

TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 24, 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 24th day of June, 2019.



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COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor Jake Evans, Chairman
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 --
3 this special meeting -- is called to order this
4 Monday, June 24th, the year 2019. Roll call?

5 **CLERK:** Mayor pro tem-- 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:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

15 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** So moved.

16 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second to go into
18 Executive Session for legal, personnel and
19 contractual 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: Yea.

2 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

3 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted.

4 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor and Council, the legal
5 matter to be discussed is the proposed
6 acquisition of 3000 30th Avenue, South Highway
7 17. The contractual matter is the proposed
8 contract with Marcus Media for Labor Day
9 weekend Good Time Festival.

10 MAYOR EVANS: Thank you.

11 Executive Session:

12 (Executive Session)

13 MAYOR EVANS: Council, I seek a motion to come out
14 of Executive Session into the General session.

15 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: So moved.

16 COUNCILMAN EVANS: Second.

17 General Session:

18 MAYOR EVANS: Motion and a second to come out of the
19 Executive session into the General Session.

20 Any other questions or 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:** Yea.

2 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

3 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. I want to take time to welcome
4 the general public -- public and we appreciate
5 your patience with us today. I know we're
6 supposed to be out of here by 6:00 o'clock, but
7 we had some important issue that kinda went at
8 little bit farther. So we definitely
9 appreciate your patience with us. At this
10 time, I'd ask if you've got any cell phones or
11 anything that might disturb the proceedings, if
12 you'd silence those for us at this time for us,
13 please. And we ask that you stand with us in
14 a moment of silence.

15 **(Moment of Silence.)**

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

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

18 **Approval of the Agenda:**

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** Council, I seek a motion for the
20 Approval of the Agenda, but I do see an error
21 on item number 7, that we need to amend the
22 date July 1st, 2019 and ending June 30th, that
23 should be 2020; is that correct.

24 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Uh-huh.

25 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yes.



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, Council. I seek a motion for
2 the Approval of the Agenda with that ammedment.

3 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** So moved.

4 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second.

5 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's been a motion and second for
6 the Approval of the Agenda with the ammedment.
7 Any other questions or comments; if not, roll
8 call?

9 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

10 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

11 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

12 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

13 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

14 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

15 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion granted. We're down to
17 item number 6, the public hearing for the year
18 2019/2020 proposed general fund budget.
19 Council, I seek a motion to open -- open the
20 floor for the public hearing.

21 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** So moved.

22 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Second.

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and second to open
24 the floor for the public hearing for the
25 2019/2020 proposed general fund budget. Any



1 other questions or comments? Roll call?

2 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

3 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

4 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

5 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

6 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

7 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

8 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

10 **Public Hearing:**

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** At this time the floor is open to the
12 public. If you want to come to podium and
13 state your name and speak loud enough for the
14 recorder to pick it up. But this will be
15 anything that relates to the 2019/2020 proposed
16 general fund budget. Anybody

17 **MALE SPEAKER:** (inaudible)

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yes. This will be the second reading.

19 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** It's final.

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** It's going to be final. Uh-huh.

21 **MS. LANCE:** Good evening, Council.

22 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Good evening.

23 **MS. LANCE:** I just have a question in reference to
24 the budget. We've taken in I think for the
25 2019/2020 budget \$757,300; is that correct?



1 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes, ma'am.

2 **MS. LANCE:** And there for the expenditures come to
3 \$750,040. So we only have in your budget
4 really, monies of which is 7250. \$7,250; is
5 that right?

6 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** 260. 260.

7 **MS. LANCE:** Let him talk. That's it?

8 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes, ma'am.

9 **MS. LANCE:** Okay. So with that in mind -- in just
10 seems like that's really low, \$7,000.

11 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Well the -- the estimate that I
12 projected in the 2019/2020 budget, is a very
13 conservative estimate. And I say that because
14 we anticipate several homes that have been
15 built in the town in the last year coming
16 online this fiscal year.

17 **MS. LANCE:** Okay.

18 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** We also will have four additional
19 permits being taken out to build and construct
20 homes that I anticipate coming online. I did
21 not include them actual -- in the actual
22 numbers. But conservatively I projected that
23 with that new construction and those homes
24 being built, that we will exceed this amount.
25 But I wanted to be as conservative as possible.



