

TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, October 5, 2020

5:00 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 5th day of October, 2020.



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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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1 Call to Order:

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** This Town Council meeting is called to
3 order this Monday, October 5th, year 2020.
4 Roll call?

5 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

6 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Here.

7 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

8 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Here.

9 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

10 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Here.

11 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Glenda Williams? Mayor Jake
12 Evans?

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Here. Council, seeking a motion to go
14 into Executive Session for legal and personnel.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** So moved, Mr. Mayor.

16 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and there's a second
18 to go into Executive Session for legal and
19 personnel matters. Any other questions or
20 comments? Roll call.

21 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

22 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

23 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

24 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

25 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?



1 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Here -- yea.

2 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

3 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion is granted.

4 Executive Session:

5 (Executive Session.)

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

9 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: So moved, Mr. Mayor.

10 COUNCILMAN EVANS: Second.

11 MAYOR EVANS: Motion and a second to come out of
12 Executive Session into the General Session.
13 Any other questions or comments? Roll call.

14 CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans?

15 COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.

16 CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

17 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

18 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

19 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

20 CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

21 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yea.

22 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

23 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The motion is granted.

24 General Session:

25 MAYOR EVANS: I want to take this time out to



1 welcome the general public and ask at this time
2 if you have any cell phones or anything that
3 might disturb the proceedings, that you silence
4 those for us at this time please. And if you
5 will please stand for a moment of silence.

6 **(Moment of Silence.)**

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** Pledge of Allegiance.

8 **(Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison.)**

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** Any ceremonial matters, Council
10 members? No ceremonial? We're down to
11 approval of the agenda. Council, seek a motion
12 for the approval of the agenda.

13 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

14 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Second.

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and second for the approval of
16 the agenda. Any other questions or comments?
17 No? Roll call.

18 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

19 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

20 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

21 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

22 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

23 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

24 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

25 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Yea.



1 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion granted.

3 **Old Business:**

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to Old Business, Town
5 Council meeting minutes -- minutes from the
6 Town Council meetings held on August the 17th,
7 August 28th and September 4 of 2020. Council,
8 seek a motion for the approval of those
9 minutes.

10 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

11 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Second.

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second for the
13 approval of the minutes. Any other questions
14 or comments? Roll call.

15 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

16 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

17 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

18 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

19 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

20 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

21 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

22 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Yea.

23 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion granted.

25 **New Business:**



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to New Business. Council
2 may make motions and take action on matters
3 related to Executive Session.

4 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Mr. Mayor, I would like to
5 make a motion in regards to the Atlantic Beach
6 Bike Fest organizer. I would like to make a
7 motion in concern to the amounts that may or
8 may not have been collected on behalf of the
9 Town for funds as donations. I make a motion
10 that we bring Marcus Media, have a motion for
11 him to come in with all records, all
12 documentation, send a certified letter
13 addressing our concerns because unbeknownst to
14 the Town of Atlantic Beach, he may have
15 collected \$50,000, \$100,000, how much ever,
16 that we -- has not benefited from any
17 whatsoever. So I make the motion that City
18 Manager send a certified letter to have them to
19 come in as proof of what we did and did not
20 receive, and also discuss his position with
21 Bike Fest in -- on that date, determine whether
22 he would be working any further with the Town
23 of Atlantic Beach.

24 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I second that motion.

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second on the



1 table with Marcus Media from Bike Fest. Any
2 other questions or comments? Roll call.

3 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

4 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

5 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

6 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

7 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

8 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

9 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

10 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Yea.

11 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion's granted. We're down to
13 B, Ordinance Number 9-2020, amendment to
14 Ordinance Number 5-2020 extending the
15 declaration of the emergency in the Town of
16 Atlantic Beach until December 7th, 2020. I
17 seek a motion, Council, to adopt Ordinance
18 Number 9-2020.

19 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** So moved.

20 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second to adopt
22 Ordinance Number 9-2020. Any other questions
23 or comments? Roll call.

24 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

25 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.



1 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

2 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

3 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

4 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

5 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

6 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Yea.

7 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. The motion is granted. We're
9 down to C, Ordinance Number 10-2020, an
10 emergency ordinance requiring individuals to
11 wear face coverings in certain circumstances
12 and matters related thereto. And that is
13 Ordinance Number 10-2020 that references the
14 face coverings.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Question on that. So therefore,
16 shouldn't we put in there that -- whatever it
17 is that we're requiring the covers to be at,
18 whether or not it should be inside of a
19 dwelling or do we want it wherever you are or
20 how should that be? Because, I mean, maybe
21 they're gonna think that it's just on the
22 inside when it might be on the outside, how
23 would that be done?

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** Well, we've got a copy of that here
25 somewhere. Where is that? 2020.



1 (Inaudible background noise.)

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** You got it?

3 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yeah, but I mean where is the --
4 where is it required to wear the face
5 coverings, I mean, is it throughout the town.
6 You can't be outside without a mask? It -- I
7 mean, how is it, what is it?

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** Is it in here, Ben?

9 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** It's in the paragraph on page two,
10 it identifies the locations where required, the
11 fifth whereas down -- grocery stores,
12 pharmacies, businesses, personal services,
13 dispensing -- including hair, nail salons,
14 barber shops, fast food parlors, restaurants,
15 retail establishments, grocery stores and ---

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yeah, it specifies.

17 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Okay.

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, we had -- did we have a motion
19 and a second on the table for that?

20 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved. We didn't have
21 anything. So moved.

22 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** I'm gonna second.

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. There's been a motion and a
24 second. If there's no other questions or
25 comments, roll call.



1 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

2 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

3 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

4 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

5 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

6 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

7 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

8 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Yea.

9 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion is granted. We're down
11 to D, which is Ordinance Number 11-2020. And
12 this is an amendment to Title 12 Public
13 Nuisance. That Ordinance was 10-2009, health
14 and sanitation nuisance ordinances, illegal
15 dumping, care and maintenance of lots, debris
16 and litter, abandoned or derelict motor
17 vehicles, noise. And this is a first reading.
18 We need to adopt the first reading of Ordinance
19 Number 11-2020.

