TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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Monday, November 9, 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 9th day of November, 2020.
APPEARANCES

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Mayor Jake Evans, Chairman
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 this Monday, November the 9th, year 2020 at 5:03 p.m. Roll call.

CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans? Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Here.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Here.

CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams? Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Here.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: And for the record, Councilwoman Williams called and said she would be running late.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay, thank you. And you say we did reach out to Councilman Evans as well, right?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Yes, sir.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay, thank you. Council, at this time, I seek a motion to go into Executive Session ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved. Oh ...

MAYOR EVANS: --- for legal -- potential litigation regarding proposed rezoning changes, Tyson Group versus Town of Atlantic Beach litigation,
as well as personnel.

COUNCILWOMAN Gore: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN Isom: Second.

MAYOR Evans: There's a motion and second on the table to go into Executive Session for items listed. Any other questions or comments? Roll call.

CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

COUNCILWOMAN Isom: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN Gore: Yea.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR Evans: Yea. Motion granted.

Executive Session:

(Executive Session.)

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

COUNCILWOMAN Gore: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN Isom: Second.

MAYOR Evans: The motion and a second to come out of the Executive Session into the General Session -- roll call.

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.

General Session:

MAYOR EVANS:  I want to take this time out to welcome the general public and ask at this time if you have any cell phones or pagers or anything that might disturb the proceedings that you silence those for us at this time please. And, if you would, stand for a moment of silence.

(Moment of Silence.)

MAYOR EVANS:  Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison.)

MAYOR EVANS:  We're down to ceremonial matters, and ...  Ceremonial matters, Council?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:  Yes.  Mr. Mayor, on ceremonial matters, if I may ---

MAYOR EVANS:  Sure.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:  --- I would like to speak about our annual Thanksgiving giveaway for the citizens of the Town of Atlantic Beach.

MAYOR EVANS:  Can everybody back there hear?
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IN UNISON: No.

(Inaudible background noise.)

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Can you all hear me? No? Yes? Okay, yes. In light of ceremonial matters, I would like to discuss our annual Thanksgiving giveaway which is done on an annual basis. This will be our second Thanksgiving giveaway to the citizens of the Town of Atlantic Beach. We are scheduled to do the Thanksgiving giveaway on Friday, November the 20th. It would take place -- the pickup would be at the Evans' location on 31st Avenue. We will be giving away each -- to each household a Thanksgiving dinner on that particular day. Everything will, of course -- it will not be a cooked meal. It will be whereby you would prepare your own meal, and again it will be given away on November the 20th beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 2:00 p.m.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: I have ---

MAYOR EVANS: Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: --- I just want to mention something. I spoke -- you all know -- Mr. Booker was asking me about a beautification
group, and I just want to read off some names who's -- who are interested in being a part of that committee. It's a beautification committee. Will Thomas, Ms. Diane Hill, Ms. Jannie Isom, Ms. Linda Cheatham, Mr. Ed Wilson and Pat Millet and Ms. Booker, and anybody else who would like to be a part of that committee, you all can let Cheryl know and she'll contact me or -- it's just a committee where we're wanting to beautify the beach. And it's just people willing to work together regardless of whom you voted for, it doesn't matter, we're all in this together so therefore if -- we can do this and we can do real good if we all get together and do it so let us know. And we're gonna work and do it, we're gonna make our beach good. Beautiful. It's already good. We're just gonna do some beautification. Me and them women.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: We have a Thanksgiving dinner (inaudible) the church is giving out on Wednesday. Is Ms. Rosa back there?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Ms. Rosa?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Are you all doing the Thanksgiving dinner on Wednesday? Fv
MS. STANLEY: Yes, the Wednesday of (inaudible). I'll probably be bringing the dinner by the people's houses (inaudible) like we did last year ---

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Okay. On Wednesday, and they'll be feeding (inaudible) for Thanksgiving then on Wednesday they'll be delivering ---

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: This coming Wednesday ---

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Well, yeah, they're going to put it together but no cooking in this building. But she will be delivering them to you. You don't have to come to the Center. She will take it to you.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: I was just thinking that they -- this Wednesday coming.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: This Wednesday, yes.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: This Wednesday.