1 Presenting a balanced budget as required. And
2 that's why those numbers.

3 **MS. LANCE:** And so those homes, are they secondary
4 homes?

5 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Like, individually?

6 **MS. LANCE:** Uh-huh.

7 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** I can't tell. Some are.

8 **MS. LANCE:** Okay.

9 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Some are. And I can't tell on
10 every case, because I don't, you know, quiz
11 them and all of that. But what can deduce from
12 those who are taking out permits, they are
13 property owners or air property owners
14 primarily. We've had some new investors come
15 and build also.

16 **MS. LANCE:** Okay. And what about for emergency.
17 Let's say an emergency comes about -- that
18 happens in all of our lives. So if an
19 emergency comes up, will the town have the
20 funds in order to take care of those
21 emergencies?

22 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes, ma'am.

23 **MS. LANCE:** Okay.

24 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** We have a -- we have reserves from
25 prior years.



1 **MS. LANCE:** Okay. Thank you.

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** Ms. Lance, you didn't -- did you state
3 your name when you came up? I just want to
4 make sure I got it on the recording there.
5 Well, I've already done it for you. That was
6 Ms. Lance speaking.

7 **MS. LANCE:** Thank you very much. I appreciate that.

8 **MR. BOOKER:** Good evening.

9 **MULTIPLE VOICES:** Good evening.

10 **MR. BOOKER:** My name is William Booker. Mr. Mayor
11 and Council. I've noticed, Mr. Quattlebaum,
12 you mentioned something about some surplus from
13 prior years and I see that there's \$41,000
14 surplus from 2017/'18 kinda thing.

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

16 **MR. BOOKER:** Is that -- am I reading that correctly?

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

18 **MR. BOOKER:** And you're expecting that there's going
19 to be a \$263 surplus from this current fiscal
20 year?

21 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Uh---

22 **MR. BOOKER:** Based on this document?

23 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Based on the financials we had.
24 This was generated in April. Probably be --
25 we'll probably generate substantially more.



1 But that's based on our income and expense
2 statement as of that time. Actual expenses.

3 **MR. BOOKER:** Okay. But it's not a part of this
4 budget, but is there (inaudible) that the town
5 have surplus money? Beyond these figures, or
6 is this pretty much it? Or less than this?

7 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes. The town currently -- these
8 are reported numbers we have to date. I don't
9 have a final on the end of year on our
10 projected surplus. But I can get that
11 information for you.

12 **MR. BOOKER:** Okay. Do you have a ball park?

13 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** I wouldn't want to say publically
14 until I ---

15 **MR. BOOKER:** All right. Thank you. Thank you very
16 much.

17 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Thank you.

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** Any body else? No. Council, you guys
19 have any. Okay Council, seek a motion to close
20 the public hearing?

21 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** I seek a motion to close the
22 public hearing.

23 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second to close
25 the public hearing for the proposed general



1 fund budget for 2019/2020. Any other
2 questions, comments, Council? 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:** Mayor Jake Evans?

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion granted. We're down to
11 item number 7, ordinance number 2-2019. Adopt
12 the budget for the 2019/2020 year. And this
13 will be the second reading. Council, seek a
14 motion.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** May I make a motion the
16 ordinance number 2-2019 budget, for 2019 to
17 2020 to be the second reading for the Town of
18 Atlantic Beach.

19 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Second.

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** There is a motion and a second on the
21 floor to adopt ordinance number 2-2019. The
22 2019/2020 budget. And this is the second
23 reading. Any other questions or comments,
24 Council; if not, roll call?

25 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?



1 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

2 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

3 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

4 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

5 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

6 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion granted. We're down to
8 item number 8, resolution number 1-2019. I
9 think this is consensus of Council to table; is
10 that correct?

11 **CLERK:** That is correct.

12 **MULTIPLE VOICES:** Uh-huh.

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. Council, I seek a motion to
14 table item number 8, resolution number 1-2019.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

16 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** So moved.

17 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second.

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second on the
19 floor to table resolution number 1-2019. Item
20 number 8 on the agenda. Any other questions or
21 comments; if not, roll call?

22 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

23 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

24 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

25 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.



1 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

2 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

3 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion granted. We're down to
5 item number 9, proposed Good Times Festival for
6 Labor Day weekend. Saturday, August 31st,
7 2019. Sponsored by Marcus Media. Ben, do you
8 want to elaborate on that a little bit for the
9 public?