20 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

21 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Second.

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** There is a motion and a second to
23 adopt Ordinance Number 11-2020, and this will
24 be for the first reading. If there's no
25 questions or comments ---



1 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Can I ---

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay.

3 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- just highlight. Mayor,
4 Council and public, this proposed ordinance is
5 to strengthen our existing ordinance in regards
6 to health and sanitation and overall appearance
7 of our town. Residents, Council, have been
8 raising issues around some of the unsightliness
9 that are being created by individuals who are
10 not complying with maintaining their
11 properties, leaving debris, materials, trash on
12 their properties. People coming in, dumping
13 furniture, tires and things of that nature.
14 This ordinance, the first part, dealing with
15 the overall conditions of our properties and
16 residents maintaining their properties in a
17 safe, habitable and sanitary condition. One of
18 the major challenges that I've faced here as
19 the Town Manager since I've been here is trying
20 to maintain properties -- vacant properties by
21 absentee owners not maintaining their
22 properties, i.e., cutting them and keeping them
23 in a safe and habitable condition, and this
24 just strengthens our existing ordinance on
25 maintenance of properties to give us more



1 teeth, if you will, to write citations and to
2 collect resources to maintain those properties.
3 On page three specifically, penalties for not
4 maintaining properties gives a hundred percent
5 expenses that we will take and have the
6 property cleaned, and further adds us the
7 ability to add on an administrative fee for
8 non-compliance, which we did not have
9 previously, and it also puts a ten percent
10 annual interest charge on unpaid fees. What we
11 have been doing, we have cited this year and in
12 prior years a number of absentee property
13 owners who do not maintain their properties.
14 We received numerous complaints from residents
15 about stray animals congregating in the town
16 because of those unsafe and overgrown lots in
17 the town. We've currently notified 14
18 residents, but this will add and give us a
19 stronger incentive for the property owners to
20 comply with the ordinances around maintaining
21 their properties. It also protects the
22 residents from the negativity that comes from
23 trash, debris, rodents inhabiting these
24 conditions. Page six deals with abandonment,
25 derelict motor vehicles. This gives us the



1 ability -- and the Police Department to write
2 citations for abandoned cars, unlicensed,
3 unregistered vehicles, those that are not in
4 good working condition for a considerable time.
5 Individual time frames are listed in the
6 ordinance, but will give us greater strength to
7 report and have property owners (inaudible).
8 And the last category, which is we don't have
9 an ordinance for the noise in the Town of
10 Atlantic Beach. I'm gonna ask the Chief of
11 Police to come up and discuss what they are
12 proposing in terms of a noise ordinance. We
13 receive numerous complaints for loud noise in
14 the town. I would like him to talk to you
15 specifically about what the Department is
16 facing and the issues that we're hoping to
17 hopefully remedy that situation. Chief?

18 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** Mayor and Council, Town
19 residents. In the last couple months, we've
20 been getting a lot of complaints about noise
21 that's been going on in the town. In talking
22 to some of the Council members, the Town
23 Manager, we came up with a plan to try put the
24 noise ordinance in place so we can hold
25 everybody accountable. One of the biggest keys



1 to the noise ordinance is it will start from
2 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. (inaudible). Then
3 also, it is not just for music so I don't want
4 anybody to think it's just targeting the club
5 or anything. We've have a lot of different
6 incidents other than (inaudible). It's dealing
7 with (inaudible), it's dealing with there's
8 somebody outside ---

9 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

10 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** --- dealing with loud cars
11 and noise. It gives the Police Department a
12 lot more authority to reinforce the law because
13 of the loud noise that we get. And we're
14 getting calls about people racing up and down
15 the roads. We get calls about somebody in a
16 loud car with a loud muffler (inaudible) people
17 outside noise. Without a noise ordinance, we
18 really get too much -- there's people outside
19 yelling (inaudible) disorderly conduct on the
20 beach and stuff like that. But the noise
21 ordinance gives us a lot more power to enforce
22 (inaudible) in town. The noise ordinance came
23 about because we've been getting a lot of
24 complaints about -- when the nightclub goes
25 live (ph). One of the biggest problems is it



1 -- it is in the -- not a residential area, a
2 commercial area, so therefore one of our
3 biggest problems fighting that (inaudible) and
4 we just started writing tickets over there.
5 But at the same time, we're still gonna have to
6 apply (inaudible). Anybody got any questions?

7 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I do. Okay, so don't have a
8 problem with the times that you all have set
9 here (inaudible) but at the same time, like I
10 said before to Mr. Q. and Council, the club is
11 really in their zone. Those are club zones.
12 Now, you say that you get calls from residents
13 that's calling from wherever, the club was
14 there first. Those people, whomever it is
15 that's reporting them, the club was there
16 first. Okay. So therefore, there should be a
17 certain volume for it -- understood -- but how
18 do you all know how loud it is because what's
19 loud to you all might not be loud to who's just
20 right there because you will have people -- and
21 I know for sure because you was down there one
22 night when somebody called you and told you
23 that there was a shooting going on down there.
24 So now, somebody's actually targeting this club
25 I feel as though and that -- and it is not my



1 club, by the way, you all. I help Brenda out
2 and she's a property owner here, a landowner
3 here, and she's been here forever. Not all of
4 a sudden instead of -- the Police Department
5 coming to her, telling her that look, you have
6 your music too loud every time the cops walks
7 in there, he's giving her a ticket for \$500.
8 The way I see it is the same as she sees it,
9 like they are just targeting her, trying to run
10 the business out of town. Well, those are the
11 businesses bringing revenue to the Town as
12 well. So therefore, I mean, I don't understand
13 how it is that she keeps getting tickets -- at
14 10:30, she got a ticket. I was down there an
15 hour before then and I know for sure that the
16 speakers was never hooked up. They had the
17 boom box in there. So that music was too loud
18 too?

