

TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 5, 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 5th day of August, 2019.



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APPEARANCES

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 to
3 order this Monday, August 5th, the year 2019 at
4 the Atlantic Beach Community Center, at 5:00
5 p.m. Roll call?

6 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

7 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Present.

8 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

9 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Present.

10 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

11 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Here.

12 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Here. Council, I seek a motion to go
14 into Executive Session for legal and personnel
15 and Contractual matters.

16 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** So moved, Mr. Mayor.

17 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second.

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second to go into
19 Executive Session for legal, personnel and
20 contractual matters. Any other questions or
21 comments? 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. Yea.

3 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

5 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, Council and public, the
6 legal matters to discuss are the update on the
7 legal -- on the acquisition of the property are
8 3000 30th Avenue Highway South on 17. Also
9 legal and contractual consideration to appoint
10 or hire a town attorney and I ask Ms. Elise
11 Crosby -- attorney Crosby to join us in
12 Executive Session.

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

14 **Executive Session:**

15 **(Executive Session.)**

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

18 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** So moved.

19 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second to come out of
21 Executive into the General Session. Any other
22 questions or comments?

23 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

24 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

25 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?



1 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

2 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

3 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

4 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

5 General Session:

6 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted. I want to
7 welcome the general public and ask at this
8 time, if you have any cell phones or pagers or
9 anything that might disturb the proceedings,
10 would you silence those for us at this time,
11 please? And if you would stand for a moment of
12 silence?

13 (Moment of Silence.)

14 MAYOR EVANS: Pledge of Allegiance.

15 (Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison.)

16 (Inaudible background noise.)

17 MAYOR EVANS: We're down to ceremonial matters and
18 we have the swearing in of the new police
19 officer.

20 MALE SPEAKER: Council, Mayor, citizens of Atlantic
21 Beach. We just hired a new officer Arlisha
22 Stackhouse -- officer Stackhouse. He
23 (inaudible) for a couple of years. Starting
24 his career in (inaudible). (inaudible) -- went
25 to the (inaudible) -- went for accounting and



1 then (inaudible). His mother and his father
2 are also here, we just want to welcome them to
3 the town of Atlantic Beach.

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you, (inaudible) -- I guess I'll
5 give you that out now.

6 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

7 **(Officer Stackhouse is Sworn.)**

8 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

9 **Approval of the Agenda:**

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to the Approval of the
11 Agenda. Council, I seek a motion to approve
12 the agenda as it is outlined?

13 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** So moved.

14 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Second.

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second for the approval
16 of the agenda. Any other questions or
17 comments? Roll call?

18 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

19 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

20 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

21 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

22 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

23 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

24 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

25 **Old Business:**



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion granted. We're down to
2 Old Business. Town Council meeting minutes for
3 approval. Council, I seek a motion to approve
4 the Town Council Meeting minutes from the
5 meetings held on April 15th, May 6th, June 3rd,
6 June 17th, June 24th and July the 15th of 2019.
7 Council seek a motion for the approval of those
8 minutes.

9 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** So moved.

10 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I make a motion that we approve
11 the Town Council Meeting minutes for the
12 following dates, April the 15th, 2019, May 6th,
13 2019, the Budget workshop meeting and June
14 section meeting and the public hearing on June
15 3rd, 2019, June the 17th, of 2019, June the
16 24th, 2019 and July the 15th, 2019.

17 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Second.

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second. Any
19 other questions, comments? Any amendments to
20 any of the meetings, I mean, the minutes? No?
21 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 **New Business:**

5 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion granted. We're down to
6 New Business. Item A, resolution number 2-
7 2019. The resolution establishing signature
8 authority for seized and forfeiture account.

9 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor and Council, I'll open up
10 and ask the Chief to add anything I may leave
11 out. This resolution is to create a separate
12 bank account only authorized for police
13 purposes. From the seizure of forfeiture of
14 assets. Law enforcement drug seizures, cash
15 seizure that only are accessible to law
16 enforcement personnel and the funds can only be
17 used for law enforcement purposes. This is a
18 state law requirement. Chief, anything else
19 you need to add?

20 **CHIEF:** No, sir. You summed it up.

21 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Are there any questions?

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

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** Council, seek a motion to adopt
24 ordinance number 4-2019 ---

25 **CLERK:** Resolution.



