The Town of Atlantic Beach Town Council meeting was held and recorded during a conference call meeting at Atlantic Beach, South Carolina, on the 6th day of April, 2020.
APPEARANCES

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Mayor Jake Evans, Chairman
Councilman Lenearl Evans
Councilwoman Josephine Isom
Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore
Councilwoman Glenda Williams

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 via a conference call this Monday, April the 6th, year 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Roll call?

CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans?

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Here.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Okay (ph).

CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams? Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yea -- I'm here.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Here. Council, we need to seek a motion to start our Executive Session. Executive Session items -- Horry County hospitality tax lawsuit and Tyson Beach versus Town of Atlantic Beach lawsuit, as well as personnel. Seek a motion, Council?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and second to go into Executive Session for legal and personnel. Any other questions or comments? Roll call?
CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans?
COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.
CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?
COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.
CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?
COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.
CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams?
COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yea.
CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?
MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion is granted.

Executive Session:

(Executive Session.)

MAYOR EVANS: --- Executive Session into the General Session.
COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved ---
COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: So moved, Mr. Mayor ---
COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: So moved.
COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Second.
MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and it's been seconded to come out of the Executive Session into the General Session. Any other questions or comments? Roll call?
CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans?
COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.
CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?
COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yea.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The motion is granted.

General Session:

MAYOR EVANS: At this time I want to welcome the public, whoever might be on the call. And at this moment ask for a moment of silence.

(Moment of Silence.)

MAYOR EVANS: We're down to our ceremonial matters. Council members, anybody have anything ceremonial?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: I don't.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR EVANS: Want to note we're in the midst of something that -- it's out of all of our control and something that I've never experienced in life and I don't think anybody else on the call probably has so I pray that everybody stays safe and takes care of themselves, and I wish everybody and their families well through these trying times.
Council, seek a motion for the approval of the agenda?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and second for approval of the agenda. And if there's no questions or comments, roll call for approval of the agenda?

CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans?

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yea.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted.

Old Business:

MAYOR EVANS: Number 5, Old Business, Town Council meeting minutes. Minutes from the Town Council meeting held on March 2nd, 2020 and March 18 (sic), 2020. If -- Council members, if you had time to go through those minutes and if you're ready to vote on them, I will seek a motion for
the approval of those minutes.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: Motion and second for the approval of minutes from the March 2nd and the March 19th, 2020 meeting minutes. There's a motion and second. If there's no questions or comments, roll call?

CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans?

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yea.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion is granted.

New Business:

MAYOR EVANS: We're down to Item Number 6, New Business. This will be Ordinance Number 1-2020. Council, I seek a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 1-2020, which is an amendment to Ordinance Number 4-2019 which postpones the Black Pearl Cultural Heritage and Bike Festival
from Labor Day -- I'm sorry -- from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend due to the COVID-19 virus. Need a motion, Council, to adopt that ordinance, Number 1-2020.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.
COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and a second to adopt Ordinance 1-2020, the amendment to Ordinance Number 4-2019, which postpones the -- our Black Pearl Cultural Heritage and Bike Festival from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend due to the COVID-19 virus. There's been a motion and a second, and if there's no other questions or comments ... If not, roll call?

CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans?
COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?
COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?
COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams?
COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yea.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?
MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted.
MAYOR EVANS: We're down to Item Number 7, the Town Manager's report.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor, Council and public, I just wanted to share with the Council and the public what the Town has been doing in response to this pandemic. We are following the directives of the governor that have been issued in terms of impacting the entire state and closed the beach access, business closings that have been delineated in the various executive orders issued by the governor of the State. A week -- last Friday -- I think is the 23rd -- offices were closed to the public, but we're continuing to service the public through Telework, teleconferencing, and are still carrying on many of the administrative functions in terms of -- including permitting, that is going on for any work being done, business license renewals and new applications. We are taking to a system where people can provide that (inaudible) documentation to our office, and we are working electronically to respond to all of the requests that the public has for those particular services. It has severely impacted development. We had the -- prior to the
announcement of pandemic, a lot of interest in -- on the part of the (inaudible) developing in the Town to do development in the Town of Atlantic Beach. I'm hoping and trying to keep the dialogue with all of those entities that have expressed an interest that during and after this pandemic crisis that they will move forward with a proposed plan that they have indicated to me. I was very excited about the volume of interest in the Town and developing the Town, and will tell them -- I will follow up with and stay in contact as those proposals develop to bring them to the Planning Commission and to the Council at large. Our police officers, our staff, are continuing to provide very good service. We took all precautions to protect their health and safety as they carry out their duties, services in town. The Chief has reported to me he's gotten good cooperation from the residents and the public. Thanks to Ms. -- Councilwoman Glenda Williams initiating and getting an onsite delivery of breakfast and lunches in the Town of Atlantic Beach that's -- it's daily five days a week, 10:45 I think for a 15-30 minute
period. That has been going very well, and the residents of the community have been participating in that. So I just wanted to emphasize to the public that we still are operating our services and doing it electronically, and that any requests for information or any type of services we will be available to respond to. Any questions?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Nope ---

MAYOR EVANS: Item Number 2?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: We're continuing to move forward with the grant application -- or our grant reward we received for $150,000 and we need to (inaudible) fund. We have met initially with the representatives from the State and in the process of doing all the required paperwork and documentation to move that grant forward. There are a number of requirements the Town will have to meet in terms of handicap accessibility and a number of other requirements administratively that I've already brought -- and documents to be adopted by the Town on handicap -- disability accessibility. We also went out and did a proposal to solicit an environmental fund to be a Phase I
Environmental, a requirement of the grant. We've already received one response and I'm waiting to see whether there's response -- only one response. We could move forward with that response and request a proposal, or will we have to go back out and solicit. Normally, requirements of the grant is that we have at least three proposals (inaudible). We've only received one, and I'm waiting on a determination by our grant assistant, Waccamaw COG to make a determination on that. But we are moving forward with all of the preliminary requirements in order to access that funding and to refurbish comprehensively our playground -- park/playground by the Community Center on 32nd Avenue. That's all I have, Mayor and Council. Any questions?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Nope.
COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: No questions.
MAYOR EVANS: Okay, no questions from anyone?
COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: None ---
COUNCILWOMAN GORE: (Inaudible.)
MAYOR EVANS: I guess I will ask the Town Manager and staff at this time, were they notified that we would have anyone on the call that would be
wishing to speak on Public Time?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: No requests in advance. Cheryl, have you -- did you receive any requests?

CLERK: No, I did not.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Okay.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay, Council, seek a motion to adjourn?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved ---

COUNCILMAN EVANS: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: Have a motion and a second -- motion and a second to -- roll call?

CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans?

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yea.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted. This meeting is adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

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