# TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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## **APPEARANCES**

# COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor Jake Evans, Chairman Councilman Lenearl Evans Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore Councilwoman Glenda Williams

## ADMINISTRATION:

Benjamin Quattlebaum Jr., Town Manager Cheryl Pereira, Town Clerk

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Session for legal, personnel

contractual matters. Any other questions or

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comments?

## ATLANTIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor, for the record, the legal 1 2 matters to be discussed is the potential 3 litigation of demolition of 406 30th Avenue and 4 Ms. Cynthia Frazier, status update Timothy 5 lawsuit, and status Taylor update Ocean 6 Apartments legal settlement. 7 MAYOR EVANS: Is that it? Council, any other 8 questions, comments? If not, roll call? **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans? 9 10 COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea. Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore? 11 CLERK: 12 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea. 13 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans? 14 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted. 15 Executive Session: 16 (Executive Session.) 17 Council, I seek a motion to come out MAYOR EVANS: 18 of Executive Session into the General Session 19 please. 20 COUNCILMAN EVANS: So moved ---21 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved. Second. MAYOR EVANS: Motion and a second to come out of 22 23 Executive Session into the General Session. 24 Any other questions or comments? Roll call? 25 CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans?

#### ATLANTIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL 6 1 MAYOR EVANS: Motion and a second for approval of 2 the Agenda. Any other questions or comments? 3 Roll call? 4 CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans? 5 COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea. 6 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore? 7 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea. 8 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans? 9 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted. 10 Old Business: We're down to Old Business, 11 MAYOR EVANS: Town 12 minutes, minutes from Council meeting Town 13 2019. Council meeting held on October 7th, 14 Council, seek a motion for approval of the 15 minutes? COUNCILMAN EVANS: So moved. 16 17 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Second. MAYOR EVANS: Motion and a second to approve the 18 19 Council meeting minutes for October 7th, 2019. 20 Any other questions or comments? Roll call? 21 CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans? 22 COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea. 23 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore? COUNCILWOMAN GORE: 24 Yea. 25 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

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1	our Planning Commission Chairperson present,
2	Orton Bellamy. And any other commissions here?
3	I think I did see Derrick Stevens here as well.
4	MALE SPEAKER: Who else?
5	MAYOR EVANS: I think that's it, that's all present.
6	(Inaudible background noise.)
7	MAYOR EVANS: Mr. Daniel from Waccamaw Regional as
8	well.
9	MR. BELLAMY: Hi. Good afternoon to the Mayor, Town
10	Council members, staff, and also the public at
11	large. Yesterday
12	MAYOR EVANS: Can you all hear him well enough
13	there?
14	(Inaudible background noise.)
15	MR. BELLAMY: Can you hear me now?
16	FEMALE SPEAKER: Yes.
17	(Inaudible background noise.)
18	MR. BELLAMY: Okay. Yesterday, we celebrated
19	Veteran's Day. Any Veterans here today?
20	(Inaudible background noise.)
21	MR. BELLAMY: I served (inaudible) retired U.S.
22	Army. Just to give you some history here,
23	before I go into the Land Ordinance. Atlantic
24	Beach played an integral part to African
25	American soldiers from 1942 to 1945. During

that time, we had a segregated military.
Soldiers from Fort Bragg, Camp Lejeune, Fort
Charlotte Air Force Base, Charleston Air Force
Base, Fort Gordon, Georgia, Fort Lee, Virginia
would come here to Atlantic Beach for R and R.
R and R is rest and recreation. This is the
only place they could come on the East Coast.
And as through my travels and assignments in
the United States military, I've met a
countless number of soldiers that came here
during that time period, and they reportedly
(inaudible) rest and recreation for soldiers.
And we would like to recognize of the Town of
Atlantic Beach for their services to the United
States military. And thank you very much for
your ancestors who had restaurants,
entertainment centers and rest and hotels
for the soldiers, afford to afford them an
opportunity to come here and be a part for rest
and recreation before they were sent over to
Germany, South Pacific, all over the world,
from Atlantic Beach. Thank you very much.
Sharing that history with you about Atlantic
Beach and their accommodation for the United
States military. We have on our staff we

had a countless number of hours with this Plan,
and it is very comprehensive, very thorough.
At this time, I would like to recognize Derrick
R. Stevens. He is Vice Chairman, with Mr. Esco
McFadden, Pot Ms. McNeil Poterressia
McNeil and Mr. Timothy L. Vereen. And we'd
like to recognize Mr. Benjamin Quattlebaum and
Cheryl Ms. Cheryl Pereira, the Town Clerk.
They did a phenomenal job far as logistics,
coordinating meetings, telephone calls, e-mails
to make this plan possible. And that's very
reflective of the leadership from the Mayor,
Jake Mr Jake Evans, Council member
Lenearl Evans, Council member Jacqueline Gore
and Council member Josephine Isom. We thank
you for your support in making this possible.
We also would like to recognize the Waccamaw
Regional Government that made played a major
role in making this document possible. We
started with Mr. Tom Britton. He's no longer
with he's he moved back to Kentucky
Hopkinsville, Kentucky. And Brett Morgan. Mr.
Morgan is in Pittsburgh. We're also working
with us, Mr. Jason Werner. And we have with
us, Mr. Dan Newquist. As I stated that with