(Inaudible background noise.)

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: And if you need help, volunteer help ... (Inaudible background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: So yeah, this is the 11th, right?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yeah.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay, all right. Is that it for ceremonial? All right, we're down to the
approval of the agenda, Council. Seek a motion
to approve the agenda as it is outlined.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: So moved ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved. Second.

MAYOR EVANS: Motion and a second for approval of
the agenda as it is outlined. If there's no
questions or comments, roll call.

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: We're down to Old Business. Town
Council meeting minutes from the Town Council
meeting held on October the 5th. Council, seek
a motion for approval of those minutes.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: I seek a motion for approval of
the Town Council meeting minutes, minutes from
Town Council meeting held on October the 5th, 2020.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Second.
MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and a second to approve the minutes from the Town Council meeting from October the 5th. If there's no questions or comments, roll call.

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 granted. We're down to B, which is Ordinance Number 11-2020, and this is an amendment to Title 12 Public Nuisance, which is Number 10-2009. The Health and Sanitation Nuisances Ordinances -- illegal dumping, care and maintenance of lots, debris and litter, abandonment of derelict motor vehicles and noise. And, Council, I seek this motion and this is the second reading. Council, seek a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 11-2020.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: So moved ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved. Second ---

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Second.
MAYOR EVANS: There is a motion and a second to adopt Ordinance Number 11-2020. Any other questions or comments? Roll call.

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. We're down to Item C, Ordinance Number 12-2020, an ordinance regulating nightclubs and nightclub entertainment promoters and providing penalties for violations of said ordinances, and this is the second reading as well. Council, seek a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 12-2020.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Question. Now, you said that --

MAYOR EVANS: Well ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: --- well, this time -- question.

(Inaudible background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: Let's seek the motion to adopt Ordinance Number 11-2020, Council. No, I'm sorry. I'm down to 12-2020. Item C, Ordinance
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Number 12-2020, seek a motion.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: So moved, Mr. Mayor.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and a second to adopt Ordinance Number 12-2020, which is the -- and this is the second reading. So got a motion and a second. Any other questions or comments?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Comments.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: And so therefore, with the timing being, like I said, 11:00 o'clock, we can go back and adjust that time then at any time after the pandemic is over because I don't think it's fair to the younger crowd to stop anything at 11:00 o'clock so therefore, will we be able to -- on the record to go back and adjust this time to maybe 12:00 for the winter months and 2:00 o'clock for the summer months seasonal? Make it seasonal timing?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: If we're going to make an amendment to do it seasonally, we have to get together on that (inaudible) seasonally.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay. Any other questions or comments?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: So is that -- that's a
recommendation to amend the motion ---

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yes ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yes, sir.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: --- on that seasonal. So the time
for the seasonal will be 11:00 again at peak

times ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: I think that the seasonal time
for the wintertime should be at least to 12:00
o'clock, and for the summertime I think it
should be at least to 2:00 o'clock. Seasonal.
So therefore, it would break for the winter
months and the summer months.

(Inaudible background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: So, we're talking seasonal, do we know
what months we're talking about versus what
months?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Well, you've got Labor Day
starts at -- in September is Labor Day. So
from Labor Day up until Easter, that'll be
12:00 o'clock. And anything from Easter up
until Labor Day should be 2:00 o'clock.

MAYOR EVANS: Council? We're on the second reading,
guys, if -- we probably need to just go ahead
and follow through with this and then come back
to the table with the amendment. Is that good?
COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yes.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay. Roll call.