10 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor and Council, we're seeking
11 approval to enter into a contract agreement
12 with Marcus Media to provide a fest- -- a one
13 day festival, August the 31st. It is a new
14 festival being proposed by Marcus Media and
15 we're seeking approval to enter into agreement
16 to have this event, this Memorial Day (sic) on
17 the 31st. With all expenses sponsored by the
18 promoter, Marcus Media.

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** Council, I seek a motion to authorize
20 the town manager to enter into an agreement or
21 contract with Marcus Media.

22 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** So moved.

23 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Second.

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second on the
25 floor to authorize the town manager to enter



1 into a contract or agreement with Marcus Media
2 for the proposed Good Time Festival for Labor
3 Day weekend which will be Saturday, August
4 31st, 2019. Any other questions or comments?
5 Roll call?

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 **New Business:**

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to item number 10, New
16 Business. ammedment to the approval of the
17 Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments,
18 technical assistance contract land management
19 ordinance.

20 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor and Council, the planning
21 commission has been working through an
22 agreement with Waccamaw Regional Council of
23 Government for over a year to update the towns
24 land management ordinance on LMO. The Coun- --
25 the planning commission concluded a



1 recommendation for revisions of the LMO -- I
2 think in April of 2019. The municipal --
3 Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments
4 recommended that certain portions of the LMO be
5 reviewed by outside legal counsel and proposed
6 to engage Attorney Tyson for that review. The
7 initial review the counsel amended the contract
8 to engage the attorney for \$12,200. The
9 Attorney came back and indicated that they
10 needed some additional legal review. Waccamaw
11 Regional Council of Government concurred. The
12 total cost for the review is \$6,750. The
13 Waccamaw Council has proposed to bare \$2,000 of
14 that cost. The actual increase and amendment
15 to the technical assistant grant is, \$4,750.
16 \$4,750, making a total of \$16,950 for the
17 amendment. I seek a motion for approval to the
18 amendment.

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** Council, seek a motion for the
20 approvment of the amendment.

21 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** So moved.

22 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I second it.

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second. Any
24 other questions or comments; if not, roll call.

25 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?



1 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

2 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

3 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

4 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

5 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

6 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

8 **Report:**

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to, town managers report.

10 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor and Council, I just want to
11 -- for the record -- pass out the received
12 resignation of Councilman Kenneth McLaurin, for
13 the record. Also, at this time, I'd like to
14 bring Mr. Joe Montgomery forward to give the
15 Council an overview of the election and the
16 filling of the seat for the vacated by
17 Councilman McLaurin. And the upcoming
18 elections in November.

19 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** My name is Joe Montgomery. And for
20 those of you who don't know me, I'm chairman of
21 the Election Commission. But as he stated Mr.
22 McLaurin resigned effective the 18th. And we
23 don't have an election until November --
24 November the 5th. I checked with the county
25 election commission chairman this morning. And



1 that's appropriate because of the months close
2 to general election. That's when you'll have
3 it. And it will be on that ballot, which will
4 be (inaudible) -- unexpired term of Mr. Begard.
5 (inaudible) -- ordinarily he would run next
6 year. Well that person was wrong about it
7 (inaudible). Any questions?

8 **CLERK:** 21.

9 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** Huh?

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** 21.

11 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** 21 for what?

12 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** For his term.

13 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** So what would a person need to do
14 if they decided they wanted to apply, what
15 position ---

16 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** (inaudible) -- Cheryl you can
17 explain that better.

18 **CLERK:** There will be a form for you to fill out.
19 It will be on expired two Council member.

20 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** When do they ---

21 **CLERK:** Uh-huh.

22 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** In the olden days, we would put it
23 in the news paper. I forgot to say that.

24 **CLERK:** Yeah. It's August, I don't know.

25 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** I think the 23rd or the 25th.



1 **CLERK:** And it runs for 10 days, until September the
2 6th. but it will be on expired two. There
3 will be a form for that that you can come to
4 get to the office. It will be Council member,
5 two Council member seats. One meal and they
6 will be on expired two. And that will be
7 placed on the ballot.

8 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** (inaudible) -- the criteria ---
9 **(Multiple voices.)**

10 **CLERK:** Oh.