this development plan, Atlantic Beach can move forward and make history because you're in a position now -- once approved -- to develop Atlantic Beach and take it to the height -take it to the next level. You have the documents in place -- planning, zoning, permit, procedures -- so when a developer comes to the Atlantic Beach, Town οf we have the documentation. They have the permit procedure, they submit their architectural drawing. it's within that compliance for that location, they send it -- submit it to the -- Mr. Quattlebaum, staff. From there, they can start building. if Okay? Αt this time, any questions -any questions from the Town Council or Mr. Quattlebaum or his staff, regards to our presentation? At this time, we have Mr. Newquist.

19 MR. NEWQUIST: Sure.

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# (Inaudible background noise.)

MR. NEWQUIST: Thank you, Mr. Bellamy.

## (Inaudible background noise.)

- 23 MR. NEWQUIST: Good evening, Council.
- 24 IN UNISON: Good evening.
- 25 MR. NEWQUIST: Pleasure to be here. Again, my name



is Dan Newquist. It's a pleasure to be here
representing the Waccamaw Regional Council of
Governments. Mr. Bellamy listed a number of
other staff members that played an integral
role in the development not only of your
Comprehensive Plan which, my understanding, was
approved a few years back, but also the
development of this Land Management Ordinance
for the Town of Atlantic Beach. So, I can't
take a whole lot of credit for putting the
this document together. Mr. Britton was my
supervisor for 10 years at the Council of
Governments, and I did have a chance to brief
did have a chance for him to brief me on the
process that the Town has proceeded with. This
ordinance in order to help facilitate the
adoption process through the Town of Atlantic
Beach and the Commission, and now Council. I
was able to, you know, meet with the Planning
Commission at their meeting on October 17 to
present the draft document to them. And did
brief them, like I said, a few changes that had
been incorporated into the draft ordinance
since as they were going through the
process. So, I think it makes since to brief

the Council as well on changes that ${\tt Mr.}\ {\tt Britton}$
advised me on. One is the flexible design
district procedures that are incorporated into
the Ordinance so you have the draft zone in
zoning map and within the Waterfront 1 and
Waterfront 2 Districts, they are provisions in
the Ordinance that would enable a developer to
have an increase in the height as well as it
I mean the height of their structures based on
the amount of public amenity investment that
they are willing to contribute toward the Town
of Atlantic Beach. Those public amenity
features could be anything from beach access to
the development of park and common space,
sidewalk infrastructure within those zoning
districts. And in exchange, they would, as an
example, if they were to contribute three
percent toward public amenity infrastructure,
they would be able to increase their building
height from 55 feet to 85 feet in the
Waterfront 1 District, and the Waterfront 2
1district they would be able to increase their
maximum height from 125 feet to 200 feet. As
far as administratively, those flexible design
districts would be handled similar to the

planned development districts' provisions,
which are also included in the Ordinance. The
second item that Mr. Britton briefed me on was
your Sign Ordinance. And the way they
proceeded in developing the Ordinance was to
make it content neutral. So, the best example
to that I can share with you, there's
provisions on temporary signs things like
political signs, event signs, Christmas, you
know, signs or decor. Those would all be
handled the same way. The way that they would
be addressed in terms of enforcement would be
the height of a particular sign and the the
height and size, location, the number on each
parcel, the length of time that they are
allowed to remain on the parcel. And that
those the content neutral enforcement would
extend through all the different types of signs
that are allowed in within the Town. The
final thing that Mr. Britton briefed me on was
on a number of the articles within the
document, we consulted a land use attorney out
of Charleston, Mr. Tyson Smith. And there were
some question on the prohibition of
condominiums within the multifamily, any zoning

districts that permits multifamily uses. And
the finding that Mr Mr. Tyson Smith drafted
a memorandum that, based on State law on
State case law, the State courts would most
likely overturn a zoning code that
distinguishes between rental and condominium
forms of ownership as categories of multifamily
or accommodation uses. So, per his advice, we
removed those provisions pertaining to the
condominiums in order to make sure that this
zoning ordinance was compliant with State law.
In terms of other as far as procedurally
this evening, in order to move forward with
adopting the Land Management Ordinance, there
is a few there's a few resolutions that come
into play that are presented tonight. One is
an ordinance to establish to reestablish the
Planning Commission for the Town of Atlantic
Beach. Brand new ordinance and hearing cases
or permits, the there's a draft ordinance to
establish reestablish Municipal Planning
Commission for the Town. Then there are three
resolutions. One, before presented before
you. One is recommending recommendation to
adopt amendments to the land use and priority

