

TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 15, 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 15th day of July, 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

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1 Call to Order:

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** This special Town Council meeting and
3 public hearing is called together -- to order
4 this Monday, July 15th, at 6:00 p.m. Roll
5 call? 5 -- I'm sorry. 5:00 p.m. Roll Call?

6 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

7 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Present.

8 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

9 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Present.

10 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

11 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Present.

12 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

16 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

17 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** So moved.

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second to go
20 into Executive Session for legal, personnel and
21 contractual matters. Any other questions,
22 comments? Roll call?

23 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

24 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

25 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?



1 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

2 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

3 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

4 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor Jake Evans?

5 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted.

6 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor and Council, the legal items
7 to be discussed in Executive session are land
8 acquisitions, demolition of vacant properties,
9 the contractual matter is a contract with the
10 LLC of Pope Flynn, out of Columbia, South
11 Carolina. Attorney Charles Rhodes, from Pope
12 Flynn, LLC will be conferenced in in the
13 Executive Session on the acquisition of the
14 property.

15 MAYOR EVANS: Thank you.

16 COUNCILMAN EVANS: What did you say that attorney's
17 name was?

18 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Charles Rhodes.

19 COUNCILMAN EVANS: He's going to be coming today?

20 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: He's going to be conferenced in.

21 COUNCILMAN EVANS: Okay. All right.

22 Executive Session:

23 (Executive Session)

24 MAYOR EVANS: Council, I seek a motion to come out
25 of Executive Session into the regular session.



1 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: So moved.

2 COUNCILMAN EVANS: Second.

3 MAYOR EVANS: Motion and a Second to come out of
4 General -- Executive Session into the regular
5 session. Any other questions or comments?

6 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Councilman Lenearl Evans?

7 COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.

8 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

9 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

10 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

11 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

12 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor Jake Evans?

13 General Session:

14 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion Granted. I want to take
15 time to welcome the general public. Thank you
16 for coming out. At this time we ask if anyone
17 has any cell phones, or devices that might
18 disturb the proceedings, would you silence
19 those for us at this time, please? And I'll
20 give you time to do that before we stand for a
21 moment of silence.

22 (Moment of Silence.)

23 MAYOR EVANS: Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

24 (Pledge of Allegiance said in unison.)

25 Approval of the Agenda:



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to the Approval of the
2 Agenda Council. Seek a motion to approve the
3 agenda as it is outlined?

4 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** I seek a motion to approve the
5 agenda as it is outlined.

6 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Second.

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** There is a motion and a second for the
8 approval of the agenda as it is outlined. Roll
9 call?

10 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

11 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

12 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

13 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

14 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

15 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

16 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor Jake Evans?

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion Granted.

18 **Old Business:**

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** Old business. Town Council meeting
20 minutes, there are none. New business is the
21 public hearing. Council, I seek a motion to
22 open the floor for a public hearing. And this
23 is for the purchase of the property at 3000
24 30th Avenue South and Highway 17 in Atlantic
25 Beach. Council, seek a motion to open the



1 floor for that public hearing?

2 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** So --

3 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** So moved.

4 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second.

5 **Public Hearing:**

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** There is a motion and a second to open
7 the floor for the public hearing. And remind
8 everyone this is a public hearing, and when you
9 come to the podium state your name and address
10 so we can actually pick it up on the recorder.
11 And these questions will pertain to that
12 subject and that subject only. Roll call?

13 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

14 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

15 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

16 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

17 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

19 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor Jake Evans?

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion Granted. The floor is
21 now open fo the public hearing. You're welcome
22 anybody in the audience to step to the podium,
23 if you've got any questions that you want to
24 ask. Or statements about the property, you're
25 welcome to do so at this time.