11 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** Be a resident of the Town of
12 Atlantic Beach and pay \$25.00. There's a two
13 week space between signing up and during that,
14 you'll have time to campaign. I think you said
15 it's in September, so you'll have plenty of
16 time. But all this will be in the news papers.

17 **CLERK:** And you can come to the office. Come to
18 Town Hall and you can speak with me; okay?

19 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** Cheryl is the best. Thank you.

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

21 **Public Comments:**

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** That's it? Okay. We're down to
23 public comments I have three here. Brenda, I
24 know you're going to kill me about not knowing
25 you last name or how to pronounce your last



1 name on here. All the help you've done for us.
2 You can come to the podium and tell us what
3 your last name is.

4 **MS. DEESE-MORIEKO:** What am I coming up to this
5 podium for?

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** Did you -- this is public comments.
7 Did you fill out a public comment card? Did
8 you fill out one of these?

9 **MS. DEESE-MORIEKO:** I didn't think it went through.
10 Because I tried to call Cheryl for it --

11 **CLERK:** The other employee sent it. My other co-
12 worker.

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** So you can state your name when you
14 come to the podium. I'll remember it this
15 time.

16 **MS. DEESE-MORIEKO:** You'll get it right one of these
17 years, it's okay. Hello, my name is Brenda
18 Deese-Morieko.

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** I'll never get it.

20 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Spell that.

21 **MS. DEESE-MORIEKO:** D-E-E-S-E dash Morieko, M-O-R-I-
22 E-K-O. As most of you know or some of you
23 know, I've been a property owner here for a
24 little less than a year now. And I've been
25 asking, you know, different people what is it



1 that we have to do as a community as a council,
2 to get some of the people to do something with
3 their property? Cut their grass, tear the
4 place down if it's that bad, maintain it. But
5 you have a lot of like you said, new home
6 owners trying to bring up the community. Put
7 money into the community and build these new
8 homes. And then you look and you see people
9 that may not necessarily live here in town but
10 own the property and there's noting being done.
11 So how does the council -- or do you even
12 address that situation and how do you address
13 it?

14 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** We -- let me just indicate that
15 council directed me six months ago, or even
16 before that to talk about the abandoned
17 buildings at the time. And I -- I know you're
18 aware that we took down three of those
19 buildings in may of this year. And we're
20 moving to have the other demolished also.
21 Through a legal process that has to be done.
22 Maintenance of the grounds and the lawns for
23 absentee owners has been a challenge for years.
24 A lot of them because they're not here everyday
25 or weekly to see what the conditions of the



1 town are. It has been a challenge to try to
2 keep to maintain they're property. What I've
3 taken as an aggressive approach in some cases,
4 having those ones that are extreme, cleaned up
5 and filing liens and charging those individuals
6 to have their properties cleaned. That's what
7 we can do. And we have done. The town and
8 council have approved on several occasions, us
9 putting out dumpsters at the towns expense.
10 For people to get rid of old property or items
11 that are causing -- at the expense of the town
12 -- get that done. So were trying aggressively.
13 But it is a challenge. It's a community thing
14 that I think collectively residents are going
15 to have to join with us and put pressure on
16 those co-owners to make them. There has been
17 some improvements. Some of them are taking
18 responsibility. But we still have a number of
19 issues that are still out there.

20 **MS. DEESE-MORIEKO:** Okay. And can I ask one other
21 question?

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** Sure.

23 **MS. DEESE-MORIEKO:** The apartment building -- is it
24 on 31st Avenue -- that they gave the residents
25 a certain date that they had to be out?



1 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes.

2 **MS. DEESE-MORIEKO:** What I read was that it was only
3 going to stay vacant possibly a year.

4 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes.

5 **MS. DEESE-MORIEKO:** All right. We go back to status
6 quo after a year with the type of residents
7 that are there?

8 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** No. The judge made a decision.
9 We tried to get it closed permanently. The
10 judge made a decision and determination that it
11 would only be closed for a year. We're hoping
12 that those are the bad element that was in the
13 apartments, will be displaced and will not come
14 back. We can't guarantee that. But at the
15 same time, displacement for a year is highly
16 unlikely that people will come back to the
17 place. We can't guarantee that. But that was
18 the best we could get decision from the judge.

