TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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Monday, May 6, 2019
4:00 p.m.

The Town of Atlantic Beach Town Council meeting was held and recorded at Atlantic Beach Community Center, 1010 32nd Avenue South, Atlantic Beach, South Carolina, on the 6th day of May, 2019.
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 budget workshop and
general sessions meeting is called to order,
this Monday, May the 6th year 2019 at 4:00 pm.

Roll Call?

CLERK: Mayor pro tem Kenneth McLaurin?

MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN: Here.

CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans?

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Here.

CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom? Councilwoman
Jacqueline Gore? Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Here.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: For the record, Councilwoman Isom
said she would be late coming to this meeting
and I think the start of next meeting.

MAYOR EVANS: Well at this time, first on the agenda
is the town council budget workshop. So --
then do we want to ...

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: I've prepared-- there's an agenda
in your packet and also want you to pull out
the 3 column budget year comparison and what I
would like to do is start with an update on
this current year budget, 2018/2019. From July
1st of 2018 to June 30th, 2019. The second
column. I would like to walk you through budget
MAYOR EVANS: Well you said the second column down to the expenses?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Excuse me?

MAYOR EVANS: You said the second column, were you looking at the expenses?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: No, on income. 2018/2019, second column ---

MAYOR EVANS: Okay. All right, all right.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Income. I'm going to walk you through each budget category ...

MAYOR EVANS: Okay.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: On that.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Hello.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: How is Ms. Councilwoman.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Hello.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Hi guys.

MAYOR EVANS: Hey.

MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN: Hey. Councilwoman, in your packet you have an agenda for the workshop and also, you have a budget spreadsheet.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: The mayor down here bothering me. He see me trying to get my stuff together.

MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN: Mr. Mayor, state for the record that Councilwoman Isom (sic) has ...

MAYOR EVANS: Yeah. For the record, Councilwoman Gore has joined us.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Now, what am I looking for?

MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN: Yeah. The agenda and also second ---

MAYOR EVANS: (inaudible.)

MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN: Yes.

(Inaudible talking.)

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Okay. And I'm going to walk you through column 2 in income, give you an overview of each of the income generated to date. And then go down to expenses for 2018/2019, current fiscal year. July 1st through June 30th 2019. Okay. If you look at property taxes. Property taxes has remained relatively the same. As you can see from the '17/'18 budget to '18/'19 projected. They may -- by the end of -- end of the the year, which is June 30th -- that number may increase due to the fact that we have a number of houses that were added to the tax rolls. Some in '18. Most of them will be coming online and budget year 2019/2020 budget for -- you can see in
terms of property taxes remain relatively stable from last year, fiscal year, to this year. Hospitality taxes the same thing. $39,950, licensing and permits, $20,189, projected by the end of the year to go to $297,756. We collect 98% percent of our business license taxes in fees from business owners in the town. Those who paid late or are assessed late penalties for that and are reflected in these numbers. Projected to the end of the year, $297,756. Franchise fees from water sports and the other franchise, primarily the water sports, has been consistent $65,500, projected to $68,288. End of governmental total is a formula receive by the state, has allocated to the town of Atlantic Beach on the formula basis, and had remained pretty consistent and projected to be about $53,149 by the end of the fiscal year, June 30th. Charges for services are the rental of the community center. Primarily we only budget a thousand projected $3,425 net income from that. Fines and forfeitures are funds that the town received after the deduction or the state assessment for fines that police officers
write. This is the portion of the percentage of what the town receives overall. Don't have a total amount there, but that the percentage that the town takes in from fines and fees. Other income, $2,715. This a majority of that amount, came from an accident of totaling one of our police vehicles. Insurance companies settled for the value and we got a little windfall because they gave us about $16,000 for all of the technical equipment in the car, but I'm not going to argue about that. I accepted it. So that's the major portion of other incomes, and donations that we received various entities. So, projected by the end of June 30th of 2019, we're projecting a total income of $712,562.08. Any questions? Budgeted and projected income. Let's go down to expenses. Still 2nd column. Personnel cost, $30,040 is a dramatic increase. 2 things impacted us this year on personnel cost. One, our insur- -- I mean -- I'm sorry -- our pension expenses increased dramatically. We added a police officer and our medical costs, expenses, increased dramatically. Currently the town only offers coverage for employee only, after 6 month
waiting period and that's reflective of those increases. Personnel, pension costs and medical costs.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Does that include just salary? Or salary and hourly?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Salary and benefits.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: No.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Excuse me.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: No. No. Does it include salary employees or salary and hourly employees?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Salary and hourly employees that are full time.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Okay.