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. We're down to Old Business, Item D, and that would be Ordinance Number 13-2020. And, Ben, I think you wanted to kinda ---

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Make the motion.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: I'll make the motion ---

MAYOR EVANS: Okay, all right.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: --- make a motion ---

MAYOR EVANS: Okay. You go ahead.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Okay, I make a motion to rescind the zoning -- rezoning request for 13 parcels on 29th and 32nd Avenue South, respectively, and Seaview Street consisting of 119,270.6 square feet from MS2 -- wait a minute -- we're on -- actually, on this map, Planning Commission's recommendation where they had it
from R2 all the way down on 32nd to the bottom
and on 29th down to Seaview -- R2 there --
we're rescinding that to how it was so --
recommended by the Planning Board.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Want me to walk ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: You can.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: For those of you, we passed out
the maps (inaudible) hopefully this will be
easier to comprehend, understand. You have
three maps in your packet. The first map that
you see, map number one, is the existing zoning
for the Town of Atlantic Beach as it was
approved in December 2019. As you can note in
the areas that are being impacted, if you look
on 29th Street -- starts at the top of the map,
29th Street -- the existing zoning for that
area is WF2, which is commercial exclusively,
okay? See the dark blue? All of that is WF2
currently under the December approval. Under
the approval for December, MS2 for the location
coming down from 29th in the orange I guess --
or I guess you call that burnt brown -- MS2
areas, okay? That's the current zoning -- MS2.
If you come over to ---

FEMALE SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)
MR. QUATTLEBAUM: --- okay. From the brown area ---

FEMALE SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Yes. That's currently MS2, okay, that's currently how it's been adopted since December 2019.

MALE SPEAKER: But then that's -- what's that, residential or ...

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: That's a combination of residential mixed use.

MALE SPEAKER: Mixed use?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mixed use. And coming over to 32nd Street, currently, if you look at the dark blue, all the way to the waterfront is WF2, and that is commercial, okay? Everybody with us? That's existing. Okay? Flip over to map number two. At the last Council meeting, Council amended the recommendation by the Planning Commission -- and I'll come to that on map three -- to propose -- and I'm started on 29th Avenue -- changing MS2 to R2 and WF2 in the corner lot -- that corner lot going towards Bay Watch, okay, changing that area from WF2 to WF1, which would allow for single family and multi-family housing development primarily. Everybody with me? Okay, that was the
recommendation. And then on 32nd Avenue, the change is to take the first three lots down to Seaview from R -- from WF2 to R2, and continuing on to the waterfront from Ocean Boulevard from Seaview down to the waterfront, WF1. Everybody with me? That was the recommendation at the last meeting ---

FEMALE SPEAKER: WF1 is mixed use?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mixed use. And WF -- single family, multi-family, apartment complexes, things of that nature. High-rises, okay? What Councilwoman Gore is making a motion -- is to adopt map number three, okay? On map number three -- let me go slow -- on 29th Avenue is to change MS2 to R2. Everybody see that in the burnt orange area? Change where it has WF1 to R2, make a change on your maps to R2. You with me?

MALE SPEAKER: R2 is ...

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Residential. Okay? Everybody with me?

FEMALE SPEAKER: Just to be clear (inaudible) the WF1 there on 29th is one you're talking about?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: That's correct.

FEMALE SPEAKER: Change that to R2?
MR. QUATTLEBAUM: R2.

FEMALE SPEAKER: We should be changing?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: You should change it on your map to R2. This was the recommendation coming out of the Planning Commission that R2 -- MS2 be changed to R2, and WF2 be changed to R2. So make the change to R2 on the third, map number three.

FEMALE SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Yes, ma'am?

FEMALE SPEAKER: Both on 29th and 32nd --

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: I'll give you -- let's stay with 29th so everybody's straight. So the motion will read that MS2 becomes R2, WF1 in the corner of 29th will become R2. Everybody with me?

FEMALE SPEAKER: Yes.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: The waterfront will remain WF2. Everybody with that? Okay. Come over to 29th --

MAYOR EVANS: 32nd.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: -- 32nd -- I'm sorry -- 32nd. The entire -- from that blue area which was WF2 all the way to the waterfront is going to be changed to R2. Is that your motion,
COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yes, sir.

MAYOR EVANS: Yes.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: So, the motion Council is proposing to adopt is to change from WF2 on 32nd Avenue to R2 from the Seaview -- the three lots above Seaview all the way to the waterfront, R2. On the other side, the MS2 will become R2, the WF1 on the third map will be R2. So this R2 matching all the way down to Ocean Boulevard on both sides, 29th and 32nd. For the record, we received letters from residents -- Ms. Bennett, Ms. Cooper and a gentleman by -- Daniel King requesting that the Council adopt this proposed map of R2 as opposed to the one adopted prior. Is everyone clear, any questions? That is the motion on the table.