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** I'm sorry. The resolution amendment
2 to -- I'm sorry. I'm on the wrong one. Okay.
3 Council, seek a motion to resolution number 2-
4 2019. A resolution establishing signature
5 authority for seized and forfeiture account.
6 Council, seek a motion?

7 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** So moved.

8 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** Second? There is a motion and a
10 second to adopt resolution number 2-2019. Any
11 other questions or comments? 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. Down to item B,
20 ordinance number 4-2019. Amendment to
21 ordinance number 4-2018. Ordinance
22 establishing and adopting the operational
23 procedures for the 2020 Atlantic Beach Memorial
24 Day Black Pearl Cultural Heritage and Bike
25 Festival. And this will be the first reading.



1 Council, seek a motion to adopt ordinance
2 number 4-2019?

3 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor and Council, public. Bike
4 Fest 2020 -- the major change in this
5 particular ordinance this year is the
6 recommendation to decrease the vendor
7 registration fees for retail and food vendors.
8 From 875 for to 675 and from 850 for retail
9 vendors to 650. This recommendation is being
10 done to hopefully spur an increase of
11 participation by food and retail vendors
12 through Bike Fest. Our numbers over the past
13 several years have been decreasing. Some
14 vendors have indicated a concern around the
15 pricing and the cost for vendor fees. There's
16 also an attempt to give vendors to register and
17 commit to Bike Fest registration early on in
18 the process. Since I've been here as our town
19 manager, one of the biggest challenges we face
20 administratively in preparing for Bike Fest
21 each year is that vendors to not commit until
22 sometime the last week or the last day up until
23 Bike Fest. It is very difficult to manage the
24 process and to make sure that we cover our
25 administrative overhead expense if we do not



1 know what our participation level will be
2 among our vendors. We're hoping that this
3 reduction in the fees will spur vendors to
4 register, more vendors to register and not only
5 more -- but to do so in a timely fashion. One
6 of the recommendations that I would like to add
7 or recommend to Council be added to this
8 ordinance is that those vendors who register at
9 or the week of Bike Fest. The Monday before
10 the start of Bike Fest, be charged the full
11 \$875 for food and \$850 for retail. I'm hoping
12 this discount to 650 and 675 will spur more
13 earlier registrations on the part of vendors.
14 I also in the resolution cuts the vendor fee
15 amount for 31st Avenue from 50 percent or to
16 \$625 and \$650 for food. \$625 for retail or
17 \$650 for food. Hopefully to get greater
18 participation and more activity for vendors
19 registering on 31st Avenue. Any questions,
20 Council?

21 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Manager, you read the 31st
22 Avenue?

23 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Yes.

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yeah. You read the fees wrong on 31st
25 Avenue.



1 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** You read the fees wrong.

2 **CLERK:** (inaudible)

3 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Okay. What did I -- correct me.

4 **CLERK:** (inaudible) it was the ordinance.

5 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** 6 -- 350 for food. And 325. I'm

6 sorry. Corrected. I stand corrected.

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** Council a motion is on the floor

8 that's been made and seconded to adopt

9 resolution number 4-2019 first reading.

10 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Move for recommendation?

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** Huh? Move for recommendation?

12 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Town manager.

13 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** So moved.

14 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Second.

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 C, legal appointment of towns attorney.

25 Council, seek a motion to authorize the town



1 manager to enter into a contract or agreement
2 with Elise Freeman Crosby for legal services
3 for the Town of Atlantic Beach?

4 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** So moved.

5 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second to
7 authorize the town manager to enter into an
8 agreement or contract with Elise Freeman
9 Crosby for legal services for the Town of
10 Atlantic Beach. Any other question or
11 comments?

12 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, can I just read some ---

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** Sure.

14 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** --- information regarding that for
15 the record? Ms. Elise Freeman Crosby, attorney
16 is currently the attorney for the town of
17 Georgetown and Surfside beach as their legal
18 counsel. In my pursuit of seeking legal
19 counsel to represent the town on the
20 acquisition of property. The municipal
21 association made a recommendation of six -- of
22 five local attorneys and one out of town
23 attorney. Ms. Crosby indicated to me at that
24 time that her primary expertise was not
25 property acquisition but shared with me a



1 review of her resume and her involvement in
2 extensive municipal government and legal
3 counsel experiance. I posed the question and
4 asked her would she be considered by Council
5 for selection as legal counsel to represent the
6 Town of Atlantic Beach. With that ...

