

**TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION MEETING**

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

5:00 p.m.

The Town of Atlantic Beach Town Council Special Session Meeting was held and recorded at Atlantic Beach Community Center, 1010 32nd Avenue South, Atlantic Beach, South Carolina, on the 11th day of September, 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 Special Session
3 Meeting is called to order this Wednesday,
4 September 11th, year 2019. Roll call?

5 **CLERK:** 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 to go
13 into Executive Session for legal, personnel and
14 contractual matters.

15 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** So moved.

16 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second.

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

21 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, state the purpose -- the
22 purpose of the legal matters are property
23 owners contesting the demolition of their
24 property at 406 30th Avenue in Atlantic Beach,
25 a status update on Ocean Apartments order to



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 **General Session:**

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** I want to take this time out to
10 welcome the general public, and ask at this
11 time if you have any pagers or cell phones or
12 anything that may disturb the proceedings,
13 would you put those on silence for us at this
14 time please. And we're gonna stand for a
15 moment of silence and, as we stand, we want to
16 remember what today is. It is September the
17 11th, and we want to keep in mind and keep in
18 our prayers those and their families who lost
19 their lives on 9-11. Moment of silence please.

20 **(Moment of Silence.)**

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. We're gonna do our Pledge of
22 Allegiance.

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

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to ceremonial matters.
25 Council members, anybody have any ceremonial



1 matters? And if not, the next item, the
2 approval of the agenda. Council, seek a
3 motion to approve the agenda as it is outlined?

4 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** So moved.

5 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I seek -- second.

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second for approval of
7 the agenda. Any other questions or comments?
8 Roll 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.

17 **Old Business:**

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to Number 6, Old Business,
19 Town Council meeting minutes. Minutes from
20 Town Council Meeting held on July 23rd, 2019
21 and August 5th, 2019. Council, I see a motion
22 for the approval of those minutes.

23 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I seek a motion to approve the
24 Town Council minutes for Town Council meetings
25 July 23rd, 2019 and August the 5th, 2019.



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, motion made by Councilwoman
2 Gore. Can I get a second?

3 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Second.

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. There's a motion and seconded
5 by Councilman Evans to adopt the meeting
6 minutes from August -- I mean July 23rd and
7 August 5th of 2019. Any other questions or
8 comments? Roll 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 A under Old Business, Ordinance Number 4-
18 2019, Amendment to Ordinance Number 4-2018. An
19 ordinance establishing and adopting the
20 operational procedures for the year 2020
21 Atlantic Beach Memorial Day Black Pearl
22 Cultural Heritage and Bike Festival, and this
23 will be the second reading. Council, seek a
24 motion to adopt Ordinance Number 4-2019, second
25 reading.



1 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** So moved.

2 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

3 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second to adopt Ordinance
4 Number 4-2019. Any other questions or
5 comments?

6 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, just for the public, the
7 major change for 2020 Bike Fest is a decrease
8 in the vendor fees from \$875 for food down to
9 \$675, and 50 percent on 31st Avenue at \$350.
10 All other procedures and costs remain the same.
11 After May the 17th, vendors -- retail and food
12 -- who did not register will pay the 2018
13 amount of \$875 for food and \$850 for retail.
14 So that is the most substantial change in the
15 ordinance for Bike Fest.

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** Any other questions or comments,
17 Council? 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 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion granted.



1 **New Business:**

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to New Business. And Item
3 A under New Business, this is Resolution Number
4 3-2019. And this is a resolution providing 10
5 percent Town match for the CDBG grant
6 application of community development grant
7 funding for the park improvement project.
8 Council, seek a motion to adopt Resolution
9 Number 3-2019.

10 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** So moved.

11 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second.

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** There is a motion and a second to
13 adopt Resolution Number 3-2019. Any other
14 questions or comments?

15 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, Council and public, this
16 resolution is being presented as a
17 recommendation for a grant. Community
18 Development Block Grant application that the
19 Town of Atlantic Beach, working in
20 collaboration with the Waccamaw COG, will be
21 submitting on September the 16th for the amount
22 of \$150,000 to comprehensively renovate the
23 park adjacent to the community center. CDBG
24 requirements -- require a 10 percent match by
25 the Town, not to exceed \$10,000 -- I mean



1 \$15,000 if we are awarded the full amount. The
2 10 percent will be relative to the amount of
3 the award. It could be up to \$150,000. There
4 is a meeting following this meeting --
5 immediately following this meeting conducted by
6 the Waccamaw COG to get resident input on the
7 proposed design for the park and concept, and
8 also the cost estimates that we've engaged a
9 professional to provide a design for the
10 comprehensive renovation of the park area
11 adjacent to the community center.