MAYOR EVANS: Thank you, Ben. Can I get a second on this motion?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM (ph): Second (inaudible).

MAYOR EVANS: Okay, Council, there's been a motion and a second to adopt Ordinance Number 13-2020 with the amendments, and this is the second reading (inaudible). If there's no other
questions or comments, roll call.

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.

New Business:

MAYOR EVANS: We're down to New Business, Item A,
Municipal Election Commission reappointments.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor, first of all, let me
provide some information on what you'll be
voting on. Currently now, there are four
members on the Planning Commission which terms
have expired: Mr. Derrick Stevens, Mr. Timothy
Vereen, Esco McFadden and Ms. Poterressia
McNeil. The Council will seek a motion to
reappoint those four individuals and make --
well, we'll deal with it separately -- on the
reappointment of those four individuals should
they accept. That's the recommendation, all
right?

(Inaudible background noise.)
MAYOR EVANS: Okay, I'm sorry ---

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Go to Election.

MAYOR EVANS: Municipal Election Commission reappointments?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: We can vote on that first, Mayor.

(Inaudible background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: Yeah, the Election Commission ---

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: I'm ahead of myself. Let me deal with the Election Commission. The Election Commission currently consists of Mr. Joe Montgomery, Ms. Carolyn Gore and Kenneth McIver. Ms. Gore's term has not expired. Mr. Montgomery and Mr. McIver are being recommended for a new term. Need a motion and seconded for that as acceptance -- acceptable.

MAYOR EVANS: We have to do them separately?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: You want to do them together or

...  

(Inaudible background noise.)

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor?

MAYOR EVANS: Okay.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Mr. Quattlebaum, before we go any further, and as I stated before, this is just business and the Town is a business. Did we seek anybody additional or we're just going
back to the same people that's always been there? That's my question.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: We're just going back ---

MAYOR EVANS: So whose terms are up?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Those are the ones their terms are up.

MAYOR EVANS: All three of these are up?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: No ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Two

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: --- Mr. Montgomery ---

MAYOR EVANS: Montgomery and Kenneth, okay, all right.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: We were just going back with them, that they so much want to be included in our Town to work on our Commission to go with all the headache that we go through when we have elections here, if they're willing to accept it, we're willing to put them back there. That's where we were at.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yeah, I understand that part. I was just asking like with any other tabulation -- I'm not excluding them. They could've done a great job, but I'm saying was it offered to anyone else, like the standard, was it made known to anyone else that the
positions were even open ---

MAYOR EVANS: Yeah, and I guess we can -- and too, as well, we need to find out if these members are willing ---

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

MAYOR EVANS: --- or do they want to continue serving as well.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right, as opposed to just putting them back. I mean did -- has anybody spoken with them ---

MAYOR EVANS: Well, we'll -- we'll do this, guys. We ... So do we -- we don't have an election coming up. Do we want to table this until we get this information? Is that something you guys want to consider possibly?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: I mean that would only be the proper way I see to do it.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: (Inaudible) those two.

MAYOR EVANS: Huh?

(Inaudible background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: No, she's not up. It's Kenneth and Joe.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Okay.

MAYOR EVANS: And I -- Kenneth is not here. I think
-- I don't see Kenneth.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Well, Mr. Joe is here. Mr. Joe, are you willing to continue working your post?

MR. MONTGOMERY: Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: And I'm sure that Kenneth is too because, like I said, being a part of the community and having that part where you're a part of the community, normally that's -- I knew Mr. Joe was gonna say yeah. I am very sure that Kenneth is gonna say yeah too, but we can table it and do whatever until we talk to them or however but ---

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Go ahead. I'm just ---

MAYOR EVANS: Can we do that?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Kenneth, because I spoke with him.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: You spoke with Kenneth? She spoke with Kenneth.