19 **MS. DEESE-MORIEKO:** All right. That's it. Thank
20 you.

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** And just to follow up on some of the
22 comments that he made about people cleaning
23 their properties. He probably gets beat over
24 the head by the council as a whole about that
25 same issue more than anything else. That's



1 something that's very important to us. The
2 appearance of this town. The curb appeal. The
3 over grown lots. We ride him like a horse
4 about that. So we're going to get that
5 straight if we don't get anything else
6 straight. And I'm glad to hear you speak on
7 that as well, thank you. William Booker?

8 **MR. BOOKER:** This is twice in a row. Mayor and
9 Council, William Booker. I'm not going to make
10 this a habit. but I'm going to start by
11 thanking Mayor and Mr. Quattlebaum. My wife
12 and I have talked to you on more than one
13 occasion about some things that we wanted to
14 have addressed in the town. And those things
15 have been addressed. And following up on
16 neighbor, Brenda. There is -- there is work
17 going on. There are things that are being done
18 that the citizens and the Council are
19 interested in having taken care of. And I see
20 that stuff taking place. The other subject
21 that I'd like to talk about is the one that I
22 spoke about last meeting that I attended. And
23 that's the item -- the agenda item that was
24 tabled today about the property purchase over
25 on -- at the corner of 30th and Highway 17.



1 The reason I'm speaking about this -- this
2 project, is because I'm very concerned about
3 wise use of funds. I wouldn't spend my money
4 on that project. And I would question whether
5 -- from what I've seen and the conversations
6 I've had with each of you -- whether you'd
7 spend your personal money on that project.
8 That piece of land is slightly more than half
9 a standard lot. A standard lot is 7500 square
10 feet. That lot is only 3900 square feet. It
11 is decreasing in value in terms of how the
12 county is assessing that property. Where as
13 most of the property in the town, as far as
14 assessments go, are increasing in assessments.
15 It's gone from 100,000 to 58,000 about 3 or 4
16 years ago. Now it's down to 52,000 and some
17 odd dollars. So the value of it is decreasing.
18 It's been sitting on that corner and it's been
19 offered for sale for about as long as I've been
20 in the town. And no one is -- has expressed an
21 interest in that property, to my knowledge.
22 And so, when I don't know that anybody is
23 expressing an interest in it today. So, I'm
24 wondering why it is that we, the town, would
25 take our tax payer money and spend almost



1 double for the property that based on the
2 assessment and no body else is interested in
3 it. It seems like we would be one, if we just
4 had to have that property. I'm struggling with
5 why we just got to have it. I was told that we
6 are going to put a monument up for some of the
7 forefathers of the town -- and I can support
8 that. But we have a lot of land, a lot of
9 different places where we can put those
10 monuments up and use that money for some other
11 purpose that's gonna be -- that's not being
12 addressed right now. So I just want to share
13 with you my feelings and the feelings of some
14 of the other citizens that I've talked with
15 about this project. And I -- I just want to
16 share that I think that we can do better with
17 our money. Especially all that property.
18 Because we've got properties on -- in the town
19 that are selling for 50 and 60 thousand. Full
20 lots. And this is just slightly more than a
21 half a lot. It's selling for -- well we're
22 willing to pay 90,000 -- 91,000. I just think
23 it's a poor use of funds. Thank you.

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you Mr. Booker. Actually, I'm
25 only one person up here. But I support the



1 town purchasing that property. And there's a
2 number of reasons why I think it's a good idea
3 and I support the purchase of that property.
4 I have spoken with a number of residents of the
5 town as well and they support us purchasing
6 this property as well. So I'm sure there are
7 some who don't agree as well. But as far as
8 the lot size, we are aware that it's not a full
9 lot. And I know you gave us some number from
10 your podium. And I would probably challenge
11 some of the numbers that gave us. The lot on
12 Highway 17, that is a full lot. That is 50 by
13 150 versus of what we're planning to pay for
14 this lot -- I think is a substantial amount
15 lower. The other thing is, I've been on Town
16 Council here for better than 16 years -- going
17 on 20 years. As far as being blessed to buy a
18 lot, means a lot to me. Before this Council
19 took seat -- I think four years ago -- we
20 couldn't even buy a piece of bubble gum. So
21 much less than a lot. So this is something
22 that is dear to me. I've been a resident of
23 Atlantic Beach my entire sixty something years
24 on this earth here. And there are a lot of our
25 forefathers who will be forgotten -- I feel --