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Any other questions or comments,
13 Council? Roll call?

14 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

15 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

16 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

17 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

18 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

19 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

20 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion granted. We're down to
22 Item C, Ordinance Number 6-2019. And this is
23 -- no, I'm sorry, we're down B. I skipped over
24 B. We're down to Item B, Ordinance Number 5-
25 2019. And this is an ordinance to adopt the



1 increase of Town Council salaries. And
2 Council, I think what we were discussing is to
3 increase the Mayor's salary to \$6,000 a year,
4 and increase the Town Council's salary to
5 \$4,800 a year.

6 (Inaudible background noise.)

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** So, is that correct?

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

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** I think the \$500 and \$400 monthly for
10 Council members, is that correct?

11 **MULTIPLE SPEAKERS:** Uh-huh.

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. Council, seek a motion?

13 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I seek a motion for the
14 Ordinance Number 5-2019, an ordinance to adopt
15 -- increase the Town Council salaries.

16 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second.

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** There is a motion and a second to
18 adopt Ordinance Number 5-2019, an increase in
19 the Town Council salaries. Any other question
20 or comments?

21 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor and Council, the salary for
22 the Council was -- has not been increased since
23 the year 2002. Currently, Council is paid --
24 Town Council members \$200 per month, \$2,400 a
25 year; and \$300 per month for the Mayor's



1 position at \$3,600.

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. What did I do? Did I call --
3 did we call the roll?

4 **MULTIPLE SPEAKERS:** No.

5 **MAYOR EVANS:** No? We need 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. I forgot to note that this is
14 the first reading and we have to have a second
15 reading on this, correct?

16 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** That's correct.

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** For the record, this is just the first
18 reading.

19 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** And also, Mayor, if passed it does
20 not take effect until January 2020.

21 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

22 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** January 21?

23 **MULTIPLE SPEAKERS:** 2020.

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** The first of the year, Uh-huh. Okay.
25 We're down to C, Ordinance Number 6-2019. And



1 this is an amendment to Ordinance Number 96-06,
2 the hospitality tax proposal increase from 1
3 percent to 2 percent. And this will be the
4 first reading of this ordinance. It's an
5 ordinance as well. Council, I seek a motion to
6 adopt the first reading of Ordinance Number 6-
7 2019.

8 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Mr. Mayor, I make a motion that
9 we adopt the Ordinance Number 6-2019, amendment
10 to the Ordinance Number 96-06, hospitality
11 taxes proposed increase from 1 percent to 2
12 percent.

13 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor and Council, in 1996 this
14 ordinance went into effect, granting a 1
15 percent hospitality tax to the local
16 municipality and 1 percent to the County. In
17 April -- March or April of 2019, municipalities
18 -- the tax was supposed to only take place for
19 a 10 year -- to 2016. The County continued to
20 collect the tax even though the ordinance only
21 granted it to the year 2016. Municipalities
22 sued the County -- it's under litigation -- and
23 the County has stopped collecting their 1
24 percent tax. So this allows, or will as
25 drafted by our legal counsel, the municipality



1 Town of Atlantic Beach to collect and increase
2 that hospitality tax paid from 1 percent to 2
3 percent. One modification after reviewing the
4 legal counsel's drafting of this ordinance,
5 Mayor, I saw that the collection in the
6 ordinance was to be done monthly. I would like
7 to amend that and recommend that the collection
8 be done quarterly as opposed to monthly.

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. I think the motion was made and
10 we didn't get a second yet. So that is -- need
11 to be an amendment made to that motion to -- I
12 think it's 4(C), where it reads taxes and
13 required reports shall be submitted to the Town
14 quarterly instead of monthly. It reads
15 monthly, but we want to do it quarterly. So we
16 want to amend 4(C) to read quarterly instead of
17 monthly. So the motion's been made and we're
18 just amending it to say quarterly instead of
19 monthly, but you do need a second.

20 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

21 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Okay. Is she going to have to
22 say it again?

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** No, you just need the second.

24 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** All right. Any other questions or



1 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. We're down to
10 D. And this is the Municipal Election
11 Commission. And we have reappointment due for
12 Joe Montgomery and Kenneth McIver. Council ...
13 Did you all have the -- were those schedules in
14 here?

15 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

16 **MAYOR EVANS:** So one says six years and one says
17 four years?

18 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yeah.

19 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Joe's was for six years.

20 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Right.

21 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Kenneth is four.

22 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** Go ahead. Yeah, I seek a motion.

24 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Okay. I seek a motion to
25 reappoint Mr. Joe Montgomery for a term of six



1 years and Kenneth McIver for a term of four
2 years.