MAYOR EVANS: So you -- oh, you spoke to Kenneth about whether he wanted to continue serving?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yes.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: I mean it's just a question.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay, Council, you want to make a motion to ...
COUNCILWOMAN GORE:  (Inaudible.)

MAYOR EVANS:  Yeah, if that's what you're seeking.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE:  I make a motion to reappoint Mr. Joe Montgomery and Mr. Ken McIver as Town Municipal Election Commission.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:  Second.

MAYOR EVANS:  There's been a motion and a second to reappoint Mr. Joe Montgomery and Kenneth McIver to our Municipal Election Commission.  Any other questions or comments?  Roll call.

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.  Now we're down to the Planning Commission reappointments.  Ben?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM:  Do you want to handle ...?

MAYOR EVANS:  Huh?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM:  Do you want to handle ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE:  And we've spoken to all of these folks as well.
COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yeah, I think I did too.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Hmm?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: The term?

MAYOR EVANS: Yeah, so all four of these members expire ---

(Inaudible background noise.)

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Who put that in place? Why do we have -- why is it that we have four years, three years, two years and, I mean, everybody's doing the same thing? Why is that, who ---

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: That is to stagger ---

MAYOR EVANS: To stagger.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Oh, okay.

MAYOR EVANS: So, Council ...

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Is this the same case where they haven't spoken with anyone?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: All of those have been spoken to I'm sure. I'm sure.

MAYOR EVANS: Well, if we reappoint these, we still -- and that's something we can consider as well -- there is a vacancy on the Planning Commission as well, is that correct?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: That's correct.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: And there is one name that's in
COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: But I guess my thing is, is we're a council, and what I'm hearing that everybody's speaking to each other individually, and to operate as a Town, if we're gonna keep doing the same thing that you did -- you've already done, you're gonna keep getting the same results, the Town's not gonna grow. So my thing is this, if we're talking to these people individually, when are we gonna talk to them as a whole because it's no different than court, the judge is not gonna take anything special to them or what somebody else said, we're gonna have to hear it directly from the people ourselves. And again, I'm not being a hardball, I'm not going against those people. You all can put them in office for 20 years if you want. But I just think that somehow, some way, it should be made known that these positions are open. And I understand the Town people and stuff, but that's not going -- what's gonna help us grow. What's gonna help
us grow is coming together as a business and a unified body. I'm not coming, again, against you all, but we've gotta start doing this the right way. No one even knew these positions were open. It wasn't even advertised. Mr. Q, did you put anything out that these positions was open?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: No, ma'am.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: So we're still making decisions based upon what was. Where are we going ---

MAYOR EVANS: When ---

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: --- or are we gonna stay stagnant? Which one?

MAYOR EVANS: I think when I spoke with Ben I had some concerns, not with putting the people back, but that's something that I wanted everybody to be aware that these positions are available. But now that we do know that there's definitely one open position, and I think you mentioned Will Thomas. And I think I saw him here. Before we actually appoint Will, we want to give everybody a chance if there's somebody else that's interested in being on the Planning Commission, we'll get as
many names as we can and then we'll decide from 
that poll that we get the names from, we'll 
decide -- the Council will decide which one we 
actually put on the Planning Commission. So, 
I heard you say Will Thomas, and if you'll get 
some more names because we're not gonna appoint 
them tonight.

(Inaudible background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: Because we've got that one vacancy, I 
mean, we ought to go ahead and do the rest of 
them. But the one vacancy where Orton Bellamy 
is supposed to be, we've got to have a 
replacement for that, and just give everybody 
a chance to actually ---

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Yeah. Now, on that same point, 
anyone interested in applying or recommending 
someone to apply for the position on the 
Planning Commission, please let our office 
know, and we will have an application for you 
to fill out. Anyone interested, anyone that 
you know is interested. Okay?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: And that will be for the one 
seat that's available?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: They can apply for all of the 
seats.
COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Well -- they're -- and the reason why I say this is because we have a history here where we've had boards where people sit on them but yet they don't live there but they could be there in a meeting. Not saying nothing -- this is nothing personal. I'm saying we've had where the man from...