MAYOR EVANS: Well how many do we have that's not full time?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Our maintenance personnel is the only part time that we have right now.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: And what is his yearly income?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: I'll get to that when we get to personnel items.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Okay.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Okay. Supplies, that is a aggregate of all the supplies based of the town. Included in that amount, a major portion
of that amount are fuel costs for our police vehicles. About $11,000 of that $18,000 represent fuel costs for the year, operating out police vehicles.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: I'm not seeing the 18 -- the 18. Oh I'm seeing it now.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Second row down.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: I got it.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Okay. Print and reproduction, that's wild side printing costs and we got rebuked for pamphlets, documents (inaudible). Travel included of staff and council travel. 64 projected via $10,000.

MAYOR EVANS: me ask you this, Ben ---

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Yes, sir?

MAYOR EVANS: -- the expense that we pay to the medias for advertising our meetings, is that in there too? In printing?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Not in printing. That's covered under ...

MAYOR EVANS: Communications?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Communications.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: I didn't know, I didn't know that the paper charged us to ---
MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN: Run ads?
COUNCILMAN EVANS: --- about our meeting schedule.
CLERK: (inaudible)
MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Not for the meetings.
CLERK: For public hearings.
COUNCILMAN EVANS: Okay, okay. I got it.
MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Public hearings, for bids, proposals and things like that.
COUNCILMAN EVANS: Okay.
MAYOR EVANS: Okay.
MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Okay. Dues and training. Are dues paid to various organization, the municipal associations and various organization we belong to. Legal cities and things of that nature. There's relatively set, and that number has gone down. Utility costs, are all utility costs. Including town hall, community center, reflected in that number. Trash collections, and that's for public lighting, and things of that nature are also factored in that utility number. Trash collection for all of the residence, that number has remained relatively constant. Hope it does not increase. Communications, it's all about telephones, internet, services. Just one point
on that, while we're on communications, because I'll come to it in the new budget -- but town hall, when it was constructed, we are facing a lot of problems with our communication services -- internet primarily. It goes down almost every other week. I've had electricians, technicians to come in to assess the building and they've identified that the wiring in the building is faulty. I did some major upgrades when I did the renovations ---

MAYOR EVANS: That's what I was just getting ready to ask you. That's what I thought we did, and we still having problems?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Still having problems with it. I've get all kind of theories about the internal wiring, with the box is laid out that there's a metal or something that trips that system. I get all kind of explanations.

MAYOR EVANS: Well, look, how much did we actually spend getting that straightened out? Because when we had the -- I thought we had to mold issues or something in there, when we had everything torn down, I thought we spent a substantial amount of money?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: We did. On the carpeting, mold
MAYOR EVANS: No, I was just talking about on -- just on the wiring --

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: The wiring.

MAYOR EVANS: --- and on the wiring and the internet and stuff too.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: I would have to look up those numbers for you.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: We did some adjustment but no major total rewiring. I had the electrician come in and do some of the reset in order to get our internet working. But it did not resolve the problem and I'm not technical proficient enough to tell you all of the technical aspects of what's involved in ---

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Did we get an electrician or we got someone who specializes in that kind of stuff?

MAYOR EVANS: A IT person?

MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN: We had both come in and do an assessment. The IT people came in and told us it's faultiness in how the whole system is set up. And then we have the electrician on the wiring -- hard wiring of the building to
address that. We had a little small -- in fact it's located in the, in that little closet back by, going to the police office and one point, it started smoking and burning and all of that had to be replaced in terms of that. Chief is more technical proficient -- could you explain it better than I am in terms of what they told that the issues are?

CHIEF: How y'all doin', Council.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: All right chief.

CHIEF: Basically what they're telling us, the building, because it is built on concrete -- it's slab, and it's cinder blocks, how the building is built. Back in the day, that's how they use to build a lot of buildings but technology now don't travel through the building like it should. It's bouncing off the wall and not going through the wall because of how the wall is concrete and stuff. It's probably going to be a problem that we're going to have until we rewire the whole building or until, eventually get a new building, which ever way we decided to go. But, to replace, you basically doing to have to tear out just about all of the wiring in that building and
rewire the whole building. That basically what it's going to come -- fall down to. The money for the internet -- I would get quotes. We looking at anywhere from 5,000 on and up, just to rewire the internet system in there. That's not the electrical outlets and stuff like that, and lights and stuff.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: But the electrical outlets though, they're fine though, right? The only thing we have is a problem with the computers, right?

CHIEF: We are -- we are having problems with the internet, the telephones, some of the outlets don't work in the building. Especially back there in the police department. I got some outlets that don't work at all back there.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Seems like communication should be a priority getting that done.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Well the -- have we ---

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Over some other mess.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: --- have we thought about getting fiber ran throughout our town because we're like one of the only towns that sit on this coast right here that don't have the fiber run through either, Frontier or either Spectrum. If we was to get that fiber wiring
coming through our town, it's going to benefit everyone in the town as far as the residents and that's basically what we need. Because right now, you could pay -- say you want high speed internet -- but if you don't have that fiber cable going through there, then that's going to always be a problems and for you all too. And the residential homes too. They don't even need that high speed, high speed, a lot of them. But it's not going to work as good until we get that fiber cable coming through our town. That's what we need to check it -- and I want to say that if we're going to hook up with somebody, that they would run that cable through there because -- through the town, because it's going to benefit them just as it's going to benefit everyone in the town. So I think that'll be a good thing to check in on, running the fiber cable through.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: We're with Spectrum, it's our carrier.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Have they not offer to you to run the fiber wiring through?

COUNCILMAN EVANS: They didn't mention it at all.

CHIEF: Spectrum telling us -- when we talked to
them about they internet, they telling us that they not there. They're not on (inaudible) yet, it's all on our end.

**COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Because if we don't -- and they're exactly right. If we had that fiber wiring through there, then that's a whole different ball game right there. It's going to have everything on the floor. But with just the regular basic that we have here, that's why it's not going to, it's never going to be a boost to it. I don't care if we go in and rewire it. Until we get that fiber cable through there, it's not going to. And all these new homes coming to the town, I would suggest that we would get the fiber cable coming through here.

**COUNCILMAN EVANS:** The upgrade -- a lot of people got the upgrade when they changed this system from Time Warner Cable to Spectrum.

**COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Spectrum.

**COUNCILMAN EVANS:** They took up all the wires that Time Warner Cable had and they wouldn't even work anymore with the new systems. So even at my motel, I had -- when I got cable, I had to rewire everything through actually, the motel.
COUNCILMAN EVANS: (inaudible) -- lying, I ever had
    in my life.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: You having more problems now?

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Spectrum need to go. Good God
    almighty.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: But aren't the only ones out
    there.

MAYOR EVANS: Just for the record, guys, Councilwoman
    Josephine Isom has joined us. Hey, how are you
    today?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: I'm good. How are you?

MAYOR EVANS: Good.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Could you speaking on, sometimes
    it make up there and it say no signal.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: That's right.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: And us too, us too.