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** All right, Council. There's a motion
8 and a second on the floor. Is there no other
9 questions for -- comments or questions from
10 Council? Roll call?

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 D. Municipal Election Date. Commissioner Joe
20 Montgomery?

21 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** Thank you Mr. Mayor. As the Mayor
22 stated, I am Joe Montgomery, (inaudible). I am
23 going to give you information -- and these
24 notes that I am about to read will be posted
25 and in the news paper. But the law requires



1 that we do this before we have an election.
2 The Municipal Election Commission of the Town
3 of Atlantic Beach announces the General
4 Election for the Town of Atlantic Beach and one
5 unexpired Council seat to be held Tuesday,
6 November 5, 2019. The following officers shall
7 be included in this election. One Mayor and
8 Two Council seat for terms expiring December
9 31, 2023 and one unexpired council seat for the
10 term expiring December 31, 2021. The polling
11 place is the community center, right here.
12 People desiring to vote in the upcoming
13 election must be registered by October 4, 2019.
14 To register, one can register online at
15 scvotes.org, County Board of Voter
16 Registration, any library or contact County
17 office or (inaudible) and register. Citizens
18 desiring to be a candidate for the for the
19 above listed office may file at Town Hall of
20 which is on 30th Avenue. Most of you are
21 familiar with that area. Books will be open
22 for filing from August 23rd, 2019 ad 12:00
23 o'clock noon and remain open during regular
24 business hours and close on September 6th, 2019
25 at 12:00 o'clock noon. The filling fee for



1 Mayor is \$50. Councilmember fee, \$25. And the
2 unexpired Councilmember term is \$25. It is a
3 Nonpartisan Election and no party affiliation
4 shall be placed on the ballot. The polls shall
5 open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. At
6 7:00 p.m. on said election day, the election
7 commissioners will begin to examine the
8 absentee ballot and return envelopes. This
9 examination will be held at the community
10 center. On November 7th, at 10:00 a.m. at the
11 Town of Atlantic Beach community center, the
12 Municipal Election Commission will hold a
13 hearing to determine the validity of ballots
14 challenged in this election. Any run-off will
15 be held two weeks after the election on
16 November 19, 2019 and report. And this will be
17 posted in the news paper. Are there questions?

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** Any questions Council?

19 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** Okay.

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

21 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** Thank you.

22 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Thank you.

23 **MR. MONTGOMERY:** I don't want anybody to miss it.

24 **Report:**

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to Report for -- from the



1 town manager.

2 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor and Council, at the July
3 23rd meeting, Council authorized the Mayor and
4 myself to enter into negotiations for the
5 acquisition of the property on 3000 30th Avenue
6 South and Highway 17. We had one initial
7 meeting with the realtor/representative from
8 Elliott Realtor and indicated to him that the
9 constraints the town is under in terms of the
10 approval, not to pay more than fair market
11 price for the property. We indicated to him at
12 that time that the figure of \$91,000 would not
13 be agreed to and left it in his court to seek
14 a counter proposal for the sale of the property
15 from his owners. From the owners. That is the
16 status of where we are at this particular time.
17 Any question, Council?

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** None.

19 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Item two that I have on the
20 agenda. Based on the public hearings held on
21 the acquisition of the property, comments by
22 community residents around concerns and
23 priorities for the town in terms of making
24 certain improvements and also as a follow-up of
25 a resident meeting with a small group last week



1 -- one of the suggestions made by one of the
2 youngest members of the town community, Ms.
3 Taylor's granddaughter -- and also Mr.
4 Montgomery has consistently asked me to make
5 improvements to the playground area adjacent to
6 the community center. I received a notice from
7 the Waccamaw-Cobb, that there are available
8 CDBG funds to be a application that are due
9 September the 26th. Based on some of the
10 larger items recommended by residents of
11 capital improvements from sidewalks, street-
12 scape the number of other improvements. My
13 conversation with Mr. Brigman from Waccamaw-
14 Cobb, given the time constraint that we have in
15 submitting the application that he recommended
16 and I am recommending to Council that we submit
17 an application by September the 26th for full
18 funding of the referbization of our playground
19 facility. As I indicated at the last meeting,
20 I had already ordered based on a donation and
21 contribution from the Lynx -- no, not Lynx. I
22 can't think of the name. A public group two
23 years ago did a fund raiser, donated some
24 funds. The merry-go-round is on order, due to
25 be delivered here on August the 12th. And



1 subsequently my conversations with Mr. Rigley
2 and the timing of us putting an application --
3 which they will take the lead on for putting
4 the application together -- we concluded that
5 given our time constraint, our best option is
6 to go for a grant. CDBG grant to fund the
7 refurbishment of our playground facility. Any
8 questions, Council?