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: (Inaudible.)

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: No, from over there in Cape (inaudible) and whatever. He was the chair on there for a minute, and he would never, ever come so therefore, we've got somebody saying, okay, I could be at the meeting, I'm gonna be at the meeting. These folks right here, they come, they're at the meetings so therefore, they all -- I spoke to Mr. McFadden -- he's willing to come back. Derrick Stevens -- he's willing to come back. Timothy Vereen and Ms. Poterressia so therefore you've got people who is willing to be here, they're working on these boards, and I understand other people want other boards, to build boards and stuff like that, and that's fine. So therefore, Orton Bellamy's seat is up. So therefore, we've spoken to those folks there that say that
they're willing to come back and they're working and (inaudible). They aren't just working, they're seeing something happening now so therefore, I wouldn't want to throw away the ball after -- that (inaudible) down the court as far as we're stuck at the line. So therefore, they are willing to come back so therefore we do have a seat on there -- Mr. Orton Bellamy's seat is available.

**MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, guys, well, we're not gonna -- we're not gonna rush it then because I mean we will just table it until the Monday meeting, first Monday of November. What's the date of the meeting next month?

**CLERK:** December (inaudible).

**MAYOR EVANS:** Uh-huh. December the 7th is the Monday meeting, is that our next meeting?

**CLERK:** (Inaudible.)

**COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Mr. Mayor, are you saying that once (inaudible).

**MAYOR EVANS:** Yeah, we're just gonna -- the -- we're just gonna ---

**COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** To renew theirs?

**MAYOR EVANS:** No, we're gonna table the Planning Commission appointments until December the 7th.
Yeah ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: And then we'll bring those that ---

MAYOR EVANS: --- we'll bring it all back, yeah.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Okay.

MAYOR EVANS: Council, seek to a motion to table the Planning Commission appointments to the December 7th Council meeting. Seek a motion.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and a second to table the Planning Commission appointments until December the 7th, the Council meeting for December the 7th. There's a motion and a second on the floor. If there's no other questions or comments, roll call.

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. We're down to D under New Business, which is the
contract extending the franchise agreement between the Town of Atlantic Beach, South Carolina and Atlantic Watersports for one year, November 1st of this year, which is 2020, to October 31st of next year, 2021.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Okay, so I make a motion to -- extending the franchise agreement between the Town of Atlantic Beach, South Carolina and Atlantic Watersports for one year to November the -- from November the 1st, 2020 to October 31st, 2021.

MAYOR EVANS: Can I get a second?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and a second. If there's no other questions or comments, roll call.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor and Council, let me just for the record add ---

MAYOR EVANS: Uh-huh.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: --- the owner of Atlantic Watersports has requested a one-year extension of their contract. Generally, the contract franchise agreement runs five years. Based on COVID and its impact on his business, he is requesting a one-year renewal with the option
for four additional years. Watersports franchise pays to the Town of Atlantic Beach about $30,000 a year under that original franchise agreement. He wants to maintain it at that same rate until it's renegotiated after the one year.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay, did I get a second? Was it a motion and a second?

FEMALE SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

MAYOR EVANS: Yes. Okay, roll call?

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. We're down to E under Old Business (sic), this is the comprehensive medical benefits and life insurance coverage authorization agreement for the Town Manager.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Mr. Mayor, I make a motion that the Town of Atlantic Beach pay to -- well, take care of the comprehensive medical benefits
and life insurance coverage for our Town Manager, Mr. Benjamin Quattlebaum.

MAYOR EVANS: Can I get a second?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and a second. Any other questions or comments?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor and Council, I am respectfully requesting compensation providing comprehensive medical coverage for myself. The five and a half years that I've worked as the Town Manager have not been paid any type of medical coverage by my choice, saving the Town a considerable amount of money over that time period. My personal family situation has changed and I'm requesting an amount not to exceed $750 a month covering my comprehensive medical care including dental, eyeglass prescriptions, as well as a $100,000 life insurance policy for security for my family. Those funds will be used to pay that medical cost of medical benefits as well as a life insurance policy.