(Multiple voices speaking over each other)

CLERK: I have more problems than anything else.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: But it's not just here, it's
    everywhere.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: (inaudible) I got 5 or 6 different
    tenants -- (inaudible) 1 they cut out 1 in 1
    building and rest of them on -- and I called
    them to try to get back turned on.

CLERK: Please wait.
MAYOR EVANS: Oh, boy.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Well, that's why -- regardless of
if it's either Frontier or either Spectrum or
whoever we choose that fiber wiring is going to
be -- that's the new upgrade system. Of the --
that's within in the new infrastructure of the
country. So, therefore we need that period.
So please, check on that. I think that that
would be ---

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Let me address Councilman
McLaurin's issue about addressing. Two issues
we're facing with immediate in terms of dealing
with this whole internet situation. We have --
by -- it's a requirement by, I think the law
enforcement aspect that our internet, between
administration and police, be separate for
security reasons.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Exactly.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: So in Council McLaurin's idea in
terms of addressing it, I'm proposing that I
put in the budget to address that separation.
It's a requirement. Can you speak to that?

CHIEF: Correct. It's a SLED requirement.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: It's a SLED requirement because
for security reasons, people can hack into blah
blah blah, the records and all that kind of stuff. So the dilemma is, from a budgetary standpoint and long term -- how much do we invest in this building in upgrade? I go just a ballpark estimate that will take 15,000 just to make that separation and hopefully that will address our internet problem, too. $15,000 to do that and segregate the police department from the administration. So my hesitancy in terms of -- and going back to the main point of our research, how much we've spent already on that aspect of it alone -- how much do we invest in this building? Or, do we -- do we limp along and then talk about in terms of replacement location?

COUNCILMAN EVANS: How much already have we invested into the building?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Well, I'm going to look up that number in terms of that. It's not substantial. I'll look at the number. The mayor asked that question earlier in terms of how much we spent just this past summer on it, and then I'm looking at another, at least $15,000 -- and I'll just say for conversation's sake, let's say its about 4 to 5 thousand dollars on it,
okay -- we've spent already. So in terms of adding another $15,000, do we spend $20,000 upgrading a system to operate now? But the unknown question is, we don't know how long we'll still be at this building.

MAYOR EVANS: Right.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: You follow me? So, it's a catch 22.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: You'll probably be there for a while. And if it need upgrading, and if it's something that the law requires, we really don't have much of a choice.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: All right. Okay. Let me get down to professional services. Professional services includes our audit, our accounting fees, my salary comes out of this line as a consultant. The Cobb-Waccamaw -- Cobb -- we played for the LMO training that we've received over a year, with the getting our land management ordinates done. All of that comes out of this professional services line item. Repairs and maintenance, and that is to -- if you see that number in terms of dramatic increase, the largest numbers came again with the renovations, new carpeting. Also,
improvements, here, at the community center. We did a major overhaul of the plumbing center here. In both the men and women bathroom. The lines short, untechnical terms was with 2 small or not flowing properly and had to be replaced. So substantial costs and expenditures were expended on all three of these buildings, and also, the roofing on the firehouse. So that's why that number is so dramatically high. Roofing doors, and getting the firehouse operational.

**MAYOR EVANS:** Well have we been in the inside of that thing yet to do anything or we just got the outside looking pretty?

**MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** We got the outside looking pretty. We, its operating from the inside. We're looking to put -- don't have you have some -- put a door? We're going to put a door and close it off and maintenance is doing a little work shop stuff there, so it's functional.

**MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. So the other thing I was going to say to the -- yeah, the outside of the doors and the roof but it still needs some kind of paint job on it, don't it?

**MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** On the exterior?
MULTIPLE VOICES: Yeah.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Okay.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Okay. so is that where Charles -- is Charles Price up in here? The ---

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: No no, this is only materials.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Okay.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: It's fine, we'll get the -- we'll get the salary. Okay. Courts -- court services, this is primarily for the judge that we pay for our court expenses. Primarily, the bulk of it, $1250, per month for the judge and the operating expenses of the court. Insurance -- insurance is taking -- going to and taking a big jump. We received a notice from the state and I guess it's because of all of the hurricanes South Carolina has had in this area -- that our insurance cost is going up 25 percent next year alone. Yeah. So even though we never filed any claims ourselves. Or had any claims filed by the town. I think overall, we're in the, what they call the insurance reserve fund. State wide pool for all municipalities so that increase is across the board, not just for Atlantic Beach, but for all municipalities. And it's a hefty amount. 25
COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yeah because it was a lot of ...

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Tools and equipment. Equipment purchases -- I think a vehicle cost in there, plus computers and other equipment purchases.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Okay. You skipped the rental total up there. Equipment renter total up there. Where was that one?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Equipment rental?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Huh-uh.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Those are for the copier and ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Oh.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: --- and for other materials and rental. When maintenance need to rent equipment that we don't have, we rent it rather than buy equipment just for temporary projects.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Hold up.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: I'm staying with 2018/2019 before I go to objective for the new year. Down to police. Police department totals, these are their percentage of cost on those -- those ---

(Mutable background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: I don't think he's talking about the salary, he don't have to salaries in there, im sure.
MR. QUATTLEBAUM: No. These are just costs for things like uniforms -- and we've had a change over in a number of offices, that we had the outfit, our ammunition had to be upgraded. I think now we're required to buy some rifles and some other things that are objective for the new year. Bottom line, looking at projecting 71,229,876 in terms of expenses and a balanced budget. Any questions? '18/'19. Okay. Moving over to '19/'20, a new budget year projected. I was conservative in this increase from 222,000 up to 235 on property taxes. As I indicated to you, we have a total of five houses that have been recently built and will be online in the next fiscal year. And the taxes -- property taxes, should increase or will increase. But I was conservative and only went up about 6 percent from last year to this year. It probably will be higher but conservatively, I just projected it at 235,700. I'd rather it be less than more in that conservative estimate. Hospitality tax ---

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Um ---

MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN: Yes ma'am?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: --- that property tax right there
-- now okay so we're at 22718 -- but you know, with us tearing those buildings down, that they are still paying taxes on those building, is that correct?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So therefore that's gone make ...

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Good point. Good point. They're going to come off. That's going to be a reduction in that property taxes. Once we demolish those buildings, I'm placing a lean against the properties and have to notify the county that there are no longer buildings there. But you're absolutely right, that will be a minus in terms of profit.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: It still will be taxes on the land.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yes. But it's a big difference between the land and with the building.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: But with the conditions those buildings are in, not much taxes anyhow.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: No. A building is a building. They still paying whatever that tax base -- you will be able to see a pretty good decrease when those buildings are removed. Even when they're not livable or whatever. That tax base is
going to drop pretty good. Am I right Ms. Joe?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Huh-uh.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: That's I was conservative with the increase because with the new buildings we've got projected 6 buildings will come online.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Right. It's not too much of an increase that's going to be coming right back off.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: All right. Hospitality taxes about the same. I'm projecting a sizeable increase from 297 to 355 on our license and permitting business license and permitting. One, we're doing as I indicated a greater number of collections. But we're also going to send notices out to businesses owners this year to provide their tax returns so we can get an accurate amount -- an assessment of what people are actually earning and paying for this year. So I anticipate us generating more from business licenses and permitting fees. Franchising fees.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: We hadn't been doing that?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Excuse me?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: We hadn't been doing that?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: No. It's an optional. It's not a
requirement. But we're going to do it this year and periodically.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: An honor system.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yeah because ...