19 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** I didn't work that night so
20 I couldn't ---

21 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** No, I'm telling you, I was down
22 there. I know for sure. And so I don't
23 understand how it is that just because he feels
24 like giving her a ticket, it's okay whenever
25 the music isn't -- they still had it on the



1 Bluetooth at 10:30 that night I know that for
2 sure. But he flies up in there and politely
3 gives her a \$500 ticket. But see, that's where
4 I think that for people that live in the town,
5 the Police Department should not be out -- it's
6 like it's we're money hungry? Every time they
7 go there and start -- they say your music's too
8 loud. Turn it down. Understood. Turn it
9 down. Okay, so we've got to go at \$500 every
10 time you hit her. I mean to me, I think we
11 need to really fix that because it's not ---

12 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** --- be up to the Council,
13 what kind of price. The Council still has to
14 vote on this ordinance so it's still up to you
15 all. I mean it's not my ordinance, it's the
16 Town ---

17 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** There isn't ---

18 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** --- you all will have to
19 vote on it ---

20 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Well, this -- this is pretty
21 reasonable. I mean I'm only one vote. What
22 I'm saying is in existence right now, she was
23 issued maybe \$2,000 worth of tickets to
24 somebody who's actually here. I mean the
25 police don't know, I mean, it's not where you



1 could just go to her -- not you, but him -- and
2 say look, Mrs. Brenda, or whatever. I mean if
3 it was me, I would've probably done said look,
4 you've got to shut it down period versus giving
5 me \$500 tickets every time you pass by because
6 now, you're on the phone talking when you pass
7 by and you can hear the music -- that don't
8 make no sense to me.

9 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** With this noise ordinance
10 we're really -- you know, one way you could
11 tell if the noise is too loud, it will define
12 a decibel reading so we will be able to test
13 and see how loud the music really is. And I
14 may -- there have been occasions that I've been
15 on 32nd Avenue and I heard the music. And if
16 that'll be the case, I gotta call that the
17 music was loud (inaudible) the club
18 (inaudible). It goes both ways.

19 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** It does.

20 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** So, we would have different
21 things to make sure that you're checking them
22 all to make sure that everybody, the whole town
23 (inaudible), but at the end of the day, it's
24 the Council that will be making that final
25 decision for ---



1 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** One more thing. Okay, so based
2 on this, she received these tickets based on a
3 phone call. She got four or five tickets, \$500
4 a piece, based on a phone call, did they have
5 a decibel reader? They was gonna call --
6 somebody said that the music is too loud. How
7 do we ---

8 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** We've got one decibel
9 reader. We've got one. I'm trying to get --
10 that all officers have one (ph). If we do have
11 one. We're trying to get to the point that
12 every single officer would have their own one
13 when they're out on patrol so they won't have
14 to keep trading between (inaudible). Referring
15 to my Lieutenant Cox, I can't answer that
16 because, you know, I wasn't there. So I mean,
17 if you give me time, I'll get you footage --
18 footage from his body camera and stuff and
19 we'll see -- and talk to him (inaudible).

20 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yeah, at 10:30, that's the one I
21 wanted to see. At 10:30 that night, why did
22 this woman get a \$500 ticket, that's -- I mean,
23 I'm not asking you or making you do anything,
24 I'm just trying to get some clarity for her.

25 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** (Inaudible.)



1 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Uh-huh.

2 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Mr. Chief, can I get the
3 times again?

4 POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON: It's 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

5 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: 11:00 p.m. to 7:00?

6 POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON: Yes.

7 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: A.m.?

8 POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON: A.m.

9 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: A.m.? Mr. Chief, I also
10 have a question in lieu of what Councilwoman
11 Gore said to you. How do you all distinguish
12 -- because 30th Avenue is commercial and I know
13 it's -- 29th is right against that, which is
14 residential, which did become ---

15 (Inaudible background noise.)

16 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: --- right? But is that --
17 at the same time, it's a catch-22 because we
18 have residents that -- in like those apartment
19 units that's on 30th, those apartment units are
20 -- it is commercial as well, but yet, you have
21 residents that reside in a commercial
22 buildings. How do you all intend to define or
23 handle that just -- and I'd want to give you an
24 example -- just say for instance the hotel --
25 you have residents complaining in that



1 apartment hotel unit on 30th, right? But then
2 with the club being so close to where that unit
3 is located, but yet that's commercial and the
4 club is commercial, how do you all plan to
5 define difference?

6 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** There's gonna be --
7 challenges that come with that -- in terms of
8 that. But at the same time, we would have to
9 make a decision. I tell my officers, you know,
10 try to go talk to the owner or the promoter who
11 rented the club that night and let them know --
12 give them a warning. I know when I've been out
13 there, a couple times I've called them and told
14 them, hey, the music's too loud, can you turn
15 it down? I'm getting calls. So we try to give
16 a warning, but at the same time, we know
17 they're commercial but at the same time
18 (inaudible) so they're kind of at the --
19 they're middle way into -- you have to make a
20 decision, what's the best for the whole town
21 (inaudible). But we do have older folks that
22 live in town so I know they don't want to hear
23 music at 3:00 or 4:00 o'clock in the morning,
24 and at the same time you've got younger folks
25 that don't want to hear the music at 3:00 or



1 4:00 in the morning, but at the same time, it
2 is a club. So it's one of those thin lines
3 that we have to walk and we usually have to
4 make a determination at the time if we feel
5 like it's too loud, then we have to -- and
6 we've warned them a couple times then we have
7 to write a ticket (inaudible). We're not in
8 the business of trying to make money off of
9 tickets. We're in the business of trying to
10 hold everybody accountable for their actions.

11 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** So can you reverse tickets?

12 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** Can you clear -- what do you
13 mean, reverse?

14 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Oh, I'm sorry. She made
15 mention that the owner of the club received
16 maybe four tickets, right? And I think the
17 question -- or the clarity is -- I heard
18 Councilwoman Gore, she was saying what about
19 the tickets was just written just for walking
20 in or driving by? What I'm saying is that ---

21 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** Can we work -- can we ---

22 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Right. Is there any ---

23 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** Oh, can we work out a deal
24 with the owner or anything.