investment elements of the Comprehensive Plan.
So, with the provisions of this new ordinance,
it's important to have your Comprehensive Plan
reflect what is included in your, you know,
Land Management Ordinance. So there were a few
amendments per to those specific elements of
the Comprehensive Plan. Hence, the need to
approve those amendments. The second item is
a resolution to recommend adoption of a flood
damage prevention ordinance for the Town of
Atlantic Beach. So, a land management
ordinance incorporates a number of land
development regulations into one single
ordinance document. That would also include
the flood damage prevention ordinance. And
there's constantly new rulings on the federal
level on how to implement the National Flood
Insurance Program, and so there was some
revisions to that specific ordinance, again
necessitating that separate resolution to adopt
recommend adopted the flood damage
prevention ordinance. Then finally would be
recommending adoption of the Land Management
Ordinance itself, which is in your copy for
in a copy provided to you tonight. And each of

those resolutions were recommended by the Planning Commission at their last meeting. But with that, I know I've covered a number of details here. I'd be happy to help address any questions that the Council may have.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay, since we're in the public hearing, we probably want to see if the public would have any questions for you, Mr. Newquist, or our Planning Commission Chair, Mr. Bellamy. So we're in the midst of the public hearing so if anyone in the audience have any questions as it relates to the Land Management Ordinance for Mr. Newquist or for the Planning Commission Chairperson, Mr. Bellamy, you're free to ask those questions or make comments at this time. The floor is open to you. Anyone?

## (Inaudible background noise.)

MAYOR EVANS: Okay. If you don't mind, Mr. Booker, you can come to the podium so we can kind of pick up your name on the recording device as well and what question you may have for either one of them.

MR. BOOKER: Good evening, Mr. Mayor and Council,

Town Manager, fellow citizens. My name is

William Booker. I would like for you to set,

if you would, just give a little bit more plain language, what that legal recommendation was concerning the condominiums.

MR. NEWQUIST: Uh-huh.

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MR. BOOKER: I didn't clearly understand what you were saying.

MR. NEWQUIST: I can -- I have the memo with me this
 evening and so instead of paraphrasing, I'd
 much rather read off, you know, as I mentioned,
 my involvement ---

## (Inaudible background noise.)

MR. NEWQUIST: involvement with Sure. Му the development of the Ordinance was very limited, only since Mr. Britton left was I involved in assisting the Town staff and Planning Commission. So just referencing the memo, I know this was a -- my understanding, this was an item that was discussed by staff with the Planning Commission so we had -- we retain -our office retained a land use attorney to review (inaudible) purpose is to review any -entire, you know, ordinance and the that everything is cleared legally. So let me find the exact ... So one item says here, sir, the generally accepted rule of land use practice is

that ownership is not relevant to the use of
land and therefore, that condominiums should be
treated no differently than other multifamily
units, or hotels available for rent, instead of
ownership. And then, again, I read part of the
final closing recommendations from the
attorney, but I'll read it again. The State's
the State courts most likely would overturn
a zoning code district that distinguishes
between rental and condominium forms of
ownership as categories of multifamily or
accommodations uses. Therefore, under the law
as it exists today, we recommend that South
Carolina local governments not treat
multifamily or multi-unit land uses for
condominium ownership different from those of
rental or other forms of ownership. Any
existing order any existing ordinances that
make this distinction should be revised in
accordance with current law. So and then
they do cite a couple of court findings of the
South Carolina Court of Appeals that states the
South Carolina Court of Appeals rejected an
attempt by the Town of Sullivan's island to
prohibit the conversion of an existing

multifamily building to a condominium. The cited was Baker t.he versus Town o f Sullivan's Island. The court there held that the conversion of -- from an apartment building condominiums to constitutes а change οf ownership rather than a change of -- change of use.

MR. BELLAMY: I just -- just for clarification only. About two years ago when we started working on the Plan, this -- we received info, feedback from the Town of Atlantic Beach citizens and individuals having interest in the growth and development οf Atlanta Beach. One t.he looked at as preference things that we for waterfront development was they have commercial on the first level and then the objective for vision was to build hotels, oceanfront hotels on the oceanfront, and that's when that came in (inaudible) had questions about the condos. But, as a preference, that they would like to see that happen as a vision of Atlantic Beach on the oceanfront there.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Let me just ask ---

MR. BELLAMY: Yes, sir.

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MR. QUATTLEBAUM: --- if I may?



MR. BELLAMY: Yes, sir, go ahead.

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In that discussion, the issue came MR. QUATTLEBAUM: up, could the Town of Atlantic Beach preclude condominium development on its waterfront? That's when we sought the legal opinion of the attorney through Waccamaw Regional Council Of Governments, hired an attorney and gave us a legal opinion, and indicated that the Town of Atlantic Beach could not exclude condominium development on its waterfront. So that's in plain language, what the outcome and the decision that came out.