1 if they are not recognized in some type of
2 decent way. if something happens -- we don't
3 know what happens down the road. We may be
4 forced to unite with North Myrtle Beach or the
5 county or anybody. but if we was to a memorial
6 out beside Highway 17, we're pretty much
7 guaranteed that it will be here forever. Yeah,
8 there's other lots. We've just done a great
9 thing in acquiring all the housing authority
10 properties. But none of that has Highway 17
11 frontage. If you're not Highway 17 frontage
12 when Highway 17 gets build up, you won't be
13 able to see nothing on this side of the street
14 or down there either. So it means a lot to me
15 to recognize Mr. Jim Lewis. Mr. Rooker. Mr.
16 Emery Gore. Mr. Skeeter. All -- all these
17 people that a lot of people in town today never
18 even heard of. This is why we are here today.
19 And I thank those people for blessing me to
20 have my reign at trying to lead this town. And
21 I want to bless them with something that will
22 be left permanently for them. So it's nothing
23 that we're trying to do underhanded. If this
24 goes through, we're going to go step by step.
25 Make sure we do everything right. If we have



1 to do a resolution ordinance -- whatever we
2 have to do -- we're going to do it correctly.
3 I've been on the phone daily with the municipal
4 association, the ethics commission, anybody who
5 can guide me to make sure that we do this
6 right. We're going to do it right. We're
7 going to do respectfully. People who are
8 against it, I want to hear them. And people
9 who are for it. And at the end of the day,
10 whatever we decide we're going to do for this
11 town, will not be in my hands. But it will be
12 left up -- left up to the majority of Council
13 here. Now, if they're in agreement with it and
14 we go forward though it, I hope you guys will
15 support us whole heartily in every way you can.
16 Council members, any of you have any ---

17 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yeah. Yeah, I'd like to
18 something. That piece of property has a
19 contract on it. That signed on a billboard
20 that pays about 500 some dollar or -- a month.
21 Or the loan on it is 4.7. It'll pay for
22 itself. It's win-win situation so I don't see
23 an argument. Because (inaudible) it'll pay for
24 itself. I just want you to know that. Thank
25 you.



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** Any other Council members?

2 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Well, I just like to say, Mayor,
3 that we have 9 lots that was just given to us.
4 And to do us a memorial garden -- which is
5 nice, don't get me wrong -- but if you build it
6 down, half where the town or down town, that
7 brings people into the town. So other business
8 can benefit from it. But on 17, I guarantee
9 you in 90 days it'll be vandalized. It'll be
10 sprayed on. It would -- it would just damage
11 it. And we would have to put money back into
12 it again. And money back into it again. But
13 I think we should think twice. But like you
14 say, you got the majority of Council, so, hey.
15 That's it.

16 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** And I don't really want to
17 corrupt anything anybody said because I'm going
18 to agree with these two. But at the same time,
19 Ms. Jo, I really don't think that we're in a
20 town that we will actually have to worry about
21 anything being vandalized. We have out there
22 where the -- the guy had the yard stuff out
23 there. Where he have his granite up there --
24 Jasper had granite up there. I don't so much
25 think that we have to worry about anybody



1 vandalizing anything in our. I mean and it
2 could happen. But I just can't see it.
3 Because I think that we have grown. We have
4 came a long ways in our town. I don't think
5 that we have that much hatred out there for us.
6 For somebody to actually go and vandalize
7 something that we put out there -- a memorial
8 out there. Or whatever. I just can't believe
9 that would ever happen. I honestly don't.

10 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Okay. You spoke about the yards
11 thing across from me. Yes, someone stole two
12 of his (inaudible) when he first opened.
13 Someone stole two of his two blue Shaw things.
14 Yes. He has been vandalized.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** He's been there for -- ever
16 since, what, 2008?

17 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yeah.

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Nine?

19 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** But they went in there and stole
20 his stuff though.

21 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Well, we're going to pray to God
22 that no body come in and vandalize this because
23 ---

24 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** (inaudible) -- well, I hope not.

25 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** --- well, yeah. I don't think



1 they will.

2 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** But I'm just saying.