3 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Second ---

4 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second.

5 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second for the
6 reappointment of Joe Montgomery for six years
7 and Kenneth McIver for the term of four years.
8 Any other questions or comments? Roll 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 E, Planning Commission. Do we have those here
18 too?

19 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** So Council, we're seeking the
21 reappointment of Orton Bellamy, who's the
22 chair, for a term of two years. Derrick
23 Stevens, who's the vice chair, for a term of
24 two years. And Timothy Vereen for a term of
25 four years. And Esco McFadden for a term of



1 four years. And Poterressia McNeil for a term
2 of three years. Seek that motion, Council?

3 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

4 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second.

5 **MAYOR EVANS:** Any other questions or comments?

6 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor and Council and public, the
7 Planning Commission over the last year has
8 worked diligently on the revision of the Land
9 Management Ordinance currently now under review
10 by legal counsel for final recommendation and
11 adoption by the Planning Commission. Once
12 adopted by the Planning Commission, the Land
13 Management Ordinance will be submitted to the
14 Council for approval through an ordinance which
15 -- in two readings. The time projection for
16 that submission, hopefully we can get it -- the
17 Commission to have it adopted in -- by the
18 October meeting, to Council by the October
19 meeting. The Planning Commission has worked
20 diligently as I indicated throughout the year,
21 working with the Waccamaw COG in modifying and
22 enhancing the Land Management Ordinance which
23 was last done in 2001.

24 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** Where did we stop at? Did we call the



1 roll?

2 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I seek a motion.

3 **MAYOR EVANS:** I think the motion was made ---

4 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** The motion was made and
5 seconded.

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** --- I think we just need to call the
7 roll.

8 **CLERK:** Roll call.

9 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** One other thing, the Town Clerk
10 has contacted each of the commissioners and
11 they have agreed to serve the term.

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you. Roll call?

13 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

14 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

15 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

16 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

17 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

19 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

21 **Report:**

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to the Town Manager's
23 Report.

24 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, Council and public, I'm
25 reporting out that the Town Mayor and myself



1 have been negotiating with the owners of the
2 property at 3000 30th Avenue. Made a fair
3 market offer to the owners and they rejected
4 the offer and did not make a counter offer.
5 They have refunded the \$1,000 earnest money
6 deposit. And at this time, we're not pursuing
7 the acquisition of that property. Item 2, I am
8 pleased to announce the grant award and commend
9 the Police Department, Chief of Police and
10 staff for successfully securing a grant for
11 \$17,498 for police body cameras. They did an
12 exceptional job and very pleased that we won
13 that award, and the funds will be utilized
14 exclusively for body cameras for our police
15 officers. Last, I would also like to commend
16 the Police Department for getting our
17 microphones. --- we're testing them out for
18 the first time. Some residents had some
19 concerns about not being able to hear and
20 communicate. So here you are, it's granted.

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

22 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** That's all I have, Mayor. Oh,
23 just wanted to reiterate, immediately after
24 this meeting, starting at 6:30, the Waccamaw
25 COG will be here asking all residents to stay



1 and participate in the discussion around the
2 application for the comprehensive
3 revitalization of the park adjacent to the
4 community center. All are welcome to stay and
5 participate and give their input. We will have
6 cost breakdown and preliminary design concepts
7 to share with the residents and the public.
8 That is all, Mayor.

9 **MAYOR EVANS:** Thank you.

10 **Public Time:**

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to Public Time. Chris
12 Drungu? Where's the microphone?

13 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

14 **MR. DRUNGU:** Good afternoon.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Good afternoon.

16 **MR. DRUNGU:** I just want to use two minutes real
17 quick to express a couple of concerns I have --
18 or a couple of questions for Council. You
19 know, election time is here, I just want to
20 know if Council is re-elected, the same exact
21 Council, is Mayor or any of you guys, public
22 officials, on the ballot this year? Or anyone
23 running? Whoever's elected, I just want to
24 know if we're really focused on looking toward
25 making permanent positive overall direction --



1 changes for the Beach for its public and
2 reputation -- for its public reputation and
3 it's perception? The way this beach is
4 perceived and the reputation of our beach, I
5 think we should have higher standards for
6 ourselves with our -- the way our neighboring
7 -- some of what I hear from our neighboring
8 towns when we communicate about Atlantic Beach,
9 it's just -- it's not good. I think that
10 should be a big focus on whoever's elected,
11 focus on changing. Also I'd like to see
12 improvement to our infrastructure and, you
13 know, not just the Town's grounds and things
14 like this, but our already-standing structures
15 like our apartment buildings, residential
16 buildings, private homes. I would like to know
17 if you guys have worked out -- the private
18 owners and the residential and the business
19 owners work to make their properties look
20 better, help their properties, you know, be
21 standard, be a better quality than it is
22 because the bar down the road on 30th Avenue
23 needs a lot of help. And if we can as a town
24 get together somehow, work to help them, I mean
25 it comes back. It think it will bring better



