitments on the location. Right now we're looking to propose the property across from Rosa Rucker's place on 30th Avenue. And I'm looking for them to present a commitment from the property owner, appropriate liability insurance to utilize that location to host the Rock the Block program. The event is free to the public. She has a number of business sponsors in town that are supporting this event and outside of town at no cost to the participants. Food, games will be provided for the participants for that day. I can't recall the exact hours of operation -- but it's during the day. I wanna say from 11 to about.
6. But, don't hold me to that exactly. But, it's a day event for families and children primarily that their tar-targeting.

MAYOR EVANS: What's that date again, Ben?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: July the 21st.

MAYOR EVANS: July the 21st.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Saturday. That's a Saturday. I met with the Greek organization Panatlantic Council 9 -- I think they're called -- for the event they proposed to put on in Atlantic Beach Labor Day weekend. September the 1st. Met with them about all of the requirements that they would have to have in place in order to execute the event. They're looking to operate a gate program from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. and have a major feature is the Greek organizations in this region. We'll have a step show contest, I think at around 4:00 p.m. that afternoon. Food, and there is a cover charge I think of $15.00 dollars in advance. And it escalates to either 20 or 25 if you pay past a certain deadline. But they seem to be getting all of their requirements in order to implement and host that event on September 1st, Labor Day weekend.
COUNCILWOMAN GORE: And where is that going to be at?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: They're looking at the location we talked about again is the property across from Rosa Rucker's place.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Okay.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: I don't know -- I can't remember the owner of the land. I think Fox Gore ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Dr. Cooper?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: --- that's just the property -- yeah. And I'm waiting for them to produce a commitment on the part of the owner to utilize that property and appropriate liability insurance coverage as well to host the event at that location. And they're working in conjunction with Brenda Bromell (ph) to have some of the events there at her Off the Hook and her establishment there that day. Any questions in regards to any of those?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: No, sir.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: That's it, Mayor. That's all I have.

MAYOR EVANS: That's it? We're down to Public Time. And we've got John Skeeters here. John Skeeter?

Public Time:
MR. SKEETER: Yes, sir. Well good evening Mayor and council. And the public. I just have a couple of things. It's nothing that critical. But some things I think we need to give more attention to. And that's a lot of the dilapidated buildings in the town of Atlantic Beach. Now I know that we have an ordinance in our city government to address all of these issues. But, ordinances are good, only if you exercise them to all those (inaudible) just ask to please to take care of these things. Another area there we need to do something about having house parties at night. Sometimes this past weekend, they last until about 1:30 in the morning. And we have a noise ordinance in the town of Atlantic Beach. And it would be good if the police would shake these places where they have their parties at and see that they keep the noise at a minimum. In fact, a lot of towns have adopted a system where if you're going to have a house party in your private residence -- in a community -- you have to get a permission ordinance. (Inaudible) It's nothing happening in Atlantic Beach that we can't correct ourselves. Let's talk about
it and come to some decision on how we're going
to correct these things. And again I want you
to understand that im not fussing with anybody.
I just noticed that some of these areas that
need immediate attention. And the portable
toilet down there by the ocean there, it would
be good if we had some little ladders and cages
around them. Instead of just sticking them out
there. Looking like that for the general
public to use. It's just a bathroom that the
general public can use. And it's it's a lot of
things that I would like to call the attention
to council. I'm not -- I'm I'm sure that we
all can get on the same page -- if we're not on
the same page and we can make something happen
for the betterment of the town of Atlantic
Beach. And this is one way that we want to
identify what we need to correct. Especially
that fire station right there -- old fire
station. It's about to fall in the street.
You have certain buildings here needing
attention. And I know that y'all elected
officials are aware that we have that in the
ordinance about dilapidated buildings. But
remember, it's not going to do any good just
sitting in the ordinance and not bringing or exercising it. And again I'm not fussing. I'm just talking to discuss something's that we need to do as a people. And we need to try to correct these -- correct these names and move forward. Thank you.

Adjournment:

MAYOR EVANS: All right, council. I seek a motion for adjourn?

MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: Motion and second to adjourn. Any other questions or comments?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Huh-uh.

MAYOR EVANS: Roll call?

CLERK: Mayor pro tem Kenneth Mc Laurin?

MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN: Yea.

CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans?

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted. This meeting is adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

(There being nothing further, the meeting was
adjourned.)