MR. BELLAMY: And our position from the Planning Commission is that, based on the ruling from the court and what we call precedence in the legal system, and other referenced cases, is that, as a preference, we would like -- as Mr. Q., Mr. Quattlebaum, stated that, а as we would like to see oceanfront preference, hotels the Ocean Boulevard on preference. language you have use The is preference, based on court case, as а Also, speaking of signage, we did preference. information, provide some the Planning Commission, to Mr. Quattlebaum for street

As you notice, you travel down North signs. Myrtle Beach, they have -- their street signs are different colors, maybe blue -- they have blue background. And we're looking something similar be -- made a recommendation reflect your logo back -- maybe at point, you have the streets signs of Atlantic 20th Avenue with Beach with your, say, design of the black pearl logo. And that's something that we discussed (inaudible) so it'd make it unique, stand -- as a preference -- as a logo for Atlantic Beach as a distinct -- as you -- as a distinction as you're traveling 17 South, it really stands North, 17 out as Atlantic Beach. So we're look -- we did provide that information. We'll continue the (inaudible) on that, (inaudible) signage to be specific for Atlantic Beach street signs. And some welcome signs too. We have discussed that too. Maybe some banners that say welcome to Atlantic Beach like other cities. So we're working with the staff also to do that approval by Council.

(Inaudible background noise.)

MR. BELLAMY: Yes, sir?

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1 MR. DRUMGO: I'm Mr. Drumgo.

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(Inaudible background noise.)

- DRUMGO: I've just got a couple of questions (inaudible). Just on (inaudible) like with your (inaudible) developments, what would be, if any foreseen, like, there are residual effects that may come down upon alreadyexisting landowners, property owners, business owners that are already here in Atlantic Beach (inaudible) from this or taking place? Do you foresee any, like ---
- 12 MR. BELLAMY: No, there won't be any changes ---
- MR. DRUMGO: Taxes for property owners or anything that would come down on already ---
- 15 MR. BELLAMY: Taxes, that's based on assessment.
- 16 | MR. DRUMGO: Right.
- 17 MR. BELLAMY: The taxes aren't ---
- 18 MR. DRUMGO: Well, will we be (inaudible)
- developments or ...
- 20 MR. BELLAMY: No, no, no.
- 21 MR. DRUMGO: No? Okay. And secondly, the
- 22 developments you have proposed, that's -- your
- 23 meeting (ph), will these things be made
- 24 available to the residents?
- 25 MR. BELLAMY: Yes, public. This is all public



1 record here.

2 MR. DRUMGO: That's all public record, right?

3 MR. BELLAMY: Yes.

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MR. DRUMGO: Oh, okay.

MR. BELLAMY: Once approved. And, correct me,

'cause I know (inaudible) and the City -- Town

of Atlantic Beach and municipality recall it's

one and two readings 'cause it's -- it has to

go through two readings. Once that's approved

-- we make recommendations and the Town Council

makes the approval for ---

MR. DRUMGO: Oh, okay.

MR. BELLAMY: --- and this will be available, public
record

MR. DRUMGO: 'Cause I've been a part of cities where it gets developed and then they all -- guys that's already there, they move out, they can't afford to live there no more.

19 MR. BELLAMY: Right.

MR. DRUMGO: (Inaudible) you guys foresee anything

like that?

(Inaudible background noise.)

23 MR. BELLAMY: Yes, sir. Come on up, sir.

24 | MALE SPEAKER: Good evening. I was looking at that

layout there and it was probably property that

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I've owned (ph). It's recommending that the zoning be changed R-2, Residential, to MS-2 (inaudible) Main Street 2. Can you tell me something about what Main Street 2 mean and all that, will homes be allowed in Main Street 2 zoning or ...

## (Inaudible background noise.)

MR. **NEWQUIST:** So, that's a good question, Yes, within each district there are provisions know, residential development, for, you commercial development, mixed use development. you know, some districts promote Obviously, commercial or mixed use development, and other zoning districts -- the R-2 is an example -the intention is to keep that primarily residential to leave it, you know, prohibit commercial uses. So to kind of focus development in certain parts of the Town. And within the MS-2 District, there's -- so there's provisions, you know, one thing I'll say about, know, this Ordinance is, it's you pretty thorough throughout, you know, each district on what is permitted and what's, you know, not permitted. And so, that is, you available for you to review, sir, and, you

know, it classifies a number of uses so each type of residential use you could think of -traditional single family, detached house, you know, a duplex, a multifamily-type dwelling and which districts those are allowed in. In the case of the MS-2 District, there residential uses permitted, and there are also in that area, that district, there are some commercial and resort combination-type permitted. But each one of these districts is gonna have a number of permitted uses and a number of, you know, kind of prohibited types of uses.

MALE SPEAKER: my question is, So because the zoning's changing -- right now, single homes are permitted, and there are some (inaudible) in that zone next to me and around, behind me where I know people are anticipating building homes. And so the zoning, according to that document, is going to change. And question is, is it going to permit those people to build homes, or not?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Yes.

MR. NEWQUIST: Yes.

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MR. QUATTLEBAUM: It will -- residential -- 29th and



32nd Avenue down to Seaview will remain
residential. As you picked up the
classification or the notification of what
zoning areas is going to change. For example,
currently now the waterfront is commercial, C-
2. Will change to what the designation in the
new Land Management Ordinance will be
waterfront development. Waterfront
development, WF-1 and WF-2. WF-1, exclusively
commercial development, which is remains the
same for that area from 30th Avenue all the way
over to 29th, over to Bay Watch. That frontage
will still remain commercial. The designation
just changes to waterfront. MS just changed
from the $R-2$ , but is still the same categories
of residential development exclusively on 32nd
Avenue and 29th will remain the same.