25 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Right.



1 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** One of my pet peeves -- I do
2 not get involved in all these tickets unless I
3 have to, unless they're doing something totally
4 wrong then I have to step in. I try to be
5 neutral. Now, I tell them that any ticket they
6 write, they're the one, they (inaudible) the
7 prosecutor. But if I have to step in because
8 it's something that they did wrong (inaudible)
9 in different ways, I will step in. But anybody
10 that comes to court, they (inaudible) officers
11 will work with them there in court. A lot of
12 people that come to court might have \$2000
13 worth of fines, might be paying \$500. My
14 officers do work with people in court. So to
15 answer your question, I guess it'll be on the
16 list (ph).

17 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Okay. One more question to
18 that. Who sets the price? Is the price
19 something that the Town has set? I mean for --
20 \$500 ---

21 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** It's -- the prices range
22 from -- I think I saw the tickets in town from
23 \$50 to \$500. None of our tickets carry
24 (inaudible). The maximum is \$500. No ticket
25 can be written more than \$500. There are



1 certain tickets that are \$50, there are certain
2 tickets that are \$100. They're different
3 prices -- every ticket carries a minimal price.
4 Operating without a business is an automatic
5 \$500. There's no warning at all. It's an
6 automatic \$500 fine. I'm trying to think.
7 Can't think -- without having the spreadsheet
8 in front of me, but different ones have
9 different prices.

10 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Okay. Well, the lieutenant made
11 the statement that you give out \$75 tickets
12 versus his \$500 ticket so therefore there has
13 got to be a chart or something saying that he's
14 allowed to do that, right?

15 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** Well, I -- there hasn't been
16 -- I haven't wrote a ticket in a couple months
17 so ---

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Okay, but that ---

19 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** --- I lied. I may have
20 wrote two operating without a business tickets,
21 but other than that I haven't really wrote any
22 tickets so if he said that, he misspoke I'm
23 guessing. I haven't wrote no tickets for law
24 enforcement or breach of peace. He hasn't been
25 writing tickets for law enforcement, he's been



1 writing them for breach of peace.

2 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Well, he said -- no, this wasn't
3 even for that. This was for parked -- a car
4 that's parked in a loading zone where you park
5 right there, taking goods out of the car,
6 putting into the club. He came up and told her
7 that she better move now. If not, he was gonna
8 give her a \$500 ticket -- which I've already
9 told you this -- that he gives out \$500
10 tickets. Quentin gives out \$75 tickets.
11 That's how he said it to her. Now, that's what
12 I'm trying to find, where's the pay scale that
13 -- who, I mean, how is that determined?

14 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** It's a pay scale. Like I
15 said, without me having that sheet in front of
16 me, I can't -- -- I can't just (inaudible)
17 because everybody has their own -- well, I mean
18 it's all together, but everybody has their own
19 spreadsheet. I don't have one in front of me
20 here on ticketing, which is basically ... But
21 every different ordinance's got a different
22 fee. The majority of them are \$100. Just like
23 the face masks, that's -- you can write at that
24 \$25 (inaudible) but for that part, it's like a
25 \$25 ... That's a minimal (inaudible) masks.



1 So I mean, like I said, different ordinances
2 require different pay scales. And it's just
3 like even laws and stuff now that we write
4 tickets for, it's just different prices, it all
5 depends on what we set it for. And these
6 prices were set last year so I can't even tell
7 you off the top of my head. I don't look at
8 the sheet every day. I couldn't tell you what
9 the prices are. But I will get that
10 information for you.

11 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Thank you.

12 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** And, Mr. Chief, we're not
13 beating up on you, but the bottom line
14 perspective of it all is that you're Chief and
15 the officers are your employees ---

16 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Exactly.

17 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** --- and basically long story
18 short, the outlook is you're responsible
19 whether they write a \$500 ticket or a \$25
20 ticket, you're responsible that you know
21 everything basically that happens with your
22 officers. And I know you, you know, you just
23 said that, you know, you allow your officers to
24 do what they do, right? But ---

25 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** Right. Well, it's kind of



1 hard on me to watch every officer and every
2 single ticket they write because some courts
3 we have over a hundred tickets so me taking
4 every single ticket you write, it would be kind
5 of hard for me to -- track every single ticket.
6 Now, if the Council wants me to track every
7 single ticket, I will track every single ticket
8 they write, but it'll -- it'd be kind of hard
9 to track every single ticket because sometimes
10 people come to court, I didn't even know they
11 got a ticket until they show up. It could've
12 been a speeding ticket or disorderly conduct,
13 multiple tickets or even arrests -- I pay
14 attention to the ones that's major, they're the
15 ones that I'll kind of track, was something
16 behind it? I don't really look into it. I
17 might glance at it and say, well, the ticket in
18 court -- which my clerk will give me a list
19 documenting a couple days before court to let
20 me know who all's on the docket. Now,
21 Councilwoman Gore did -- spoke to the other day
22 about those tickets and I did tell her I would
23 get back with her. So, I'm still waiting to --
24 for everything to load up so I can review
25 cameras and stuff for that.



1 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** All right.

2 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Thank you.

3 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** Any questions from the
4 residents?

5 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thanks, Chief. I think we had on the
6 floor a motion for the first reading of
7 Ordinance Number 11-2020 which is the amendment
8 to Title 12 Public Nuisance Ordinance Number
9 10-2009. So, I believe the motion was on the
10 floor to adopt that Ordinance Number 11-2020.
11 I think it was a motion and seconded so just
12 need the roll call, Cheryl.

13 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

14 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

15 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

16 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

17 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Nay.

19 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

20 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Yea.

21 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion is granted. We're down
23 to E, which is Ordinance Number 12-2020, and
24 this is an ordinance regulating nightclubs and
25 nightclub entertainment promoters, and



1 providing penalties for violations of said
2 ordinance. And this is the first reading as
3 well.

4 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Chief?