3 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. Well and at the end of the day
4 we can't predict whether somebody's going to
5 vandalize it or not. But at the end of the day
6 whether it's on Highway 17 or down the street
7 somewhere, they can vandalize anyway anywhere
8 we put it. But anyway, I just wanted to
9 respond to that. That's all the public comment
10 cards that we have.

11 **CLERK:** (inaudible) -- Mr. Mayor, I don't think you
12 called Ms. Lance.

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Oh, I didn't? I'm sorry. Ms. Gloria
14 Lance.

15 **MS. LANCE:** (inaudible) -- you had just forgotten me
16 because we had a wonderful conversation of
17 Saturday. A very truthful conversation. I'm
18 Gloria Lance, former Councilwoman of the Town
19 of Atlantic Beach and Jake and I will probably
20 be in the running for the number of years that
21 I've been on council, so ... But I just had --
22 I asked Jake a question in reference to the
23 millage, tax millage.

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** Uh-huh. Right.

25 **MS. LANCE:** And he didn't have an answer. And I



1 said well, I don't know mine either, but I'm
2 going to get the answer. I called the tax
3 assessors office up today and I think you have
4 -- you're gonna get one Mr. Q.

5 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** All right.

6 **MS. LANCE:** There's an extra one right there for
7 you. And if you -- when you look at this it
8 says, the City of Atlantic Beach up here at the
9 top, right?

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** Uh-huh.

11 **MS. LANCE:** And the tax millage is 0.1681. If you
12 go down -- if you continue looking, the highest
13 on here is Loris. The city of Loris, about
14 five down.

15 **MALE SPEAKER:** Yes.

16 **MS. LANCE:** Which is what? 0.1809?

17 **MALE SPEAKER:** Yeah.

18 **MS. LANCE:** Okay. That's how we are billed in
19 reference to our taxes. Property taxes. So as
20 I asked you on Saturday -- who -- the property
21 taxes are the ones that pays the bills. And
22 the business license, all right.

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** Pretty much.

24 **MS. LANCE:** That's how we get funds to the ---

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** Pretty much. Yeah.



1 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** (inaudible)

2 **MS. LANCE:** --- (inaudible) of the town. So, you're
3 going out and looking for -- well, probably got
4 a loan or getting a loan. Is that right?

5 **MAYOR EVANS:** It's still up there.

6 **MS. LANCE:** It's still up there?

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** We haven't decided which way we're
8 going yet.

9 **MS. LANCE:** Okay. So the community doesn't know --
10 in reference to tax payers -- exactly what this
11 loan amount will be once you get this. Because
12 it's the property owner and the business
13 license that will have to pay this loan back.
14 We don't know how many years it's going to be
15 involved into this loan. We don't even know --
16 I think Councilman Evans said 4.7 for the
17 interest rate of the loan. Is that right
18 Councilman?

19 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** That's right. That's right.

20 **MS. LANCE:** Okay. And so, therefore -- and the
21 billboard pays, you know, \$500 a month and that
22 will be paid. I'm just looking at it from the
23 stand point, I've been on Council as you all
24 know. And there have been many law suits.
25 Many law suits. And the very first one -- I



1 wasn't even on Council -- was the Donny Riggins
2 law suit. Remember that one Joe?

3 **MALE SPEAKER:** Yeah.

4 **MS. LANCE:** Donny Riggins. All of us old folks
5 who've been in here. Donny Riggins. There
6 were five landowners that came out of their
7 pockets because the town did not have the money
8 to pay for that loan. We paid that loan off,
9 no questions asked because we said it was our
10 municipality and we're gonna pay that loan off.
11 The town for years, for years. 20 odd years
12 probably or longer. You know, did pay us back.
13 But then it took length of time because it was
14 tax payers dollars. So when Pete Johnson and
15 myself was acting Mayor, we said, okay we're
16 going to do a thank you to the residents of
17 this town. Tax payers. The residents who live
18 here on a full-time basis -- as a thank you.
19 I remember jumping off of -- won't do it today
20 -- off a waste management truck giving out
21 those trash cans to people. That's been over
22 20 years. And the town has been paying that.
23 Business owners -- who are making money off of
24 their businesses -- have trash cans. Why? Why
25 is that happening Council.



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** Cut off that right there. We are at
2 an (inaudible) for that one Ben.