18 | MALE SPEAKER: All the way down to Seaview?

19 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: All the way down to the sea (ph).

MALE SPEAKER: Both sides?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Yes. And the -- also, one of the objectives was to get -- if you look at the old zoning map, there was some incongruent mixes of development, particularly on this side of 17.

So it was -- the Land Management Ordinance

sought to unify the development, or the zoning, that you don't have conflicting type development uses on -- in the Plan,  $W \in$ currently have now. So it's something that needs to be reviewed and studied. Wе are working with a -- on the question in terms of availability -- with a company now to have the Land Management Plan, all of our documentation and an upgrade to our website to have all these available online for review by the public. Currently, the comprehensive plan is hopefully, we can get the -- met with the contractor to start uploading other documents, including Land Management Ordinance, hopefully in the next two weeks -- two to three weeks to have that online. But if anyone wants to see a copy, or review the document, it's available at our office and we'll make that available to the public.

MAYOR EVANS: Anyone else? If not, thank you, Mr.

Newquist.

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MR. NEWQUIST: Thank you.

23 MAYOR EVANS: Thank you, too, Mr. Bellamy.

24 MR. BELLAMY: Thank you.

25 | MAYOR EVANS: And Council, at this time, I seek a



1 motion to close the public hearing.

2 | COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.

3 | COUNCILMAN EVANS: Second.

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MAYOR EVANS: Motion and a second to close the

public hearing. Any other questions, comments?

Council? If not, roll call?

CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans?

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.

9 | CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

10 | COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

11 | CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted. Okay, Council,

we're down to Item Number 9, Ordinance Number

7-2019, and this will be the first reading. An

15 ordinance updating and adopting the Town of

16 Atlantic Beach Land Management Ordinance 2019.

17 The flood damage prevention ordinance and

amendments to the land use element and priority

investment element of the Town of Atlantic

Beach Comprehensive Plan 2017 through 2027,

21 including all references, plan maps and

22 exhibits. And once again, this is the first

reading, Council. I seek a motion to adopt

Ordinance Number 7-2019.

25 | COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.

- 1 | COUNCILMAN EVANS: Second.
- 2 MAYOR EVANS: There is a motion and a second to
- adopt Ordinance Number 7-2019, first reading.
- 4 Any other questions or comments? Roll call?
- 5 | CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans?
- 6 | COUNCILMAN EVANS: 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
- 9(A), which is Resolution Number 1-2019. And
- 12 this is a resolution recommending an adoption
- of the Comprehensive Plan amendments for the
- 14 Town of Atlantic Beach, South Carolina.
- 15 Council, seek a motion to adopt Resolution
- 16 Number 1-2019.
- 17 | COUNCILMAN EVANS: So moved, Mr. Mayor.
- 18 | COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Second.
- 19 MAYOR EVANS: Motion and a second to adopt
- 20 Resolution Number 1-2019. Any other questions
- or comments? If not, roll call?
- 22 | CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans?
- 23 | COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.
- 24 | CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?
- 25 | COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.



1 | CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

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2 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The motion is granted. And

3 we're down to (B), Resolution Number 2-2019.

And this is a resolution adopting -- adoption

of a flood damage prevention ordinance for the

Town of Atlantic Beach, South Carolina.

Council, seek a motion to adopt Resolution

Number 2-2019.

9 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Second.

11 MAYOR EVANS: Motion and a second to adopt

12 Resolution Number 2-2019. Any other questions

or comments? Roll call?

14 | CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans?

15 | COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.

16 | CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

17 | COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

18 | CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

19 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted. (C) is

Resolution Number 3-2019, and this is a

21 resolution recommending adoption of a land

22 management ordinance for the Town of Atlantic

Beach, South Carolina. Council, seek a motion

to adopt Resolution Number 3-2019.

25 | COUNCILMAN EVANS: So moved.



1 | COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Second.

2 | MAYOR EVANS: Okay, there's a motion and a second to

adopt Resolution Number 3-2019. Any other

questions or comments? If not, roll call?

**CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.

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7 | CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

8 | COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

9 | CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted. We're down to

(D), Project Hope Outreach. Is there someone

here that's gonna speak on behalf of Project

Hope Outreach

FEMALE SPEAKER: Good afternoon, everyone.