5 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** This ordinance right here is
6 for nightclubs and nightclub promoters. It
7 basically holds the nightclub host and the
8 nightclub promoters accountable for their
9 actions. It basically -- it will give 'em more
10 information. So when we get different
11 promoters or even owners of the nightclubs that
12 come in town, we don't know if they're coming
13 from California and they've got a record of
14 different nightclubs that they had --
15 shootings, drug activity. Now, they would have
16 to fill out the application basically giving
17 all their information before we order the
18 background check. We run the background check
19 to help decide should we have the nightclub in
20 the town or let these people operate these
21 nightclubs. When I get one of these in, I will
22 pass it on to Council. Council will have the
23 final approval --

24 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

25 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** --- and basically I'm just



1 giving them my opinion that I don't feel
2 comfortable with these people having a license
3 to operate a nightclub in our town because of
4 their background. At the same time, these
5 nightclub promoters -- we have a lot of
6 promoters that come to town late winter and
7 they -- they're not paying the town a single
8 dime. So now, all these people that -- they
9 have to fill out an application and they say,
10 well, I want to be a promoter at Thee
11 Dollhouse, at Off The Hook, at Pearl -- I will
12 be promoting -- this is not good. So they
13 would have to fill out an application and let
14 us know how much money they're making because
15 they should be sending it to the IRS anyway,
16 and then we'll report it and they would have to
17 get a business license to the -- to be able to
18 run a business in the town. So the nightclubs
19 and the nightclub promoters -- it's basically
20 to hold them accountable so we know who's in
21 town, who ran these clubs, who controlled these
22 clubs so we know who to hold responsible at the
23 end of the day. At the same time, the Town
24 Council will decide what time the nightclubs
25 will close. That's not up to me, it's not up



1 to you all, it's up to Council. So if they
2 these clubs to shut down at 2:00 they will put
3 2:00. They want them to shut down at 3:00,
4 they will put 3:00, but we'll be able to ---

5 (Inaudible background noise.)

6 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** --- that's basically the
7 overall of the nightclub ordinance. Any
8 questions?

9 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So -- I've got one. I know you
10 all are probably wanting me to hush but -- so,
11 you're saying like a promoter comes in and they
12 have to get a business license so they can --
13 I totally agree. Okay.

14 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** Promoters would have to -- I
15 don't care if they're promoting one time in the
16 town or they're promoting the whole year, I
17 think the permit is \$100 for a one-time fee ---

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Project ---

19 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** --- for that year. Every
20 year they have to renew their promoter license.
21 But at the same time, they ---

22 (Inaudible background noise.)

23 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** --- nightclub. Let's say
24 Thee Dollhouse, they've got five different
25 owners. Every single owner would have to put



1 an application through. Now, there's only one
2 fee but every owner would have to fill out the
3 application and tell how many -- how much
4 percentage of the club they own so we know who
5 to hold accountable and we know who we're
6 talking to if we need to send letters out to
7 them.

8 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** So, Chief, I have a
9 question. So you're saying that a business
10 license only one time, right ---

11 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** Well, it's not a business --
12 I call it the nightclub ---

13 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Right, special permit.

14 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** Yes.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** But what about in each
16 occasion they have event? Say for instance, if
17 your event starts on -- today is October the
18 5th and ends on the 7th, right? So would they
19 have to pay a special event license fee as well
20 that when it stops -- it ends, or they just
21 have an many events as they want to?

22 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** As long as they pay the
23 promoter -- and it's something that the Council
24 would have to decide if they want them to be
25 able to pay for a business license also, but



1 once the promoter or the nightclub pays his
2 yearly fee for operating a nightclub, that's a
3 one-time fee. Now, I mean, you all could
4 implement more stuff if you all want them to
5 pay for every event or (inaudible) yearly, but
6 the fee this -- in this ordinance, it's just a
7 one-time fee and basically it just says -- it's
8 basically giving us information that we're
9 running a background check on them to make sure
10 that they don't have a warrants coming from
11 California and they're in our town running the
12 nightclubs.

13 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So it's more like a business
14 license, they have like a ---

15 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** Yeah ---

16 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** --- the lawn man's got to get a
17 business license once a year? Yeah, that's --
18 yeah, yeah.

19 **POLICE CHIEF ROBINSON:** And every year they've got
20 to renew it. Every year we run a -- they've
21 got a license and run an NCIC to make sure that
22 it's clear, make sure that these people ain't
23 coming from California and they've got warrants
24 because they're trafficking \$10,000 -- I mean
25 10,000 pounds of marijuana or cocaine and now



1 they're just down here trying to do the same --
2 it's basically for us to know who's in town and
3 what they're doing here. Any other questions?

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thanks, Chief. Council, I seek a
5 motion to adopt Ordinance Number 12-2020 first
6 reading.

7 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

8 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Second.

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second to adopt
10 Ordinance Number 13-2020 (sic). If there's no
11 other questions or comments, roll call.

12 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

13 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

14 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

15 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

16 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

17 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

18 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

19 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Yea.

20 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. The motion's granted. We're
22 down to Ordinance Number 13-2020. This is the
23 rezoning request for 13 parcels on 29th and
24 32nd Avenues South, respectively, and Seaview
25 Street consisting of -- well, whatever the



1 number is -- 119,270.6 square feet from MS2 and
2 WF2, Waterfront 2 District to R2 Residential
3 District. And this is the first reading as
4 well. And, Council, I knew you were -- I know
5 this is just a first reading, but there's gonna
6 be some amendments to this, is that correct?

7 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Make a motion and then ...

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. Okay, Council, seek, the motion
9 to adopt Ordinance Number 13-2020.

10 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** Can I get ---

12 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Second.

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second to adopt
14 Ordinance Number 13-2020. Questions, comments?

