

TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 3, 2019

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 3rd day of June, 2019.



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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, June 3rd, year 2019. Roll
4 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 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Here.

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 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** So moved.

17 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second.

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second to go into
20 Executive Session for legal and personnel. Any
21 other questions or comments? Roll Call?

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

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

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:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

7 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor and Council, the legal
8 issues for Executive Session are legal actions
9 against the owner of demolished buildings on
10 30th Avenue South of Atlantic Beach. Unit 75,
11 500 and 406. Also, legal action on Ocean
12 Apartments. Also, title 612, 31st Avenue, LLC.
13 Dean Maybe and a report on the potential
14 purchase of 3000 30th Avenue, Highway 17 in
15 Atlantic Beach.

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

17 **(Executive Session)**

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

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

21 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and second to come out of
23 Executive session into the general session.
24 Any other questions or comments; if not, roll
25 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 Josephine Isom?

6 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

7 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

8 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

9 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

11 **General Session:**

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** At this time I'd like to welcome the
13 general public. And thanks for you patience.
14 We ran a few minutes over there. At this time,
15 I'd ask if you have any cell phones or devices
16 that might disturb the proceedings that you
17 would silence those for us at this time. And
18 if you would, stand for a moment of silence.

19 **(Moment of silence.)**

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

21 **(Pledge of Allegiance said in unison.)**

22 **Old Business:**

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** 5, Old Business. There are no meeting
24 minutes for adoption. 6, public hearing,
25 Council, I'm seeking the motion ---



1 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: What do you mean?

2 CLERK: (Inaudible) ---

3 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: We do have minutes.

4 MAYOR EVANS: I got the wrong agenda.

5 (Inaudible background noise.)

6 MAYOR EVANS: Sorry about that. Town Council, I
7 seek a motion for the Adoption of the meeting
8 minutes for April 1st, 2019.

9 MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN: So moved.

10 COUNCILMAN EVANS: Second.

11 MAYOR EVANS: Motion and a second for the adoption
12 of the meeting minutes for April 1st, of 2019.
13 Any other questions or comments? Roll Call?

14 CLERK: Mayor pro tem Kenneth McLaurin?

15 MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN: Yea.

16 CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans?

17 COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.

18 CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

19 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

20 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

21 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

22 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

23 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted. We're down to
24 item 6 the public hearing for the proposed
25 general fund budget. Council, I seek a motion



1 to table that item.

2 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

3 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second.

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

5 **MAYOR EVANS:** There is a motion and a second to
6 table the public hearing for the general fund
7 budget. Any other questions or comments? Roll
8 call?

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

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

11 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

12 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

13 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

14 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

15 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

16 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

17 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion granted. We're down to
19 the ordinance number 2-2019, adopt the budget
20 for the 2019/2020 for the second reading. And
21 we're going to motion to table that item as
22 well.

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

24 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Second.

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second to table



1 the ordinance number 2-2019, adopting the
2 2019/2020 budget. The second reading. Any
3 other questions or comments; if not, roll call?

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

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

6 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

7 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

8 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

9 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

10 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

11 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

12 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

14 **Report:**

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to your reports, Ben.

16 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor and Council, at the last
17 meeting in May, the Council authorized me to
18 look into the pur- -- potential acquisition of
19 3000 30th Avenue South, Highway 17, Town of
20 Atlantic Beach. At this time, Council has
21 directed me to do some additional research and
22 a legal analysis. And make a recommendation to
23 the Council at a later meeting. Bike Fest
24 report. First of all, I'd like to thank all of
25 the residents, the property owners, the staff,



1 our police officers, Council for your support
2 for a successful 2019 Bike Fest. Based on
3 police reports, the crowd size on
4 Saturday/Sunday, was estimated to over 20,000
5 participants. We had this year, 57 total
6 vendors. 65 last year. Down somewhat from
7 last -- last year. The positive is that we had
8 17 new vendors to register this year. Most of
9 the vendors were food vendors. About 35, I
10 think. And about 17 retail vendors. Retail
11 vendors have been steadily decreasing. A lot
12 of theories in regards to that. But based on
13 the marketing and advertisement, the public
14 attendance and the attraction of new vendors --
15 in my opinion was very successful. We did not
16 have any major events. I mean issues, during
17 the weekend. Overall the vendors -- based on
18 their response to me -- were very satisfied
19 with the event. And overall I think it went
20 pretty well in terms of its attendance.
21 Participation, vendor participation,
22 entertainment. There were some concerns around
23 the music at one point -- which we addressed
24 with the promoter. He had addressed them and
25 we will continue to address them in the future.



1 I would like to thank the staff for their
2 diligence and working that weekend. I think
3 they did an exceptional job responding to the
4 needs of our vendors, the residents and the
5 patrons that attended Bike Fest weekend. Are
6 there any questions?

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** Council, any questions?