15 IN UNISON: Good afternoon.

16 | **FEMALE SPEAKER:** I'm gonna give you a little bit --

little background for Ms. Rue (ph). Ms. Rue

18 accepts (inaudible) as a free, one-stop

19 resource center for women in crisis. She

20 builds relationships with local, state and

21 federal agencies, as well as non-profit

22 organizations and private companies throughout

23 Horry County. Then she joins women's needs to

24 available resources, often times challenging

25 agencies to provide exponentially (ph) by

1	cutting through the red tape. All of her
2	efforts have been volunteer. She has never
3	been paid for assistance to women. Her
4	tireless efforts have rescued too many times.
5	Ms. Rue has gotten out of her bed in the middle
6	of the night, driven to collect a woman or her
7	children from either off the street or the
8	police station, resulting from the domestic
9	violence and situation, and sheltered them in
10	her own home. She would be up all night and
11	early morning contracting contacting agency
12	and non-profit organizations, even personal
13	friends, to secure the necessary resources for
14	that family including, but not limited to, the
15	treatment, housing, food stamps, furniture,
16	clothes and toiletry articles, linens and
17	counseling. The list of women who she has
18	personally assisted is enormous. Ms. Rue is a
19	well-known figure in the Horry County, South
20	Carolina community. She has partnership on,
21	has worked tandemently (ph) with the following
22	organizations over the past 15 years: the
23	Salvation Army, the Goodwill, the Social
24	Services, Habitat for Humanity, Helping Hand
25	South (ph) Strand, Grand Strand Medical Center,

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1	the Location Rehabilitation Center, Street
2	Reach, United Way, Coastal Workforce Center in
3	Conway, South Carolina, Waccamaw EOC in Conway,
4	South Carolina. Her passion for assisting
5	women in crisis is a matter of record. Her
6	willingness to expand effort beyond (inaudible)
7	is well documented throughout the countless
8	numbers of women for whom she has been able to
9	access resources. Many of the women who were
10	blessed by her effort now live a stable life.
11	Currently, Ms. Rue is working with partners on
12	establishing a transitional housing program at
13	Finklea Community Center. This full-service
14	program is designed to empower broken women to
15	regain their self esteem and guide them back to
16	self sufficient. Her skill will undoubtedly
17	attract resources, positive media attention and
18	clients. Thank you very much.

19 MAYOR EVANS: Thank you.

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20 BRENDA: Good afternoon, everybody.

21 IN UNISON: Good afternoon.

> BRENDA: Or good evening, everybody. I want to thank the Council. I want to thank everybody for allowing me to come out tonight and share a little bit about me. My passion for Atlantic

Beach this is home. I left Atlantic Beach
in '97. I came to Conway, and didn't know that
God had me on a mission there. My goal to come
back to Atlantic Beach is to see Atlantic Beach
come back. I remember as a little girl,
watching the merry-go-round, watching the beach
full of people. I would love to see I've
seen I keep seeing the soup kitchen it's
not a soup kitchen, but I would like to see a
kitchen once a month for the community to come
around to get to know each other. To meet, to
greet, and see where the needs in the
community. I also would like to see a roll
call where we can express what we're trying to
do. Nobody knows nothing going on in Atlantic
Beach, so we need roll call, so we need
newsletters. We need the children to know that
there's a safe place they can come to and play.
We also need to know that there is a God, you
know, everybody's talking about what they want,
but we're not putting God first. I want to
come back and bring Atlantic Beach 'cause it's
home. We need counseling. We need to save our
children now. We're losing our young men.
We're losing our young children for

1	trafficking, human trafficking. We need to
2	have a stop. We need be able to come as a
3	family and Atlantic Beach, some of the things
4	I want to share is my most important things
5	that my goals that I want to do if I'm elected
6	to come in. I want to work with my senior
7	citizens that may need Medicaid and don't know
8	where to go. We have a lot of Mexicans, Puerto
9	Ricans. They don't have nowhere to go. I
10	would like for this to be a one-stop shop.
11	They may need mental health. They may need
12	DSS. They may need WIC. We need after-school
13	programs. We need learning programs, where we
14	can teach our children that don't know how to
15	read and write. We need meetings. We need
16	women to come together, men to come together.
17	We need to come as one, as a family here in
18	Atlantic Beach. We need food, of course, a lot
19	of people don't have food or don't get food
20	stamps. We want to be able to have a food bank
21	they can come once a week and get food. Deadly
22	seriously about this human trafficking. Up in
23	the Green Sea area where I was had the
24	opportunity to be a coordinator at the
25	community center, there's a lot of human

1	trafficking going on in the Green Sea area. I
2	know that it's going on down here on the beach,
3	everything is hush-hush. We have people
4	there are different organizations that's
5	willing to come in. My plan is, if I'm
6	elected, at least once a week, somebody will
7	come in if you need dental, if you need eye
8	care, if you need mental health. We have
9	somebody from each agency will come in. I plan
10	on doing a calendar so put a roll call on
11	and let people know whether if you need
12	anything, we're here. We want to let you know
13	that Atlantic Beach is just not Atlantic Beach,
14	it's a home. It's we care. We want to come
15	as one. Mainly, our youth has proper
16	counseling. We need to counsel these young men
17	because a lot of the families are broken. We
18	don't have fathers, we don't have mothers.
19	These young men is trying to raise theirself
20	(sic). The young ladies are raising theirself.
21	We need to start praying back, you know,
22	praying. We need to put our families together,
23	coming to the Community Center and say, if you
24	have a problem, you can come talk to one the
25	mayor, you can talk to city council, you can

talk to somebody. You don't have to go through
this by yourself. There needs to be somebody
at the door at all times if somebody wants to
commit suicide. This is called the Community
Center because it's for the community. I'm
hoping and praying that you all will put in
your heart to at least give me a chance to see
the difference. I've worked two community
centers, I've brought homes into the community
centers up there in Loris, with the North
Carolina South Carolina disaster, North
Carolina disaster. I've worked the bus line
coming through 701 and Loris and Green Sea.
I'm good at what I do, and I feel like whatever
I've done in my past I can make it right and do
the right thing for Atlantic Beach because I
pretty much did my thing here in Atlantic
Beach. It's time we give back. I don't want
to stay long. I just want you all to give me
a chance because I know I can make a difference
here. This is the pastor. Is there anything
you have to say?