15 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor and Council, the Planning
16 Commission on September the 30th met to look at
17 the rezoning of certain parcels in the Town of
18 Atlantic Beach primarily located on 29th Avenue
19 in the Town of Atlantic Beach and 32nd Avenue
20 in the Town of Atlantic Beach. In summation,
21 all public notices were mailed out, individual
22 property owners were notified, and the Planning
23 Commission at the end of the public hearing
24 recommended that the current zoning changes on
25 -- I'll start with 29th Avenue from Seaview to



1 Ocean Boulevard, three parcels of land to be
2 rezoned to R2. Also, three parcels from 29th
3 Avenue on the left side that are currently
4 zoned MS2 rezoned R2. Coming over to 32nd
5 Avenue, the Planning Commission recommended
6 that the parcels identified on the zoning map
7 on the stars, starting from three parcels above
8 Seaview, going up 32nd Avenue, all the way down
9 to the waterfront, including the waterfront, be
10 rezoned from WF2 to R2. Council needs to
11 decide whether the recommendation of the
12 Planning Commission, or make any modifications
13 or amendments to that recommendation to
14 Council.

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** Any other questions, comments, Council?

16 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Mr. Mayor, Council, I --
17 with the recommendation coming from the
18 Planning Board, it is my understanding that we
19 agree to have the parcels -- three parcels
20 above -- on 32nd above Seaview Street to be R2,
21 the -- and then also the three parcels above
22 Seaview Street on 29th, where it says MS2, the
23 three parcels there are to be R2, and then the
24 three parcels below of 29th over where the
25 water area is at to be WF1 ---



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** Correct.

2 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** --- that is my understanding
3 of what we all agree upon.

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** I think that's correct.

5 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** And in doing so, it gets the
6 best of both worlds. The residents get what
7 they need whereby with the WF1 there's an
8 option where they can have single family
9 residence or they can have multi-unit
10 residences. Also, the Town gets what it needs
11 because right now the Town -- most of the Town
12 revenue -- or a lot of the revenue is
13 residential tax revenue, which the tax mill
14 rate is high, and we want to do something to
15 also kind of minimize some of the taxes that's
16 being paid. So therefore, with keeping the
17 property that's below Seaview Street on 29th,
18 just keeping that as WF1, then that satisfies
19 both the Town and it satisfies both the
20 residents. Same as with on 32nd Street, the
21 three lots above Seaview is now zoned R2 for
22 residential, and then the rest of it is from
23 the Planning Board.

24 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** It would remain WF2 ---

25 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** It would be WF1.



1 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: WF1.

2 MAYOR EVANS: Yeah, uh-huh.

3 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: (Inaudible.)

4 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yes, the lots below Seaview
5 Street on 32nd would be WF1.

6 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: To the waterfront?

7 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right, to the waterfront ---

8 MAYOR EVANS: Yes. Anybody else?

9 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: We making that a motion as an
10 amendment? (Inaudible.)

11 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: That was already in the ---

12 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: It was already a motion on
13 the floor.

14 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Okay.

15 MAYOR EVANS: Okay.

16 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Make it a motion to amend?

17 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: A motion to amend, yes.

18 MAYOR EVANS: Yes.

19 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Okay.

20 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: A motion to amend the
21 recommendation.

22 MAYOR EVANS: Okay. Second that, Jacqui.

23 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Second.

24 MAYOR EVANS: Okay, there is a motion and a second.
25 Any other questions or comments? And this is



1 the first reading. We're on Ordinance Number
2 13-2020. If there's no further discussions,
3 roll call.

4 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

5 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

6 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

7 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

8 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

9 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

10 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

11 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Yea.

12 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. That motion is granted. We're
14 down to G, election. The November 3rd, 2020
15 election polling information.

16 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Good
17 evening, residents. My name is Joe Montgomery
18 and I am the chairman of the Election
19 Commission at Atlantic Beach (inaudible). And
20 the Mayor asked me to give an overview of what
21 is going to happen November 3rd. Of course,
22 most of you voted in June. So the protocol
23 will be the same basically, you know, all of us
24 are aware of COVID-19 so spacing, distancing
25 will be important (inaudible) county election



1 -- at least the (inaudible) today and
2 (inaudible) it would be like the one in June.
3 But one thing I want you to know, for those of
4 you who are over 65, you have got this sheet
5 right here. I know that I received ---

6 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

7 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** --- in the past, you had to state
8 your reason for voting absentee. This year,
9 you don't do that. You can vote absentee for
10 any reason. You don't need a reason to vote
11 absentee. So, you should return this and right
12 now, it requires a witness -- it requires a
13 witness (inaudible) but it's going to the US
14 Supreme Court. The Republican party is taking
15 them to the US Supreme Court so we don't know
16 what's going to happen in that regard. So say
17 tomorrow (inaudible) suggest that -- we still
18 get (inaudible), but right now the -- Code says
19 you don't have to have a reason but that's if
20 you vote (inaudible). So, play it on the safe
21 side, just get the witness (inaudible). So
22 that's about all you (inaudible). And next
23 (inaudible) if we have ... The polls open as
24 they always do here, 7:00 to 7:00, and we will
25 be voting here. We may have (inaudible) and



1 you have to be registered. You know, you've
2 got to be registered 30 days before you vote so
3 you have to register to elect the --
4 (inaudible). And I think I covered everything,
5 but if you have any questions, let me know.
6 Are there questions? Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thanks, Joe.

8 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I'd like to tell everybody --
9 here I go again. But I'd like to tell
10 everybody that if you're one that likes to go
11 and vote early at the crossroads that Nixon --
12 on Stevens crossroads and North Strand
13 Recreation Center, I voted there today. You
14 can vote there if you want to instead of going
15 to Conway.

16 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** And we encourage everybody to vote.

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yes. For the record, election is
18 November 3rd, which of course is a Tuesday.
19 Our meeting that we normally would have the
20 first Monday in November would be the day
21 before that, but I guess we are canceling that
22 meeting so the Election Commission has time to
23 come in here and prepare and get things set up
24 for election day. So our meeting that's
25 supposed to be held on the 2nd will probably be



1 rescheduled for a later date. Is that correct,
2 Ben?

3 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** For the following Monday? The
4 following Monday is the 9th of November.

5 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yeah, the following Monday is the 9th.
6 Is that what we're going with? Yes, that's
7 fine. Okay. Okay, looks like we're down to
8 the Manager's Report.