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: I never paid by no honor system. I do by my tax return.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yeah. That's how it -- that's how it used to be. With the tax cut -- after they see the tax man, then they come see us. That's how -- they might have been honest, but we was keeping them honest. Yeah, but I mean.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Franchise fees are pretty consistent. We have the 10 year or whatever agreement on that. And for local, we don't see much of different or an increase. Conservatively on service charges and fees, probably be much more than that but conservatively on projecting 1500. And with the new officers and the amount of --

(Cell phone rings.)

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: -- of volume that they're generating on fines, I think I would take on, if they keep up the same pattern, we should realize more of a return from fines and forfeitures from fees. I mean from tickets
being written in town. High percentage. Can't project other income, even though every year we do receive contributions and donations from a variety of sources. So I'm projecting ---

(Cell phone rings.)

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: --- I'm projecting a total budget of $757,300 total income.

(Inaudible background noise.)

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Any questions on the income? Okay. Going down to expenses, personnel. Personnel, lined item, increasing dramatically as I indicated because of the pension cost, medical costs, adding a police officer to the ranks, the chief asked for two -- I'm only recommending one at this time. To add to the number that we have now, the three officers, including the chief at this point. Our police clerk, maintenance staff, town clerk. Supplies, relatively the same. Again, most of that cost is gasoline for our vehicles, under supplies. Printing and reproduction should be reduced. Travel costs around 79 inclusive of council and staff. So it's police officers training primarily -- some may be for that. Dues, 2,300. Utilities, relatively stationary.
Trash collection, don't to anticipate a increase in that. Communications, professional services, I project a decrease because the contract with Waccamaw-Cobb, which was providing technical assistance on the LMO -- Land Management Ordinance, has ended. So that was a substantial cost that we won't be incurring again this year. Repairs and maintenance, substantially down after we completed the firehouse and also the community center. Most were done -- and court services should be reduced to 15,000. And insurance, as I indicated, going from 26,000 to 32,000. That's the percentage increase across the board at the insurance carrier is taxing all of the municipalities on. Equipment rental.

Equipment purchases, this number is the 15,000 that I talked projecting to do the separation of the internet services from police and administration. That's what I'm budgeting from that, hopefully it'll come in less. But im budgeting $15,000. Capital purchases is looking to replace one police vehicle, or one that was total. We more than got enough from the insurance for it but this represents two
vehicles. Our maintenance vehicle is 19 years old. I understand it was donated to us. But I'm looking not to buy it new but to get it through these programs where we can get an upgraded maintenance vehicle. So the total combined cost, not to exceed $25,000. The next line item, project reserve total, $30,000 dollars. What I'm proposing to the council, to earmark for development costs. Development costs for such things as hiring technical assistants. Professionals that can assist us with developing plans and proposals and financing and funding for proposed development of the properties that we received primarily from the Housing Authority and allocating a budgeted amount. Earmarked at $30,000 dollars for that purpose. Total budget expenses, $750,040 with a slight surplus, $7,260 dollars.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So as of today, what is our -- do we not know what's we have in our accounts and stuff?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Yes ma'am.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay. Look, we're going by this budget workshop agenda.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Oh.
MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Yes, sir.

MAYOR EVANS: So are we ---

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: So at this time, I'd just like to open up to the council -- oh the chief handed me a copy of the actual police budget request he's trying to set up. If you'll take a look at it. Okay, and then I'd like to open it up for comments, inputs and (inaudible). The chief's numbers are already included in the overall budget numbers. But I wanted you to have a break down of what the police department budget request is by line items. I'll let you go through and file the (inaudible) -- specific budget. The police department budget, represented by 50 percent of my overall budget for the town and all expenses and obviously the major department ...

COUNCILMAN EVANS: You've already included this in the numbers you got?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Yes sir.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Okay so this is the itemized?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Yeah.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Oh okay. That's fine, that was adding on to that.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Any -- mayor council, any input,
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any recommendations, suggestions, any priorities that I didn't touch that you'd like to see? Incorporate modifications of what is being proposed.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Mr. Mayor, it seems like a fairly realistic budget and we I run over it, I didn't see anything that jumped out to me that, you know, it's just a projection. And the projection seems to be fairly realistic.