MAYOR EVANS: Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Mr. Mayor, I need to amend the motion to include the not to exceed the
amount of $750 so I make the motion that the Town of Atlantic Beach covers the comprehensive medical benefits and life insurance coverage for the Town Manager, Mr. Benjamin Quattlebaum, not to exceed the amount of $750 for the record.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: I'll second.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay. There's -- we've got a motion and a second on that. Roll call.

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. And we're down to F, which is the Town Council meeting schedules for next year for 2021.

(Inaudible background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: Okay, Council, seek a motion to adopt the Town Council meeting schedule for 2021.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: So moved, Mayor.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: Motion and a second to adopt the 2021
Town Council meeting schedule. If there's no
other questions or comments, roll call?

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.

Manager's Report:

MAYOR EVANS: We're down to the Town Manager's report.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor, Council and public, I am extremely pleased to announce awards to the Atlantic Beach Police Department in -- for 2019 based on their exceptional performance in a number of areas that have been identified -- the State and also community organizations. Let me just say that the Town of Atlantic Beach Police Department -- I personally can say we matched any police department in the State of South Carolina in terms of our capabilities, technology, equipment, service, and I'm very proud of the Police Department and the services
that they (inaudible) to the town residents of Atlantic Beach. And I would like to read off -- have them all come forward along with the -- Ms. Kim Mungin (ph), the Court Clerk, to come forward as I read off these various awards that they have earned and received in 2019. Mayor, will you join me? Police officers.

(Inaudible background noise.)

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Okay. First award is from the Diamond Shield sponsors of Myrtle Beach from Edderton Burles and Anne Pierce Burles (ph) in grateful appreciation of your sacrifices, dedication and commitment to our communities. That is the first award that they received.

(Applause.)

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: From the Department of Public Safety, agency of the year for excelling in DUI arrests, DUI victim services and anti-underage drinking programs in South Carolina for the year 2019, awarded in 2020 due to COVID-19.

(Applause.)

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: From the North Myrtle Beach Sportsman Club, presented to the Town of Atlantic Beach Police Department for their
outstanding service, support for the (inaudible) Green Live on July 25th, 2020.

(Applause.)

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Fourth award from the 15th Judicial Circuit recognizing the Town of Atlantic Beach Police Department for their continued commitment for traffic safety and the 15th Judicial Circuit Law Enforcement Network for the year 2019, presented in 2020 due to COVID.

(Applause.)

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: And the final award, from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Network, presented the silver medal award to the Town of Atlantic Beach Police Department for participating in the 2019 Target Zero Challenge earning the silver level award. There was a bronze, silver and gold status award, and they were awarded the silver medal due to their DUI work in 2019.

(Applause.)

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor?

MAYOR EVANS: Yeah, the only comment I'm gonna make -- I won't be long -- we should be proud of our Police Department, and I'm sure we are. There
are so many times where we get bashed (ph) in
the media for not (inaudible) and
unfortunately, we did have some media folks
here tonight but they've disappeared and so
(inaudible) and we are grateful. We will
(inaudible) but we can recognize our own ---

(Applause.)

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:  Mr. Mayor, while you're
wrapping that part up, I would like to say also
we want to thank our officers because for
Halloween, they were out -- they were packing
candy out to the homes with the children
individually. Majority of the time, you don't
see officers take that type of responsibility
upon themselves or the chief incorporating
those kind of things within their department.
I can say, speaking on the behalf of what I can
see myself that you all are doing an excellent
job, and I think I've said that to you all when
I could see you all out. The things that you
all get involved with, with the community, are
exceptional, and it's not the standard -- it's
not the typical. You all are rare officers and
I greatly appreciate all the things that I see
you all do for the neighborhood, even the
neighborhood watch, even in people's absences when they're not here.

MAYOR EVANS: Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Thank you.

(Applause.)

Public Time:

MAYOR EVANS: We're down to Public Time and I do have one public comment card from Catherine Allen.

MS. ALLEN: Hi everyone. Can you hear me?

MAYOR EVANS: Yes.