9 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, Council, public, I have
10 nothing to report.

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay.

12 **Public Time:**

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Then we're down to Public Time --
14 we've got three cards here. I think one
15 belongs to Mr. Paul Curry.

16 **MR. CURRY:** I was the last one here, but if you want
17 me to go first?

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** Go right ahead.

19 **MR. CURRY:** Yes, sir. Good evening, Council, staff
20 and members of the public. The reason I'm
21 addressing you tonight, actually there's
22 several reasons. The first is a concern about
23 the 29th Avenue -- excuse me, if my mask --
24 mask keeps slipping down. I've got a copy from
25 the original plat that was done by H.A. Baker



1 from 1941, and it shows that at the 29th Avenue
2 street ending there is a 60-foot public
3 right-of-way. What concerns me -- by the way,
4 (inaudible). What concerns me is that the
5 Planning Commission people -- I got a copy of
6 the chart, and it shows that the 29th Avenue
7 street ending is private property. Well, so
8 maybe this is an error ---

9 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** It is.

10 **MR. CURRY:** So I hope it's something you'll address
11 because we've got a situation in town -- excuse
12 me, my voice shakes when I address the public
13 -- we have a situation in town where there's a
14 building on what should be the 30th Avenue
15 extension across Highway 17. Now, I don't know
16 how that ever happened in the past, but we want
17 to make sure that people have access to the
18 beach. What was the other item? There were
19 two other items (inaudible). Oh, this building
20 ---

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** Permits. Yeah, I think is. This E&E
22 Motel?

23 **MR. CURRY:** I remember now.

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay.

25 **MR. CURRY:** I have a copy here of a pleading that



1 was filed in the Circuit Court in Conway, and
2 it concerns me that it involves a property here
3 in the Town of Atlantic Beach at 413 31st
4 Avenue South. I'll read it to you. It's from
5 page seven, it's paragraph number six.
6 Following the closing of the subject
7 transaction over a course of time, defendant
8 and its owner, Glenda Williams, learned that
9 considerable repairs, updates and renovations
10 to the property were needed, including
11 substantial work on electrical systems,
12 plumbing systems, building walls and
13 foundation. I don't recall ever seeing a
14 building permit there. This pleading says that
15 there was \$176,000 in improvements -- plumbing,
16 electrical. They should require permits. I'd
17 like to see those permits.

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, (inaudible).

19 **MR. CURRY:** Finally, on the E&E Motel, what concerns
20 me as I drive through town I hear what sounds
21 like a portable electric generator running in
22 the courtyard. That building burned what, two
23 months ago, maybe even three, and the power was
24 removed at the time of the fire. Now, I
25 understand that a restoration crew might come



1 in with a portable generator to cut boards and
2 things to secure the building, but I have a
3 suspicion someone's living in that building.
4 And if they're living there and their
5 electricity is being supplied by a portable
6 generator, I think that's probably ---

7 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** What's the location ---

8 **MR. CURRY:** E&E Motel, 400 block of 31st. I'm not
9 sure exactly. Thanks for your time.

10 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Mr. Quattlebaum, can we ask
11 him questions? Hello. Mr. Curry?

12 **MR. CURRY:** I'm sorry. What -- did someone ask
13 (inaudible)?

14 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Yes, Councilwoman Glenda
15 Williams here.

16 **MR. CURRY:** Yes, ma'am.

17 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Are you a resident of
18 Atlantic Beach?

19 **MR. CURRY:** No, ma'am. Not a regular.

20 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Okay ---

21 **MR. CURRY:** Thank you for your time.

22 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** I have another question for
23 you.

24 **MR. CURRY:** Yes, ma'am?

25 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** May I ask what's your



1 concern as to always researching into Atlantic
2 Beach?

3 **MR. CURRY:** Yes, ma'am, you folks have violated my
4 civil rights by repeatedly arresting me, and
5 I'm going to try to do my level best to make
6 sure that you don't violate people's civil
7 rights any more (ph).

8 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Is that factual?

9 **MR. CURRY:** I'm sorry, ma'am?

10 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Is that factual?

11 **MR. CURRY:** I can't hear the word you're saying.

12 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Is it factual that you --
13 your civil ---

14 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Is it a known fact?

15 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Right. Has been violated?

16 **MR. CURRY:** I'm still not understanding the
17 question.

18 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Okay. My question to you,
19 because you are looking into the City of
20 Atlantic Beach, right ---

21 **MR. CURRY:** Yes, ma'am.

22 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** --- the Town of Atlantic
23 Beach. You said we have violated your rights?

24 **MR. CURRY:** Yes, ma'am.

25 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Okay, so that's factual that



1 you have been arrested over and over for no
2 cause?

3 **MR. CURRY:** Yes, ma'am, they've all been dismissed.

4 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Okay. So when you also ask
5 questions, so is it -- does it make it a civil
6 right for you to be in the Town of Atlantic
7 Beach harassing people for no reason, taking
8 photographs -- let me finish, sir. Let me
9 finish. Taking photographs, following people
10 from one destination to the next. I understand
11 that you understand your civil rights, but it's
12 also a code of harassment when you follow a
13 person from one location to the next, taking
14 photographs, videos, and you're saying that
15 we're violating you but where is it that you're
16 violating the Town?

17 **MR. CURRY:** My turn?

18 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** That -- you're absolutely
19 ready to go.

20 **MR. CURRY:** Okay, ma'am, I would caution you to call
21 me a harasser. Harassment is a crime ---

22 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** It is.

23 **MR. CURRY:** --- and you better not be accusing me of
24 a crime because the Town has tried that in the
25 past and the courts have ruled I have every



1 right to drive up and down every street in this
2 town. I have every right to photograph what is
3 clearly visible from the right-of-way, like
4 this portable generator at E&E. As far as your
5 last part, tell me who it is that I have
6 followed from one place to another. Give me
7 one person and one date because I've got ten
8 orders in my car and I can verify ---

9 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Sir, I won't into that. I
10 will not get into that. That's a legal dispute
11 ---

12 **MR. CURRY:** So, you have no proof. Thank you.

