

TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 2, 2018

5:00 p.m.

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APPEARANCES

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

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

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1 Call to Order:

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** This Town Council meeting is called to
3 order this Monday, July 2nd, the year 2018, at
4 5:00 p.m. Roll call?

5 **CLERK:** Mayor pro tem Kenneth McLaurin?

6 **MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN:** Here.

7 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

8 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Here.

9 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?
10 (No response.)

11 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

12 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Here.

13 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

17 **MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN:** So moved.

18 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Second.

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

23 **CLERK:** Mayor pro tem Kenneth McLaurin?

24 **MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN:** Yea.

25 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?



1 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

2 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

3 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

4 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

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

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** All right. Thank you.

13 **Executive Session:**

14 **(Executive Session.)**

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

17 **MAYOR PRO TEM McLaurin:** So moved, Mr. Mayor.

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second to come out of the
20 Executive Session into the General Session.
21 Any other questions or comments? If not, just
22 for the record, the only items that were
23 discussed in Executive Session are the items
24 outlined on the agenda -- legal and personnel.
25 Roll call?



1 **CLERK:** Mayor pro tem Kenneth McLaurin?

2 **MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN:** Yea.

3 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

4 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

5 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

6 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

7 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

9 **General Session:**

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

16 **(Moment of Silence.)**

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

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

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

24 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I seek a motion to approve the
25 agenda as outlined.



1 **MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN:** Second.

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second for approval of
3 the agenda. Any other questions, comments?
4 Roll call?

5 **CLERK:** Mayor pro tem Kenneth McLaurin?

6 **MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN:** Yea.

7 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

8 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

9 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

10 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

11 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

16 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Let's go through them.

17 **Reports:**

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** Police report?

19 **CHIEF:** How are you doing Council?

20 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Good.

21 (Inaudible.)

22 **CHIEF:** The report that y'all have in front of y'all
23 is something I created to implement for y'all
24 for being with cards. Knowing what the police
25 department is doing. What kind of



1 investigation -- well, y'all wont know the
2 investigation, but y'all will know (inaudible)
3 I always -- I made time to be out educating.
4 Doing public talking, complaints and stuff that
5 we get in that y'all would not know about.
6 Thus, I gave y'all information about it. The
7 office -- on the third sheet is an office daily
8 report. That's a report our officers have to
9 fill out everyday before they leave. That's
10 where we get our data from to put in the chart.
11 So, I know exactly what they have to do and
12 everything. And it's basically it's a report
13 that y'all will get every month -- every
14 council meeting. Y'all will get a report on
15 what the police department is doing.
16 Complaints -- how many complaint's we're
17 getting in. How many times the officer is out
18 there talking with the public. How many
19 traffic tickets we'll be writing. Reports
20 we're putting out will be -- we check
21 businesses. Another thing we're starting to do
22 -- we ride around the town at night. They have
23 -- they're required to check the business twice
24 a night while they're out. So, they have to go
25 out, check the door and make sure everything is



1 secure. This is basically just an outline of
2 what they job is while they're out their
3 patrolling. On the last sheet -- it's a yellow
4 page on the back. This is -- y'all gon'
5 probably start seeing it around. It's not
6 going to be yellow, it will be red. Y'all just
7 got a copy of the yellow one. But it will be
8 red. It will be for any abandoned vehicles
9 that when we run the tag -- the stuff's not up
10 to date then we're going to tag them. And they
11 have 10 days to remove their vehicles or get it
12 into compliance or they will be towed away.
13 And that goes for any kind of equipment that if
14 an owner or a resident of the town have a
15 business, but they're not -- they didn't put on
16 their business license that they have to have
17 that type of equipment -- they can't keep it in
18 town. So, y'all will -- if you notice if you
19 notice some of the red tags are starting to go
20 up. And we are starting to tag some of the
21 cars in the town. You got any questions about
22 anything in the reports that you would like to
23 ask me about? It also states junk, like old
24 refrigerators that people might put out of
25 their house. Couches, anything that is



1 considered junk, they can't put it out of their
2 house. It should be on the first line I think
3 of that report. The floor is open if y'all got
4 any questions about anything on it.

5 **MAYOR EVANS:** Council, any questions for the chief?

6 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Huh-uh. No.

7 **MULTIPLE VOICES:** No.

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

9 **CHIEF:** All right. I appreciate it.

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** All right. Thank you.