8 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I -- I got a question. I'm
9 looking at this Bike Fest finance report. And
10 here it has power pole inspections. Who did
11 the power pole inspections?

12 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Building inspectors.

13 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So who did -- what did the
14 electrician do?

15 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** The electrician set up all of the
16 power poles for the Town of Atlantic Beach. In
17 terms of making sure that they operated
18 appropriately. Under state law requirement,
19 all of them have to be inspected by a certified
20 building inspector and all of them were.

21 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** And the power pole inspections
22 costs \$1,050 -- how many poles did he inspect
23 if you -- is -- how many? Do you know how many
24 poles, right off, that he inspected?

25 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Total?



1 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yes.

2 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: No. I don't have the exact
3 number. But not only the Town, but all of the
4 residents and properties power poles had to be
5 inspected also. I don't have an exact number.

6 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Okay. All right. Okay.

7 MAYOR EVANS: Any other questions from Council?

8 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: No.

9 MAYOR EVANS: You can go ahead.

10 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Based on the success of the Bike
11 Fest 2019, item C on the agenda. The Town of
12 Atlantic Beach with the promoter, who promoted
13 this years entertainment, is proposing -- or
14 would like to make a proposal for a Labor Day
15 weekend Festival. The Good Time Festival for
16 Labor Day weekend. It is a one day event to
17 start. With the objective to try to make it a
18 full weekend festival. The promoter has
19 provided a ---

20 (Inaudible background noise.)

21 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: A basic read. Basically what he
22 is proposing, is a Monday festival. R&B, Jazz,
23 Blues, Hip-Hop, DJ tarking -- targeting ages 25
24 and above. Featuring vendors and our food
25 trucks. The target market is South Carolina,



1 North Carolina, Virginia and Georgia. The
2 intent is to build the event to a three day
3 festival. Ocean front property at the cul-de-
4 sac -- where the stage was this year -- would
5 be the site location. Facing again, diagonally
6 towards baywatch. The promoter is proposing to
7 handle all security costs, port-a-johns costs,
8 stage, sound, lighting, fencing barricades,
9 insurance. His full staff, all entertainment
10 costs, all marketing costs, food trucks,
11 vendors, a cash bar and clean up. Doesn't have
12 specific numbers. But with -- he's seeking
13 authorization to put together a financial
14 proposal and the approval for -- of the town --
15 to move forward with planning such an event for
16 Labor Day weekend. Again August 31st,
17 Saturday. From the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 2:00
18 a.m.

19 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

20 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Any questions?

21 **MAYOR PRO TEM McLaurin:** Mr. Mayor, I don't -- I
22 don't think we as Council have enough
23 information on this yet to make a decision as
24 to whether we want to go forward with this or
25 not. Certainly something that I think we need



1 to have more discussion before we decide that
2 this is what we want to do.

3 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Exactly.

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yeah. So we can kind of give him the
5 authorization to kind of look into it and bring
6 us back more information before we kinda ---

7 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** The manager, yes.

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. You got that; right?

9 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes, sir.

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay.

11 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Just two more items. One, the
12 freedom readers program -- for all those
13 community people who don't know -- the school
14 system has set up and tudor program during the
15 fall season this year, here at the community
16 center. 12 tudors and 12 resident students
17 participated in the fall program. They're
18 asking to extend the program through the
19 summer, starting on June the 18th. They have
20 12 tudors that will be coming here volunteering
21 to work with residents of the town tudor our
22 children from hours of 10:30 to 12:00 noon.
23 Through August, I think the 18th, is the time
24 frame. And they're looking to start the
25 initial meetings with their volunteers and



1 teachers on the 6th of June. And the actual
2 program -- they'll be recruiting in community
3 to get students to sign up and be involved in
4 the tudoring program through the summer August
5 the 18th. Any questions. While we were in the
6 meeting, I just received an email report
7 through the participation through the fall. I
8 don't have -- didn't have time to read it. But
9 it gave me some numbers and demographic
10 information on participation of our residents
11 here in the town in the program. The final
12 thing I have, Mayor, a letter that was
13 addressed to you by Ms. Delma Thompson. Wanted
14 to donate a bench in honor of her relative to
15 be constructed in the Town of Atlantic Beach.
16 And she would defray the cost in memory of one
17 of her loved ones. I can provide more detail
18 to the Council. But she's seeking approval to
19 donate a memorial bench in the town.
20 Potentially down at the cul-de-sac area.

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay.

22 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Is that something that Council
23 would be interested in entertaining?

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** Council, I don't have a problem with
25 it.



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(Inaudible background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: Yes. That's ---

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Okay.

MAYOR EVANS: --- that's fine.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: That's all I have Mayor and
Council.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay. We're down to public comments.

Public Comments:

MAYOR EVANS: Yeah. I have Two. I have Linda
Booker?

MS. BOOKER: Good evening.