1 business to them and increase the property
2 value of the Town. You know, I just think it's
3 a better thing, what whoever's elected should
4 look at. Another thing I think whoever is
5 elected should look at is opening up newer
6 businesses in the Town, businesses that the
7 entire North Myrtle Beach can use. Maybe even
8 other towns around Myrtle Beach. Something
9 like banks or day cares, something to bring in
10 business from the entire county not just look
11 to please the people of Atlantic Beach. And
12 also, work with other towns around here when,
13 you know, look to donate to their businesses
14 and help their businesses, maybe they'll be
15 more than willing to help -- to look into
16 helping us one day. You know, let's do
17 business, open up relations and communications
18 with neighboring towns, adjacent towns. I
19 think you guys should look into that.
20 Whoever's elected should look into that. And
21 I just think whoever's elected should work to
22 see that Atlantic Beach is at the forefront of
23 Horry County when it comes to social and
24 economic standings and the quality of life, and
25 not lag behind in any way at all. That's all,



1 you guys. Thank you.

2 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Thank you.

3 **MAYOR EVANS:** Brenda Rhue?

4 **MS. RHUE:** Good afternoon, everybody.

5 **MULTIPLE VOICES:** Good afternoon.

6 **MS. RHUE:** Well, some of y'all know me and some of
7 you don't. I am a native of Atlantic Beach.
8 I grew up in Atlantic Beach before I left for
9 New York. And I would like -- I need to hire
10 you. You said everything I need.

11 **MR. DRUNGU:** (Inaudible.)

12 **MS. RHUE:** What I would like to see Atlantic Beach
13 do -- I heard y'all talking about the
14 playground. I think one of our things we need
15 to do mainly is advertising. We need to start
16 with advertising because that will bring, like
17 the young man said, other businesses coming in.
18 What I'd like to do is come in and allow other
19 business. I partnership with different
20 businesses all over Horry County. Matter a
21 fact, I spoke to the Salvation Army and they're
22 willing to bring the food in. I would love to
23 see a soup kitchen. And during the winter
24 time, people are hungry, people are homeless.
25 We don't want to house them, we want to feed



1 them. We want to let them know the Black Pearl
2 is still alive and we are here to help you.
3 Some of the things I would like to see to come
4 is activities for the children. Our children
5 have been thrown to the side now. The juvenile
6 system is getting our children. We have to do
7 something to keep our children's attention and
8 I'm looking at some kind of activity to come
9 down -- some kind of training class or
10 something to bring to Atlantic Beach. Not only
11 that, our partnership with all the other stores
12 down here in North Myrtle Beach -- I've had two
13 community centers in -- Finklea Community
14 Center and Loris Community Center, and we did
15 pretty good. We've got houses down there from
16 South Carolina Disaster. We've got the bus
17 line coming down there. So I really believe if
18 y'all will give me a chance to come in here --
19 like the young man said -- all of these things,
20 we have been sitting long enough and we are a
21 pearl. So we need to let people know in the
22 world that we're still here and it's not only
23 negative, it's gonna be positive. So I don't
24 want to take your whole day out and the whole
25 night telling y'all so many things, so many



1 things that I have the opportunity that I could
2 bring to Atlantic Beach. There's businesses
3 that I've spoke to -- lawyers, doctors -- who's
4 willing to come in and invest. Some of the
5 things I would like to see, the front street
6 looking like Market Common. We can do that.
7 We can have the houses on the top, rentals.
8 Summer and winter rentals. And we have our
9 stores on the bottom. I have businesses --
10 chiropractors, black-owned chiropractors. Not
11 that we don't want different businesses, but we
12 want them to know this is the Black Pearl. So
13 I've already had African people coming up.
14 Some of y'all have spoke to some of my people.
15 Dennis, he's coming in, wanting to do that
16 shows. We want to bring in culture. We want
17 to bring in different things that -- art shows.
18 We want to have an art store where people can
19 come in and know who we are and where we come
20 from. I'm not gonna hold it up, but I know
21 what I'm doing, so y'all just let me make the
22 change.

23 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

24 **MS. RHUE:** Thank you.

25 **MAYOR EVANS:** We don't have any other public



1 comments?

2 **CLERK:** No. No, Mayor.

3 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay. No problem. Council, seek a
4 motion to adjourn?

5 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** So moved.

6 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second to adjourn. 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. Meeting
17 adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

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

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