PASTOR: We didn't say the one -- board members sit
 -- to assist Sister Brenda (inaudible) we've
 been doing a lot of things in the community in

Conway and Myrtle Beach and Georgetown area.
And we would like to see the Black Pearl get
back on the map. My parents told me a lot
about Atlantic Beach years ago and a lot of
good things that happened back in the past.
And I said to myself, I said why can't we bring
these things back, a lot of programs that have
gone away, a lot of different things that have
gone away, and what Sister Brenda and I want to
do, we want to bring a lot of programs back in
this area, back in this community, to let
people know that Atlantic Beach is alive and
part of North Myrtle Beach and part of Myrtle
Beach, and people can come from (inaudible)
areas and participate and be in part of
(inaudible) we have to offer. And that's all
we want to do is to bless the area (inaudible)
blessing to somebody else. And so we just
gonna be thinking about doing programs for
like, children's programs, getting gospel
groups coming back. My dad told me years ago,
many years ago, that there were big (inaudible)
that they used to come out here years ago, but
now they don't come any more. So we wanted to
bring gospel (inaudible) back and let them know

that there's love in this area, and we will have a gospel band and gospel settings -- Bible settings, and let people know that they can come to a place if you need prayer, come to a place if you need someone to pray over Because one thing that we have to do is life. seek God in the center of our life, and that's a fact, that's everywhere you go. So -- but that's what we want to do, is to bring God back in Atlantic Beach, to let Atlantic Beach know that someone here loves them. So we want to bring this whole (inaudible) back let and Atlantic know that there's people out here that want to come and be a part of what's going on in this area, and that's what we want to try to do, is bring Atlantic Beach back up and let people know that there's something good going on in this area. Amen. God bless you.

19 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Amen.

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20 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Thank you.

FEMALE SPEAKER: Thank you, God.

22 MAYOR EVANS: Thank you.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Let me address -- respond. I applaud your vision for wanting to bring the services, the -- there's a number of them -- we

don't have to go into it tonight, but there are a number of issues that we have to get resolved in terms of operational times, liability. have some issues that you're not aware of that we have to bring this facility back up to a certain standard, and we're working on plans of improvement. All of that has to be dovetailed and coordinated if we're going to do any type So we need to talk in more of services here. detail on the schedule of activities, when they're gonna be utilized. We rent this place out, got Council meetings, we have after-school already -- we've got a number of programs so we just to see if it can come together and meet all of the criteria that the Town will require to have a program activity run out of center.

BRENDA: All right, thank you. And I'll put everything in God's hands.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: All right.

BRENDA: Whatever He says.

22 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: All right.

23 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Amen.

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24 | MAYOR EVANS: Thank you.

25 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** All right.

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MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Here ...

MAYOR EVANS: Town Manager's report.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor and Council, I just want to echo the sentiments of the Chairman of Planning Commission. I wish Mr. Britton could have been here to see this through. He has been very supportive and helpful in getting -working with the Planning Commission, and the members of the Planning Commission, their sacrifice and diligence in getting this Land Management Ordinance recommended at this stage So I'd like to commend all of them for now. their participation and support. Waccamaw Regional and all of their support in assisting us to get to this point. I think it's a -- an outstanding milestone for the Town of Atlantic Beach, and will do -- go a long way with -help facilitating future developments in the So, thank you all Commission members for your participating. With that, Mayor, I don't have anything else.

Public Time:



1 MAYOR EVANS: We're down to public comments, and I
2 have one public comment card, Brenda Deese.

MS. DEESE: Hello.

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COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Hello.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Hello.

MS. DEESE: Good evening, everyone. My name just have a few, I guess, Brenda Deese. Ι Council. suggestions for the One, the gentleman who touched on a sign, or a banner. If maybe at some point we can look around to get quotes to maybe get a newer sign, a bigger sign, welcome to Atlantic Beach, something on 17, possibly like an LED like the one that they put up in North Myrtle on 17 and what is that? Highway 31, the entrance. Maybe not so big as that, but something, an LED sign, to let people coming up 17 and going down 17 know that one, welcome to Atlantic Beach. Two, to scroll the different businesses in town, advertisements for businesses in town because you're riding up and down 17, but you don't know anything that's off the beat, off 17. Okay, you have the club on the end. You have several restaurants. It's a -- you have a sign. People sitting at the traffic light, it's like oh, there's a bar