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** No.

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

11 **Public Time:**

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** That's all you have? Okay. We're
13 down to Public Time. And I have John Sketer.

14 **MR. SKETER:** Thank you, Mayor and Council. Good
15 evening public. I want to bring our attention
16 to something I've been asking this government
17 to do. I have been acting in the capacity of
18 the Historian for the Town of Atlantic Beach
19 for the last 15 years. And the reason I'm
20 asking all of y'all as a group -- because when
21 I go to one, you put it on each other. And
22 again, I'm not fussing with you, but we can do
23 better. Now, it's either I'm going to continue
24 -- if you make it official, or I'm going to
25 have to turn down engagements like I have been



1 doing for the last year. I've had a chance to
2 talk with people from the University of South
3 Carolina. People from different state as the
4 Historian for the Town of Atlantic Beach and it
5 embarrasses me to put on things that I'm the
6 unofficial historical accountant (inaudible).
7 I'm asking this government -- that I want to
8 represent as the Historian for the Town of
9 Atlantic Beach. If you want to draw up a
10 resolution and make me official, that's fine.
11 But if you don't, that's fine also. No
12 problem. And I want to step back and I want to
13 thank all y'all for y'all's service for the
14 Town of Atlantic Beach. I want to welcome the
15 new police officer to this Town of Atlantic
16 Beach. I didn't get your name, but I'm quite
17 sure we'll be seeing each other in the Town
18 of Atlantic Beach. Anyway it appears to me in
19 some cases that we are going in private
20 direction. And in other cases, it appears to
21 me also that we have ourselves in reverse gear
22 just a bit. It's not saying that we -- I know
23 we can do better. We have the expertise to do
24 better. We have the qualifications. And most
25 of all, we have the love for Atlantic Beach to



1 do better and it's up to all of us to make this
2 city what it ought to be. And now, what I'm
3 asking is to make this thing official, just let
4 me know. I can take it. I'm ex-GI, I can take
5 it. I had some hard knock. But anyway, I want
6 to thank y'all for listening. Just some
7 unfinished business that we need to start
8 taking care of. Thank you.

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** William Booker?

10 **MR. BOOKER:** Good evening, Mr. Mayor and Council,
11 Mr. Quattlebaum, citizens. I just want to take
12 this time to thank you Mr. Mayor Jake Evans for
13 having met with the citizens to discuss our
14 concerns about the property acquisition. All
15 the citizens that I've talked with about that
16 meeting were happy with the fact that you were
17 willing to do that. That's not something at we
18 often get a chance to do and to get some
19 clarification on some of the things that we
20 were thinking that we weren't really sure
21 about. For example, we were thinking that it
22 was pretty clear that \$91,000 was a set price
23 and market value for the property but you made
24 it clear to us that the market value would be
25 determined by the appraiser which you had



1 already ordered. And so I just want to
2 appreciate -- show my appreciation for you
3 doing that. So with that, has the appraisal
4 come in yet? Do we have the appraisal yet?

5 **MAYOR EVANS:** No.

6 **MR. BOOKER:** We don't have it yet?

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** We don't.

8 **MR. BOOKER:** When do we expect to get it?

9 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** There's a timeline -- and I hope
10 to have it the end of this week.

11 **MR. BOOKER:** Okay. And so in that meeting, I left
12 with the impression that would share that with
13 us once you got it. Is that still the case?

14 **MAYOR EVANS:** Share the ---

15 **MR. BOOKER:** Appraisal with us.

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** Well, you'll know the results of what
17 we decide as far as whether we're going to
18 purchase the property or not. Okay?

19 **MR. BOOKER:** Okay. Well, thank you. Once again,
20 thank you for your time. Thank you for
21 explaining that to us.

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** All right. Council, seek a motion to
23 adjourn?

24 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

25 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second.



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second to adjourn. Roll
2 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. This meeting is
11 adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

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

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