13 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Thank you. That's a legal
14 dispute. Thank you.

15 **MR. CURRY:** I'm sorry. Two more things about --
16 related to Chief Robinson's proposal about the
17 promoter (inaudible). There are ---

18 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

19 **MR. CURRY:** Is there an objection to my continuing?

20 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Yeah, they're saying your
21 three minutes are up, but thank you ---

22 **MR. CURRY:** Thank you (ph).

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** Karen Bennett. Is Karen Bennett?
24 Thank you.

25 **MS. BENNETT:** Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Town Council



1 and administrative (inaudible). I am Karen
2 Bennett and I'm following up (inaudible) to a
3 TV news report, and I called the City Manager
4 to get some inquiry as to what was going to be
5 done about the alleged ineligibility of Council
6 members to their non-residency. And I was told
7 that it would be brought up at this meeting,
8 and so I'm here to ask questions that the Town
9 -- or the City -- Town Council be addressing
10 the ineligibility of residency of members who
11 are actively seated on the Council (inaudible).
12 And if so, or not, I'd like to know what the
13 counsel advice is to -- legal counsel advice is
14 to the Town, as well as, what is the next steps
15 to that -- to remedy that situation? So, thank
16 you. And since I'm a first at this meeting, do
17 I get an answer or just speak?

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** I would probably as the Mayor just
19 start off by saying determining somebody's
20 residence is probably not an easy thing to do,
21 being that someone can live here in Atlantic
22 Beach some time and live somewhere else one
23 time, it's -- people are able to have multiple
24 residences. But if they meet the requirements
25 to actually run for office here by having the



1 correct documentation, or the correct documents
2 to run, as is -- your voter registration card,
3 your driver's license ID, or whatever you have,
4 whatever it takes to do that, you're asked
5 questions -- specific questions to get that
6 done. And who's going to prove where somebody
7 actually laid their head down at here tonight
8 or tomorrow night, I definitely can't say. I
9 mean I -- what all I saw was in the news media
10 and, other than that, I haven't heard anything.
11 But as far as I go, I definitely could not sit
12 up here and tell you every night where
13 different Council members might stay in
14 Atlantic Beach tonight and not tomorrow night.
15 Even myself, I don't reside in Atlantic Beach
16 every night. So what else -- what next step to
17 take to prove whether somebody is not eligible
18 to be on Town Council, who takes the next step
19 or where does it go from here, maybe somebody
20 else can answer that question up here other
21 than me. Ben, I don't know what answers you
22 may have, but that's all I can pretty much tell
23 you. And if any of the Council members, I
24 mean, anybody else have anything they would
25 like to add? No?



1 **MS. BENNETT:** All right, thank you. So am I to
2 understand that that was just a news report and
3 the Town will not be taking it under
4 advisement?

5 **MAYOR EVANS:** Well, I mean that's all we've heard.
6 I mean I haven't heard anything from anybody
7 else other than the news media.

8 **MS. BENNETT:** All right, thank you.

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** You're welcome. Dianne Hill?

10 **MS. HILL:** My name is Dianne Hill and I live at 609
11 30th Avenue. And I suppose my comments
12 actually dovetail what was said because I had
13 a question. I sent my comment card in
14 reflecting -- both news and print media stories
15 that I have seen reflecting, or alleging, that
16 some of our Council members are not residents
17 of the Town. And if that is indeed the case,
18 that is not in compliance with South Carolina
19 law for residency requirements for the township
20 that you serve. And that was my question for
21 Council tonight because I thought, well, gee,
22 I do not -- you'll have to tell me. You're the
23 people (inaudible) expect you to know these
24 answers, and I expect clarity. And in thinking
25 about that, my next thought was, well, if



1 they're not in compliance, do we have a legal
2 council, you know, is it required, did we meet
3 the requirements for a council? I don't know.
4 If we don't meet the legal requirements for a
5 council, can we conduct Town business? I don't
6 know. If we can't conduct Town business, are
7 we ripe for a takeover from some outside
8 entity? I don't know. So I thought I would
9 come to Council and pose these questions and
10 ask if at some point in time I could get an
11 answer. Not necessarily tonight -- I know I've
12 asked certain questions -- but I thought it --
13 we might be (inaudible) since that's kind of in
14 the air right now, to hear the judgment maybe
15 from the Town's attorney, or someone
16 (inaudible). Thank you.

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I would like to say I was
19 allocated in that as well. I live at 4273
20 Villa Drive, Unit 1009, Little River, South
21 Carolina, and I live there from May 30th up
22 until October the 30th; and then from October
23 30th, I'm back in Atlantic Beach from October
24 30th until May 30th. So therefore, I live here
25 six months out of the year -- six to seven,



1 it'll kind of be kind of back and forth, but
2 six to seven months out of the year here
3 because I was in the news as well so I'm just
4 wanting to clarify that I do live here, six
5 months out of the year I'm here.

6 **MS. BENNETT:** I have a response to that. I
7 understand that. I understand the concept of
8 dual citizenship, but I have heard that further
9 -- can be further determined by where a person
10 actually votes, and that would be considered a
11 legal residence. But as I said, I don't know.
12 These are things I've heard. I'm not an
13 attorney and I need (inaudible), but I do know
14 that dual residence occurs because I'm a dual
15 resident. And as a matter of fact, I told a
16 lot of friends (inaudible) that I have to wait
17 until November 3rd ---

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Uh-huh.

19 **MS. BENNETT:** --- become an official resident after
20 November 3rd, all of my voting will be done
21 here, but right now I hope my vote has a chance
22 to count (inaudible).

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** Anybody else? If not, seek a motion
24 to adjourn.

25 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved ---



1 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** So moved ---
2 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.
3 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second to adjourn. Roll
4 call.
5 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?
6 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.
7 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?
8 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.
9 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?
10 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.
11 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Glenda Williams?
12 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Yea.
13 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?
14 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion granted. Meeting is
15 adjourned at 7:07 p.m.
16 **(There being nothing further, the meeting was**
17 **adjourned.)**

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