down there. Oh, there's a bakery now down
there. So, it would be a little better
advertisement for the Town if we had maybe,
like I said, a newer, a nicer, a bigger sign
out there. A committee to try to bring to
try to, you know, get a committee of, say, the
Town people, Council people, whoever, to try to
bring, like the gentleman said, more
entertainment back into town. Be it gospel,
show, band, be it a seafood festival, be it
(inaudible), be it whatever. Okay? A music
festival, to just try to bring more festivals
and more entertainment into town on the beach.
So it doesn't have to be one person. A group
of people, you know, trying to put it together,
and getting calendars. Say, they just start
out with a once a month type thing, you know.
So that way you're bringing more people into
town for a positive for something positive
for Atlantic Beach that may not necessarily
come into town. Okay, and lastly, I was
speaking to a lady and she was saying I
don't remember if she lives on 30th or 31st
that we don't have any garbage cans, like, you
know, Town garbage cans. So she said people

walk down the street in front of her home and they just throw the garbage 'cause they don't have any place to put it. So, is it possible that we can purchase, you know, garbage cans and put them sporadically on say 30th and 31st, you know, those two streets that a lot of people walk up and down. I think that's all I have. Okay, thank you.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Thank you.

MAYOR EVANS: Thank you.

11 | COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Thank you.

(Inaudible background noise.)

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Ms. Deese, I'm glad you brought that conversation up about the sign.

MS. DEESE: (Inaudible.)

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Well, that's what we was trying to emphasize to the Town from (inaudible) Street is that if we purchased that property out there, it would help us in more ways than one.

MS. DEESE: Uh-huh.

councilwoman gore: If we had purchased that property, which is probably getting ready to be sold right now by somebody else. They don't have to give us permission to put anything on



it, but we would had it for ourselves, we could have put signs, every business that's in this town could have (inaudible) that sign. We could have made money off the sign 'cause we could have sold ads to it. The property itself would have paid for itself, but didn't -- I'm gonna say three years -- that's a stretch -- maybe two years.

MS. DEESE: Uh-huh.

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COUNCILWOMAN GORE: It would have been a piece property that we would've always had in the But now, we don't have it. And we voted town. on it. We wanted it here. I wanted it here so bad I could've screamed to the top of my lungs. And the reason why is somebody would've been buying -- we would be purchasing that property in the town. We were buying it for \$91,000 is we was gonna purchase it for. Well, come to find out, it wasn't worth that much to I guess the value of it wasn't to whomever. that degree is what we were ready to spend on But it would have changed the whole plane it. (ph) of Atlantic Beach 'cause now somebody came in, spent \$91,000 on a piece of property that, to them, that's not worth no more than what,

\$14,000, or whatever. It doesn't matter. Wе would've had that property here. We was readv to purchase. Everybody in the Town -- not --I won't say everybody. Most of the people in the Town signed a petition stopping us doing our job, which was trying to do things like -- it's stuff like that that we have in place now, we've been working for four years. can't it from You see mе telling understanding from me telling you, there is a -- where you go over and check the specs over here, where you can go and see what we have done. We've done it -- we're paving our way. And we would love to have the community come out and help us.

MS. DEESE: Uh-huh.

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COUNCILWOMAN GORE: That's what we want. We don't want this bitterness going around because of whatever situation may be. We can work together. We're (inaudible) our family's here. That's all we want.

MAYOR EVANS: With ...

MS. DEESE: On what you said about the land ...

24 | COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Uh-huh.

MS. DEESE: My perception on that is -- and I think



if it was presented in -- and I believe we had sidebars, okay, we had sidebars on this (inaudible), and it was presented differently to the community, as far as the price, as far as it being able to pay for itself in five years, 10 years ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Because ---

MS. DEESE: --- I think the Town would have received it a lot better and a lot differently and maybe -- maybe not -- but maybe the Town would have said okay, yes, we go for that. But I don't think it was presented clearly enough to the people of the Town for them to really understand the total picture. That's just what I saw from the whole situation. That's why -- you and I had a sidebar, and I'm like, oh, okay

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Uh-huh.

MS DEESE: --- now, I get it. 'Cause at first, I
 was against it as well. But once we had the
 sidebar -- but I think the whole Town needed to
 hear dollars and cents, okay, we're gonna pay
 upwards of this. We're -- we will be able to
 rent the sign out for this amount. We will
 receive this amount of money per month in

## ATLANTIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL 49 revenue from the sign. In X amount of months 1 2 or X amount of years, the sign will be paid 3 for, and then after that, the Town will receive 4 X amount of dollars per year. I think if it's 5 presented in that ---6 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: (Inaudible.) 7 MS DEESE: --- the Town would receive it better. 8 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: It wouldn't have. 9 MAYOR EVANS: Yeah. 10 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Thank you. COUNCILMAN EVANS: 11 Thank you. 12 MAYOR EVANS: Thank you. Council, I seek a motion 13 for -- to adjourn. 14 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved. 15 COUNCILMAN EVANS: Second. 16 MAYOR EVANS: Motion and a second to adjourn. Any 17 other questions, comments? Roll call? 18 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans? COUNCILMAN EVANS: 19 Yea. 20 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore? 21 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: 22 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans? 2.3 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted. This meeting is 24 adjourned at 6:58 p.m. 25 being nothing (There further, the meeting was

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