11 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

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

14 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor and council, I'm handing out
15 the financial report for the Black Perl
16 Cultural Heritage Bike Festival 2018. Just to
17 highlight some of the major issues. Our vendor
18 number -- total vendors -- were 59. Total
19 vendors, food and and retail vendors. I think
20 the count was 22 retail vendors. Retail vendor
21 numbers are going going down. Vendor numbers
22 overall have been going down over the past
23 three years. A lot this year had to do with
24 the pending inclimate weather and storm in
25 terms of commitment. Just to give a



1 correlation, we did 59 total vendors this year.
2 Last year the number was 65. And the number
3 before was somewhere around 75. So, the
4 numbers have been declining. A lot of factors
5 are impacting on that that number as I
6 indicated, the weather. But we just see a
7 decline in the actual retail numbers than with
8 food overall. Total income collected was
9 \$60,174.93. Total expenses \$43,520.05. Total
10 expense in cost and breakdown of the categories
11 are listed above. The town net profit to date
12 was \$17,000 -- is \$17,154.88 for this
13 particular year. I gave an overview, again I
14 thanked staff community residents that
15 supported us and helped in the success of the
16 overall implementation of Bike Fest 2018. Any
17 questions?

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Quick question.

19 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes?

20 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** For the building inspection --
21 inspectors

22 cost, now did that money from the monies that
23 the property owners paid? Because the property
24 owners had to pay for their own posts to be a
25 staple. So, was that ---



1 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** No. They pay for their own --
2 they pay for the inspection ---

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

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

7 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Oh. Okay. Okay.

8 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

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

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

21 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

22 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Late fees kick in on August the
23 1st.

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** August the 1st.

25 **(Inaudible background noise.)**



1 **MALE VOICE:** Can you state that again? We can't
2 quite hear you back here.

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



1 6. But, don't hold me to that exactly. But,
2 it's a day event for families and children
3 primarily that their tar- targeting.

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

5 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** July the 21st.

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** July the 21st.

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



1 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** And where is that going to be at?

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

5 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Okay.

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

8 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Dr. Cooper?

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

19 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** No, sir.

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

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

25 **Public Time:**



1 **MR. SKEETER:** Yes, sir. Well good evening Mayor and
2 council. And the public. I just have a couple
3 of things. It's nothing that critical. But
4 some things I think we need to give more
5 attention to. And that's a lot of the
6 dilapidated buildings in the town of Atlantic
7 Beach. Now I know that we have an ordinance in
8 our city government to address all of these
9 issues. But, ordinances are good, only if you
10 exercise them to all those (inaudible) just ask
11 to please to take care of these things.
12 Another area there we need to do something
13 about having house parties at night. Sometimes
14 this past weekend, they last until about 1:30
15 in the morning. And we have a noise ordinance
16 in the town of Atlantic Beach. And it would be
17 good if the police would shake these places
18 where they have their parties at and see that
19 they keep the noise at a minimum. In fact, a
20 lot of towns have adopted a system where if
21 you're going to have a house party in your
22 private residence -- in a community -- you have
23 to get a permission ordinance. (Inaudible)
24 It's nothing happening in Atlantic Beach that
25 we can't correct ourselves. Let's talk about



1 it and come to some decision on how we're going
2 to correct these things. And again I want you
3 to understand that im not fussing with anybody.
4 I just noticed that some of these areas that
5 need immediate attention. And the portable
6 toilet down there by the ocean there, it would
7 be good if we had some little ladders and cages
8 around them. Instead of just sticking them out
9 there. Looking like that for the general
10 public to use. It's just a bathroom that the
11 general public can use. And it's it's a lot of
12 things that I would like to call the attention
13 to council. I'm not -- I'm I'm sure that we
14 all can get on the same page -- if we're not on
15 the same page and we can make something happen
16 for the betterment of the town of Atlantic
17 Beach. And this is one way that we want to
18 identify what we need to correct. Especially
19 that fire station right there -- old fire
20 station. It's about to fall in the street.
21 You have certain buildings here needing
22 attention. And I know that y'all elected
23 officials are aware that we have that in the
24 ordinance about dilapidated buildings. But
25 remember, it's not going to do any good just



1 sitting in the ordinance and not bringing or
2 exercising it. And again I'm not fussing. I'm
3 just talking to discuss something's that we
4 need to do as a people. And we need to try to
5 correct these -- correct these names and move
6 forward. Thank you.

7 **Adjournment:**

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

10 **MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN:** So moved.

11 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

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

14 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Huh-uh.

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** Roll call?

16 **CLERK:** Mayor pro tem Kenneth McLaurin?

17 **MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN:** Yea.

18 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

19 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

20 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

21 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

22 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

25 **(There being nothing further, the meeting was**



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adjourned.)