3 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Why do people have trash cans?

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** Business owners who have businesses
5 that's supposed to have dumpsters. Why do they
6 have trash cans? And we're paying for it, why?

7 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** It's something you've raised and
8 said your concerned that we have address, in
9 terms of those business owners. But you're
10 absolutely right. They're not supposed to have
11 -- it's required to have a dumpster. Anything
12 over -- in four units.

13 **MS. LANCE:** You need to have a dumpster. The town
14 should not be (inaudible). It should not be
15 paying that bill.

16 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** I understand that. And I have it
17 addressed. I will address it.

18 **MS. LANCE:** Okay. I mean, we have really used -- we
19 have not paid for trash cans, as a resident.
20 And I thank the town for it. You know, for not
21 paying for -- for the trash can. But you can't
22 go anywhere in this county, where you get a
23 trash can and don't pay for it. Everybody.

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** Ben, I didn't want to just put you on
25 the spot there -- but isn't there a situation



1 where you said the business owners, some of
2 them who have those cans, we weren't paying for
3 them? That they were paying the waste
4 management place themselves?

5 **MULTIPLE VOICES:** They pay for their own.

6 **MS. LANCE:** So some of them are.

7 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** I'll look into it. All of the
8 businesses to my knowledge have been
9 (inaudible) ---

10 **MS. LANCE:** They all should have them?

11 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Right.

12 **MS. LANCE:** They all don't have them.

13 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Ordinance requires that requires
14 that a unit over four units to have a dumpster.

15 **MS. LANCE:** That's right.

16 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Those who are -- the town is not
17 paying for that. I'm glad you clarified that.
18 Those business owners, they have elected --
19 purchased them and paid for them themselves.

20 **MS. LANCE:** That's good.

21 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** All right.

22 **MS. LANCE:** Some business owner have them and some
23 doesn't. So you need to check into that
24 Council. You know, so, you know, that's
25 dipping out of our budget. Out of our dollars,



1 is that right Mr. Q?

2 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes, ma'am.

3 **MS. LANCE:** That's dipping in there. So the town
4 needs money. If you might -- and I command
5 this council for getting us out of some legal
6 situation. You have done an accomplishment.
7 But yet still, the property on 17, we're
8 talking \$91,000 for that piece of property.
9 You guys are fiduciaries. Council members, you
10 fiduciaries of the funds that come in here.
11 You're supposed to look at it. It's not a
12 personal situation, it is at your
13 responsibility as a council members. So when
14 you look at that fiduciary and you look at your
15 tax millage and you see that we're the second
16 highest in reference to the county
17 municipalities -- that we're paying the highest
18 tax rate. So try to, you know, when you look
19 at something listen to your members. You all
20 are not going to be right. But some folks
21 who've been here the longest, will know.
22 That's a half of a lot. And there are things
23 that the community -- I'm all for a monument.
24 I'm all well for that. But it's coming out of
25 tax payers dollars. Because if the town



1 defaults on that loan -- before the town
2 defaults on the loan -- it's coming from the
3 business owners. The money is coming from the
4 business owners and the property owners. The
5 other thing is, I hope there's going to be a
6 public hearing. And I -- I'm (inaudible) ---

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** I'm sorry?

8 **MS. LANCE:** There's going to be a public hearing
9 (inaudible) ---

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** There definitely will be. We will
11 definitely get input from the public. And to
12 the best of my knowledge, there won't be any
13 change in the millage rate from what it is now.
14 If I'm not mistaken.

15 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

16 **MS. LANCE :** There won't be any changes?

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** It's -- no. There won't be any change
18 at all.

19 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Not based on this purchase.

20 **MS. LANCE:** Okay. So that will be in your
21 ordinance, is that correct?

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yes.

23 **MS. LANCE:** When you do that. We appreciate it. We
24 thank you so kindly, Council.

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.



1 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Thank you.

2 **MS. LANCE:** As long as it's in the ordinance that
3 tax payer millage won't go up, I'm good.

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** Anybody else, Council.

5 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** That's it.

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** Seek a motion to adjourn.

7 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** So moved.

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** There is a motion and a second on the
9 floor to adjourn.

10 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Second.

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** 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:** Mayor Jake Evans?

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion granted. This meeting is
20 adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

21 **(The meeting was adjourned.)**

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