MULTIPLE VOICES: Good evening.

MS. BOOKER: I had some concerns. I thought Bike
fest was great. I really did. I was happy,
very happy with it. I was not happy with the
language. And I personally spoke to the MODA.
And he assured me that there would be no
vulgarity at this Bike Fest. And it was the
worst that we've had at any. I've never heard
any as bad as what we had -- what we heard
while it was going on. I'm concerned, again,
because now he wants to do something else here
and I personally don't trust him. I figure
somebody who gives you their word that they
will not do something and they do it, or they



1 allow it. I'm not sure that he's to be
2 trusted. I think there should be some type of
3 consequence for him if this happens again. But
4 otherwise, I thought the Bike Fest was nice.
5 Now, after the Bike Fest -- and I did talk to
6 the town hall -- I've never seen our beach look
7 like it looked. I've never, never -- I've been
8 here 12 years now. And Fox Gore has cleaned.
9 He cleaned as he wen- -- as the Bike Fest went
10 along. He had his people out there cleaning.
11 Lou- -- what's the mans name? Lewis?

12 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** James Lewis.

13 **MS. BOOKER:** James Lewis has cleaned. He cleaned as
14 the Bike Fest was going. The people that got
15 this contract acted like they did not care and
16 they probably don't because this is not their
17 beach. And I don't think that we should always
18 look at the dollars. I think we should look at
19 the people who -- who do quality work. You're
20 always going to get what you pay for. And when
21 I approached this gentleman about coming around
22 to 29th Street, he was very argumentative with
23 me. Telling me that he's not responsible for
24 any trash that the wind blows. He's not
25 responsible for trash on the housing -- the



1 lots where houses are. That's not true. That
2 trash wasn't there before Bike Fest and he is
3 responsible. And Mr. Quattlebaum did take care
4 of it and he did come around. But we shouldn't
5 have to go through that. I'm going to be
6 quick. The next thing is, there's some work
7 that's being done at the French Quarter -- the
8 old French Quarter -- and it is my
9 understanding that when there's work of that
10 caliber going on, there should be a dumpster.
11 And they've not had one. They're laying all of
12 their stuff down on the ground. And I don't
13 think that acceptable. I think if everybody
14 else has to have a dumpster, they have to have
15 one too. I just had a couple of questions
16 about the demo of the remaining buildings.
17 Because I had a conversation with one of our
18 officers that I have seen some suspect activity
19 going on at one of the buildings that was
20 scheduled to be demoed and it's -- well, I
21 don't know whether it's on this schedule ---

22 **(Timer dings.)**

23 **MS. BOOKER:** Does that mean I have to sit down?

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** We'll let you finish it up.

25 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** You can finish it, yeah.



1 **MS. BOOKER:** I just want the buildings in the town
2 that need to be torn down, I'd like to see them
3 torn down. And lastly, I'd like to see the
4 lots. We have people that own lots and they're
5 overgrown. And these people have resources.
6 It's not like they don't have resources. And
7 they need to be cut down. We -- our beach is
8 our home. We pay taxes. And it should look
9 like we want it to look. Thank you.

10 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Thank you.

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you. And I think we had William
12 as well. William Booker?

13 **MR. BOOKER:** Mr. Mayor and Council and my neighbor
14 (inaudible), good evening.

15 **MULTIPLE VOICES:** Good evening.

16 **MR. BOOKER:** I just came, I have -- I saw one item
17 on the agenda -- and I would be interested in.
18 It's about a piece a property that the town is
19 lookin' into purchasing. And from what I know
20 about it, I don't think it's a full lot. I
21 think it's just a partial lot. And so I would
22 be interested in knowing what would be the
23 towns interest in wanting to invest in that
24 property. And how could I find out about what
25 the intention is and so fourth and so on.



1 Because I don't really know -- you might have
2 covered it at a previous meeting. But as you
3 all know I haven't been to a meeting in quite
4 awhile. So I just thought I'd ask.

5 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** We would love to put a nice
6 memorial there.

7 **MR. BOOKER:** A memorial for?

8 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** For the town.

9 **MR. BOOKER:** You mean a memorial to ---

10 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** For -- to recognize all the
11 people that's been through the past -- Mayors,
12 Council, whomever that's been through here ---

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Business owners ---

14 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** --- a nice mural to be ---

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** --- founding fathers.

16 **MR. BOOKER:** Okay. All right. So you all will
17 decide whether we do that or not; correct?

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yes.

19 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** That's correct.

20 **MR. BOOKER:** All right. Well, thank you.

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you. Council, I seek a motion
22 to adjourn?

23 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

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

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second to adjourn. Roll



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call?

CLERK: Mayor pro tem Kenneth McLaurin?

MAYOR PRO TEM McLAURIN: Yea.

CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans?

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted. Meeting

adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

(The meeting was adjourned.)