1 **MR. SKEETER:** Good evening, Mayor and Council and
2 all of the fellow citizens of the town of
3 Atlantic Beach. I think this matter here, I
4 just heard about it maybe a week ago. And I
5 wonder why our officials did not come around to
6 us individuals that town of Atlantic Beach and
7 try to find a suitable place. Now I'm hearing
8 that the designated place -- or what's going to
9 be the designated place on the corner of 30th
10 Avenue and Highway 17. Well, I read the
11 article about where y'all are going to attempt
12 to buy property to put this monument. And
13 there's a lot of blank space there that I don't
14 understand. Such as, what is going to go on
15 the monument. Names or what? Now we have
16 property here in Atlantic Beach that
17 prestigious, that's not being utilized. So I
18 don't think it would be wise at this time, to
19 go out and spend -- it think it was \$91,000 or
20 whatever the case may be. When we have other
21 property available and should be much more
22 suitable. Such as down in the cul-de-sac in
23 Atlantic Beach, at the end of 30th Avenue. We
24 also have -- and I say the proper place for
25 that to be, would be over here somewhere by the



1 community center for our visitors to see. To
2 see some of the founders of Atlantic Beach.
3 And I'm not fussing with y'all. Please
4 understand. And I'm not angry, I'm just
5 concerned. But I cannot understand why the
6 government did not seek out some direction from
7 the citizens of Atlantic Beach that have been
8 here for years and years. And why would you
9 buy more property when we have property that's
10 not even being utilized. And it's maybe a
11 gesture. But it's not a good gesture for us to
12 do that at this time. And I'm open for
13 questions and why I've come to that decision.
14 And I still think, as a matter of respect,
15 y'all should have seeked out some of the ideas
16 from some of the citizens of Atlantic Beach.
17 Now that's just my feelings. That's my
18 (inaudible). And again, I'm not angry with
19 anybody. But I just think that that should
20 have been researched more. Now, who's going to
21 select what go on there. What -- Mayor, what's
22 going on the sign any way?

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

24 **MR. SKEETER:** What goes on the sign?

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** What goes on the ---



1 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** It's not a sign.

2 **MR. SKEETER:** Well, whatever it is. Whatever you
3 want to call it.

4 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** It's a monument. And please let
5 me address this. And you said that you -- why
6 didn't they get people -- why didn't the
7 government get people that was from the town?
8 Well I've been here ever since 1966 ---

9 **MR. SKEETER:** I in fact, didn't do this for an
10 argumentative response.

11 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Oh. I'm not arguing.

12 **MR. SKEETER:** Listen. Listen. Listen, please. I
13 just needed an explanation. A short
14 explanation.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Very short. Very short. A
16 monument. The monument that we are looking to
17 put there, would hold names of all the people
18 who has been through here. Including your
19 family members. Mine as well. Everybody
20 that's been through here that put an impact on
21 this town. And I think that would be a
22 suitable place. And no, it's not such a big
23 deal to people that's not from here. But I'm
24 from here. We're all from here that sits on
25 this Council for the first time. This is one



1 time that we're willing to put money into
2 Atlantic Beach without some of the managers
3 that comes through here. They pocket some. It
4 leaves out the town and no body has ever, ever
5 protested anything like that that I've ever
6 heard of. People come in here, they have all
7 this stuff going on. And the town got monies
8 but the monies is gone. But yet you don't have
9 anything left in the town to see if they even
10 was there. So therefore we're talking about
11 putting a monument there. So we can put for --
12 all of the founders of the town and everybody
13 that's had an impact in Atlantic Beach, they're
14 names will go up on that wall.

15 **MR. SKEETER:** Well I ---

16 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** It's not a sign. It's a
17 monument.

18 **MR. SKEETER:** I appreciate your explanation. But
19 for me, that explanation is not suitable at
20 this time. And Thank you.

21 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** And that's how it was whenever
22 you all sat in this same office that we're
23 sitting in right here. Y'all didn't, I mean --
24 and we're not fussing about it. We're not
25 fussing about it. But I'd like to say this



1 right here, this is what this government sees
2 fit for the town. And that we put it there
3 then it was always going to be there. And for
4 all you out there, it's not going to cost the
5 towns tax payers a dime. If it had even
6 looked like it was going to charge the towns
7 people taxes or make the millage and stuff like
8 that -- we would have never looked for it.
9 This is -- it's self sufficient. It's going to
10 take care of itself. It'll have a sign on it.
11 That makes money up there. So, therefore it's
12 going to take care of itself.

13 **MR. SKEETER:** Well, Councilwoman Gore, and again I
14 respect that. You are a new comer to this
15 government ---

16 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** But I've been here all my life.

17 **MR. SKEETER:** I didn't say that for an argument now
18 let's be respectful ---

19 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** And worked for the town.