MS. ALLEN: Great, thanks. I appreciate this time to just ask a question regarding trash bins. I have learned more about trash bins this week than I ever thought I would (inaudible) or needed to. Unfortunately, some of our bins are being taken -- I'm not sure why but they are. And I made a call to the Town Hall and I have to thank Cheryl -- she was so helpful and full of information about how to get it replaced. And I called (inaudible) and called Waste Industries and had way too much information given to me that I wanted to share with you that, first of all, I'm sure most of us know, they will not pick up your trash if it is not
in a bin. So I said, okay, maybe I suggest that one bin may not fill -- some of us may need more trash, or have more trash, and I was more than willing to pay for an additional bin so that they could pick up trash when we had more than what would fit in one. I was told that essentially you cannot buy a second bin or a third bin, you have to pay $24 a month for them to come and pick up a second bin. And I said to the woman there, well, you're coming anyway for the bin that we all have that the City pays for -- it's part of our taxes -- why should I have to pay $24 a month to have them pick up a second bin in the exact same place that you're already gonna be. And basically, I did not get a response, or she could not explain to me why that additional cost would be assessed. I've asked lots of folks, like, why are we paying -- or why is anybody paying this additional $24. No one could answer the question, and basically referred me back to Waste Industries which is where I found this out in the first place. So I'm very disturbed about this. I just feel like they're taking advantage of us. We obviously have a contract
with them, which I think is great. Every resident is given, you know, this service, and I just would like somebody to maybe talk to them about why they are charging residents this additional amount when they have to come, they're part of the contract taking our trash anyway. So I appreciate you letting me bring this to you and hope that somehow I can maybe get some information about it. Thank you very much. Appreciate it.

MAYOR EVANS: Ben -- yeah, so I think we've got -- I know that the Town has the contract and they pay for residential trash dumpsters, but they only pay for -- the Town just pays for one ---

FEMALE SPEAKER: One per house.

MAYOR EVANS: --- dumpster for every ...

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Trash ---

MAYOR EVANS: For every property. And if they want more than one dumpster, they don't go through us, they go straight through the -- or do they? Waste Management.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Is there a way that the Town could renegotiate the agreement that we have with Waste Industries?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: It's possible.
COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right. Because if ---

MAYOR EVANS: So what, you're saying negotiate it to actually get them more than one if needed?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right, that's what I'm saying if that -- if it's been in place for a long time ---

MAYOR EVANS: But see, I think what we do though ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: One trash can per household is what it is. And I mean, some homes are bigger and then they need two ---

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: --- but the agreement that they have set up with the Town is one trash can per household, and the Town takes care of that.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Anything else is up to the person who owns the home.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: But what I'm saying, could it be renegotiated? When was that contract put in place, is it a year, two years ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Years ago.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: --- five years, ten years -- that's what I'm saying. So everything is meant to be renegotiated, and the Town has grown, the property sizes have grown so if we've been in
a contract with them for a long time, then can
we go back and see about renegotiating.

(Inaudible background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: Okay.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: --- speaking with them about their
rates.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Okay.

MS. ALLEN: I just wanted to say one thing. I have
absolutely no issue with paying for an
additional trash can. The issue is this $24 a
month, like why?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: And we understand -- well, I
definitely understand what you're saying.
Right, yes. What I'm saying is that even that
they're asking you for that dollar amount,
still yet the Town's business is if that
contract was put in place a long time ago, we
need to just go back to the table, renegotiate
it, and see would they give us something
different. It don't hurt to try.

MAYOR EVANS: Yeah. Thank you. Thank you, Ms.
Allen.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: I'd just like to reiterate. I
stated it during the motion to adopt the
zoning, but I just want to also include in the
record because they requested -- Ms. Cooper requested and sent in a letter, e-mail letter, and also Ms. Karen Bennett sent a letter recommending and asking -- requesting Council to adopt the Planning Board's zoning request, and also Mr. David King, that it would be zoned R2. So I just want to state for the record and enter them into the record, (inaudible) official statement, and Council adopted what they requested.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay, thank you. Is that it?

(Inaudible background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: Council, seek a motion to adjourn.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and a second to adjourn. Roll call.

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

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adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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