MAYOR EVANS: I agree.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: One -- just caught footnote, and we've been fortunate -- knock on wood, we have not had any -- well, let me take that back. We've had one law suit. By Mr. Taylor, that is still out standing for defamation. In fact chief and I have been asked to give deposition on June the 6th. But my point is, we have not, in the last 4 years, been sued or paid out any funds from lawsuits over the 4 year period. And I'm pretty happy about that. I'm trying to ...

MAYOR EVANS: Well, that's a positive, but even in the past, we didn't have any either outside of the member sitting at this table suing the town that they were put -- voted in office to
protect and serve. So the majority of the
lawsuits that we did have, came from before us.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: The sitting council members.

MAYOR EVANS: The sitting council members.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: So you ought to be commended.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Okay. And now I -- since we're
still on this right here -- I just want to say,
now I see over here where we have for repairs
and stuff and the community center is coming
along good. But I don't know, the men's
bathroom looks really good. But I don't know
if you all have looked over in the ladies
bathroom, it's a mess in there.

MAYOR EVANS: The thing is, in my opinion -- because
I haven't even been in the men's bathroom here
lately -- but I'm not talking about nothing
extravagant, but it seems like the bathrooms
just need to totally remodeled ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Redone.

MAYOR EVANS: --- redone.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Exactly.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: You need stalls, everything?

MAYOR EVANS: Yeah, you need stalls, yeah
everything.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Now it's a -- it's a mess in the
ladies. But I don't know about the mens bathroom. But the ladies bathroom is terrible.

MAYOR EVANS: They need to be upgraded.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Huh-uh.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Okay.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: And the kitchen.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Well you might as well say the whole thing. Damn near need to go through the whole thing.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yeah, yeah.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: You just cherry picking now.

MAYOR EVANS: Well, she already started though, with the kitchen with the cabinets and the stuff.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: How about the -- oh, that's started?

MAYOR EVANS: I mean, it ain't start but I know he's got it on the table. I mean that's been brought up.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: And is it still leaking in here?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: It is?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Really?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Yeah. We had a contractor come in here.
COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Oh. Okay. Because I'm looking up here at these things right here and ...

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Yeah. And that's why I haven't started on any of the cosmetic stuff until that got resolved.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Well it looks good.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yeah it looks good.

MAYOR EVANS: Is that just a light? Does that thing move? Is it just a light?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Huh?

MAYOR EVANS: Is that just a light.

MULTIPLE VOICES: That's a camera.

MAYOR EVANS: Oh.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Good.

(Inaudible background noise.)

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: You all don't have nothing that you all want to say on record?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Okay. I just want to review the time line, the item number four on the agenda. Fine line public hearing will be today at -- during our public section, 6 o'clock. I will go but a general overview with the public. Not as detailed as I did with council in terms of the overall numbers, by categories. And then
the 2nd reading is June the 4th.

CLERK: June the 3rd.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: June the 3rd. For adoption. And we have to have to have it adopted by June, the beginning of the fiscal year. Any questions on the time line? Is there anything else? Council, you want to add, suggest or recommend? That's all I have mayor.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay. So this concludes the public hearing?

CLERK: No, the budget workshop.

MAYOR EVANS: The budget workshop, I'm sorry. This concludes the budget workshop. So are we just going to just close this and go to executive session at 5?

(Inaudible background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: Y'all just want to go into executive session?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Seek a motion.

MAYOR EVANS: I seek a motion to adjourn the budget workshop.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: So move.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and a second to close to budget workshop. No questions or comments?
Roll call?

CLERK: Mayor pro tem Kenneth McLaurin?

MAYOR PRO TEM McLaurin: Yea.

CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans?

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted.

(The budget meeting adjourned.)