20 **MR. SKEETER:** And some of the people that started
21 Atlantic Beach on the ground floor. Now you're
22 talking about here. That sit here now. I
23 think it would be a good idea if we go all the
24 way back to Mr. George Tyson, who founded this
25 94.6 ---



1 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Most definitely.

2 **MR. SKEETER:** Wait a minute now. I listened to you.

3 This 94.6 acres of property here that we now
4 call Atlantic Beach. Atlantic Beach just
5 didn't happen by itself. Atlantic Beach
6 happened during a hardcore of segregation.
7 This was the destination for all people of
8 color. And we should cherish that. And what
9 I'm getting to, every inch and every foot of
10 property in Atlantic Beach, it should be used
11 so we can get the most benefit out of it. The
12 most benefit. I appreciate it.

13 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** We appreciate you too.

14 **MR. SKEETER:** Thank you.

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** Do we have anybody else?

16 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** Ms. Mallet, I discussed this with
17 you ---

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** State your name.

19 **MR. M:** Joe Montgomery. My first question is, I was
20 told it started at 70,000 and now I'm hearing
21 91,000, can you explain that?

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** Well, I don't want to get into details
23 in explaining that. But we do have an attorney
24 working with us on that. And whatever the
25 market value is of the property it's -- we're



1 gonna be online. I mean, we're not gonna pay
2 an outrageous price for a property that's not
3 worth the price that we're paying. I can
4 guarantee you that.

5 **MR. M:** Okay. You answered the next question. The
6 next question was about the attorney. So you
7 have an attorney working on ---

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yes.

9 **MR. M:** Check on the town and everything.

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** Oh, absolutely.

11 **MR. M:** The next thing, is this going to be a loan,
12 or are you going to use the towns funds?
13 Because Jackie said it doesn't cost the tax
14 payers anything. There's always coming back to
15 the tax payers.

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** Well that has -- that has yet to be
17 decided. What she was saying there's not going
18 to be -- we're going to make sure there's not
19 going to be an increase in the millage.

20 **MR. M:** So you haven't decided if you're going to do
21 a loan or --

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** Exactly. Or we buy it right out.
23 Yes. That decision hasn't been made yet.

24 **MR. M:** Okay.

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you, sir.



1 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** And I would like to say, I don't
2 want to seem like I'm being obnoxious about
3 this or nothing like that. Because I'm not.
4 It's just the idea that I am from here and to
5 me it means a lot to me to be able to own a
6 piece of property in Atlantic Beach on the
7 highway of 17. And no, it's not going to just
8 sit there and put anything -- just anything on
9 it. It's going to have very much memories to
10 it. It's going to have everybody that we could
11 ever think of that came through here that had
12 a impact on this town. Their names is gonna be
13 there. And that will never be able to be
14 moved. It's gonna be -- it's gonna be in
15 stone. It's not gonna be able to be moved. If
16 we were to ever annex with the city of North
17 Myrtle Beach, or even the county. Then it can
18 never be moved. It's always going to be that
19 part of Atlantic Beach there.

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** And then the idea too, we wanted it to
21 be visible from passers by on Highway 17,
22 whether than putting it on some of the other
23 properties that we just acquired through
24 housing authority as well. Anybody else wanted
25 to come to the podium?



1 **MS. ISOM:** Hello.

2 **MULTIPLE VOICES:** Hi.

3 **MS. ISOM:** My name is Janet Isom. 501 29th Avenue,
4 South, 29582. I've read everything and heard
5 a lot but why -- what is the community centers
6 for? The community center -- I didn't ask for
7 you to respond, I'm just talking.

8 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Right.

9 **MS. ISOM:** Just, you know, hold it. This community
10 center isn't used as much as it should be used.
11 So why can't we just use that for a museum or
12 whatever you're trying to talk about. There's
13 an office over there, never used. There's a
14 room right here, never used. There's an office
15 up front, never used. And then you have
16 property over here where they used to have that
17 slide and the -- the little thing that you put
18 down. Disks or whatever you put down. There's
19 property over there. Atlantic Beach property
20 over there. Why -- why you gotta go to the
21 Highway?

22 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Well, I don't know what their
23 opinion is, Mr. Isom (sic), but to me passing
24 Atlantic Beach -- how many people are going to
25 get to come down here to see anything. I mean



1 that's 17 out there.

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yeah. I think the idea is that we
3 wanted it to be visible from Highway 17 ---

4 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yeah. That's the idea.

5 **MAYOR EVANS:** --- is what we were after.

6 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** --- not sayin' that you're
7 wrong.

8 **MS. ISOM:** Is that all it's about? Just the
9 visibility?

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** No, I mean ---

11 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** (inaudible) ---

12 **MS. ISOM:** If you put a sign -- a nice sign up out
13 here, it could be visible down here on this
14 end.

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** Well, that was our idea. We were just
16 wanting it to be visible on Highway 17 with
17 passers by. Just everybody passing by, you had
18 no choice but to see it whether you wanted to
19 or not.

20 **MS. ISOM:** Okay.

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** We just didn't want it to be off of
22 the Highway.

23 **MS. ISOM:** Okay. How much will it cost to build the
24 building to put there? Ain't no body saying
25 nothing about that.



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** Well it's -- I ---

2 **MS. ISOM:** You're just talking about the lot ---

3 **MAYOR EVANS:** We ---

4 **MS. ISOM:** I'm not -- don't respond. I'm just
5 talking. Y'all don't have to say a word.

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. Thank you.

7 **MS. ISOM:** I'm just talking. Just, y'all be quiet.

8 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** But you ask us to be quiet, Ms.
9 Isom. You don't just sit here and tell us to
10 be quiet. We understand what you're saying
11 though.

12 **MS. ISOM:** Well, then why are you talking?

13 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** We're still adults and stuff.

14 **MS. ISOM:** I know that ---

15 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** We're still adults ---

16 **MS. ISOM:** But don't be talking while I'm talking -
17 --

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** But we're still -- but we are
19 still adults in here; okay?

20 **MS. ISOM:** But I'm not talking to you.

21 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Please don't.

22 **MS. ISOM:** I'm talking to the Council people ---

23 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Thank you.

24 **MS. ISOM:** So you just sit and be quiet.

25 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Okay. And you could be quiet



1 too, whenever you finish and whatever. You do
2 what you do. Okay. Fine.

3 **MS. ISOM:** See ---

4 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Since you want to disrespect us
5 -- we are adults in here, Ms. Jenny.

6 **MS. ISOM:** --- you got a bad attitude already.

7 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** I don't have the attitude. But
8 you don't come in here and handle me.

9 **MS. ISOM:** Will you please let me finish talking
10 about what I'm talking about?

11 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Please do. Please do.

12 **MS. ISOM:** Thank you. Let me respond to what I'm
13 saying. And if you're going to use that lot
14 out there on 7 -- on 17 and 20 -- 30th Avenue,
15 you're still going to have to build a building.
16 Somebody will have to run it. Go be in there.
17 You gotta pay for lights. Water. Gotta put
18 bathroom and everything in it. And you've got
19 the stuff over here all you've got to do is
20 just take the money that you was talking about
21 buying that lot over there and putting it in
22 this community center. Or the lot that's
23 across the street here. And -- and that would
24 be good. And if you put up a sign and let
25 somebody know it's a museum over here, they'll



1 come and see it. You won't even have to -- you
2 don't even have to say a word. Word of mouth
3 tells a lot. More than, you know, people
4 talking. Word of mouth. That's all it takes.
5 Okay.

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

7 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Thank you.

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** Anybody else?

9 **MS. LANCE:** Good afternoon, Council.

10 **MULTIPLE VOICES:** Good afternoon.

11 **MS. LANCE:** Gloria Lance. 710 29th Avenue, South.
12 I'm grateful to be here.

13 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** We're glad you're here.

14 **MS. LANCE:** I'm thankful to God for all of us being
15 here.

16 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Thank you.

17 **MS. LACE:** You have a lot of your citizens, a lot of
18 your tax payers in here. My concern -- as I
19 stated before in a regular Council meeting --
20 is you want to purchase half of a lot for
21 \$91,000. And, you know, given the citizens
22 some time to speak and I thank you so much for
23 that. For having this public hearing today.
24 So you can be open minded about what they want
25 to see. Or how they feel about purchasing the



1 half of a lot for \$91,000. We just all got our
2 reassessment. If you're tax payers, you got a
3 reassessed notice. If you're property was
4 valued more than \$1,000 from last year, 2018.
5 You got a notice from the county, saying that
6 your taxes were going to go up, is that
7 correct?

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

9 **MS. LANCE:** So that means, we don't know what our
10 taxes will be come October, when it's paid. We
11 know that they did this in order to reassess
12 everybody in the county. So my thought is --
13 okay, in your ordinance -- reading your
14 ordinance you said -- in this ordinance now, it
15 says that in section one on the fourth line --
16 fifth line. It says the town's ability to
17 secure the purchase price through additional
18 bonds. Bonds mean that you're bonding your tax
19 payers. If something goes wrong, your tax
20 payers are the ones that will have to pay for
21 that lot. Or any thing else. That's bond.
22 Now you indicated that you've already spoken to
23 a real estate attorney. Did that come before
24 the public? Did you vote on it? Mr. Mayor?

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** Did we vote on what?



1 **MS. LANCE:** To hire a real estate attorney. Did you
2 vote on that?

3 **MAYOR EVANS:** Did we vote on hiring a real estate
4 attorney?

5 **MS. LANCE:** Or did you just go out and talk to one?

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** We've just spoken to an attorney.

7 **MS. LANCE:** Okay. You've just spoken to.

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** Right.

9 **MS. LANCE:** So the attorney hasn't billed you in
10 reference to ---

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** He hasn't billed us anything yet.

12 **MS. LANCE:** --- (inaudible) All right. So you will
13 come before, you know, call a public meeting in
14 order to hire whatever attorney that you're
15 going to hire, is that correct? Okay. Is that
16 right.

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yeah.

18 **MS. LANCE:** Okay. All right. So the public needs
19 to be aware of these things. It seems that we
20 aren't aware. We heard about this through the
21 grapevine. One of us knows how Atlantic Beach
22 operates, just like any other city. We hear
23 about things through the grapevine. People get
24 their information from everybody. So I know
25 that you have the votes in order to put this



1 monument there. But we as tax payers, since
2 we're going to be bonded by this. And the
3 reassessment has already happened -- that means
4 if Atlantic Beach ups it millage -- and you're
5 saying that it wont. 84.5 is our millage. But
6 on top of the millage you got the county
7 general fund, they tax us on that. They got
8 the school tax fund. We're taxed on that.
9 They only way you're not taxed on the school is
10 if you're 65 and over. So that means you don't
11 have a child in school. So you have to
12 consider all of this. I consider it. And I
13 hope that you all consider it. We're not here
14 to be argumentative. We're just stating the
15 facts. We want you all to somehow get all of
16 the information before you vote on something.
17 Because once you say, we're gonna put that
18 there -- then the cost of the monument. What
19 is that going to entail? Have you gotten a
20 cost on that?

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** We haven't done that yet. This is
22 something that we have -- are in the early
23 process of doing ourselves. At the last
24 meeting I told you that this is not something
25 we're trying to hide. We would be having a



1 public hearing like we're having today. We'll
2 get input from everybody who lives here in
3 Atlantic Beach, like we're doing today. And we
4 were gonna make sure that we've done everything
5 right, everything by the book. As far as the
6 increase in taxes or millage rate. That's
7 something that we're totally against ourselves.
8 That's something that we're going to avoid.
9 And it doesn't matter is a little different on
10 opinion that what we are here. I mean that
11 what we are here -- that's what we are for.
12 And we expect that. We don't expect everybody
13 in the town to be for everything that we do.
14 Its never worked that way and it's probably
15 never going to work that way. But we truly
16 take your opinions and what you have to say.
17 We take that serious. And we definitely
18 guarantee you guys, that we're going to do
19 everything by the book. And everything that we
20 will do will be for the best interest for the
21 citizens and the tax payers of this town. We
22 all up here ourselves, are huge tax payers. So
23 what we do, effects us as well. And we are
24 aware of that. So I don't want anybody to
25 think that there's something secretly or



1 something we're trying to shove down somebody's
2 throat under a table because that's not what
3 we're going for. That's not what we're doing
4 here.

5 **MS. LANCE:** I think you understand -- since all of
6 you there are tax payers -- how we feel as tax
7 payers.

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** Exactly.

9 **MS. LANCE:** How we feel. Even if you have just one
10 lot, you're still a tax payer in the town of
11 Atlantic Beach.

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Exactly.

13 **MS. LANCE:** And so there for, your voice is just as
14 loud as anyone else who's sitting here in this
15 audience. And that's my issue is that we
16 already have property here. Don't burden us
17 down with some more debt. That's the issue.
18 That's the issue. You're going out and getting
19 a loan from the bank -- which you've already
20 looked at. Is that correct?

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** We have -- we haven't decided it yet.

22 **MS. LANCE:** I didn't ask that. You've already gone
23 ahead and gotten information from a bank but
24 you have not decided it.

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** Right.



1 **MS. LANCE:** But that's what you said in your last
2 meeting.

3 **MAYOR EVANS:** Well yeah. We've got -- we've got
4 options. I mean, that's not definitely -- it's
5 not something we have to do. The options are
6 still on the floor. We haven't done anything.
7 We're wanting to hear you guys, that's what
8 we're doing here.

9 **MS. LANCE:** All right. So, you know, since you have
10 the option but you have gone out. You have not
11 signed any papers yet before coming to the
12 citizen. Everything's got to come to the
13 citizen. Whether you might like it or you
14 might not. But if you got the votes to do it,
15 you carry on. But then on your other hand too,
16 citizens have a right as well.

17 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Most definitely. Most
18 definitely.

19 **MS. LANCE:** We have a right.

20 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** You do.

21 **MS. LANCE:** Because we put you all there.

22 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** You're right.

23 **MS. LANCE:** When you all come around and ask for our
24 votes, we tell you straight up. Yeah, I'll
25 vote for you. You know, back away from it.



1 But yes, still you all are the fiduciary.
2 Y'all are the ones that take care of our money.
3 So, it has not been established in your budget
4 that you guys approved at your last meeting of
5 \$91,000 has not been inputted in there. So
6 now, that's a general obligation. Is that
7 right, Mr. Mayor?

8 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** It can always be amended though.

9 **MS. LANCE:** That's true.

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yes.

11 **MS. LANCE:** I'm not disagreeing with that, we know
12 that. But you didn't put it in your budget.

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Right.

14 **MS. LANCE:** That's my issue.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Right.

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** Gotcha.

17 **MS. LANCE:** It's that it wasn't in your budget, so,
18 you know, come to us and we'll tell you. We
19 won't stir you around. But always remember,
20 any law suit that comes before this town, comes
21 because of the actions of Council. Every law
22 suit that comes before this town, come from the
23 actions of Council. And this a petition. Mr.
24 Mayor and Council.

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.



1 **MS. LANCE:** Of citizens who are in disagreement.
2 And that's just a partial. You have yours Ms.
3 Isom?

4 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** The one that you gave me?

5 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay.

6 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Thank you.

7 **MS. LANCE:** You're welcome. And also if you didn't
8 see this in the paper in reference to the
9 reassessment.

10 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

11 **MS. LANCE:** Anybody else who would like to sign this
12 petition that we have before Council.

13 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** I want to request a (inaudible) ---

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** State your name, so we can pick it up
15 again.

16 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** Joe Montgomery. You said you had
17 options other than a loan through HUD. What
18 are some of the options?

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** Well, see that ---

20 **MR. M:** Well for paying for the property goin' on.

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** See that's another thing that people
22 over look. Previous administrations -- like I
23 said in the last meeting -- this town is
24 blessed. We inherited a town that's pretty
25 much bankrupt with no money in the bank. Today



1 we're blessed after these few years, that we've
2 got money in the bank. I mean, if push comes
3 to shove and we had to acquire this property
4 without a loan, we're blessed to be able to do
5 that.

6 **MR. M:** That's one of the options that you're
7 talking about.

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yes. That is -- that's one of the
9 options. Okay. Thank you. Any other
10 questions or comments? Council, seek a motion
11 to adjourn.

12 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** So moved.

13 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second to adjourn. Any
15 other questions or comments? Roll call?

16 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

17 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

18 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

19 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

20 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

21 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

22 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor Jake Evans?

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion Granted. The meeting is
24 adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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

