TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 2, 2020

4:10 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 2nd day of March, 2020.

APPEARANCES

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

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

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Any other

questions,

contractual matters.

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ATLANTIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor and Council, the matters to 1 2 discussed in legal, the hospitality lawsuit with the county, Horry County, and the 3 4 municipalities, Tyson the Town ofversus 5 Atlantic Beach lawsuit, Oceans Apartment legal 6 status. And contractual will be the proposed 7 agreement, Special Purpose Development 8 Corporation developer. That's on the agenda. 9 For the record, Mayor, also legal counsel will be conferenced in in Executive Session. 10 MAYOR EVANS: 11 Thank you. Any other questions, 12 comments, Council? Roll call? 13 CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom? 14 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea. Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore? 15 CLERK: COUNCILWOMAN GORE: 16 Yea. 17 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans? 18 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted. 19 Executive Session: 20 (Executive Session.) 21 MAYOR EVANS: Council, I seek a motion to come out 22 of Executive Session into the General Session. 23 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: So moved, Mr. Mayor. 24 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Second. 25 MAYOR EVANS: Motion and a second to come out of

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1	Executive Session into the General Session.
2	Any other questions or comments? Council, no?
3	Roll call?
4	CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans?
5	COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.
6	CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?
7	COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.
8	CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?
9	COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.
10	CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams?
11	COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yea.
12	CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?
13	MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted.
14	General Session:
15	MAYOR EVANS: I want to take this time to welcome
16	the general public. Thanks for coming out, and
17	if you've got any devices, cell phones, that
18	may disturb the proceedings would you put those
19	on silence for us at this time please? Thank
20	you. And if you would, stand for a moment of
21	silence.
22	(Moment of Silence.)
23	MAYOR EVANS: Pledge of Allegiance.
24	(Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison.)
25	MAYOR EVANS: Ceremonial matters, Council members,

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1	anyone? No ceremonial? Approval of the
2	agenda. Council, seek a motion for the
3	approval of the agenda as it is outlined?
4	COUNCILWOMAN GORE: I seek a motion for the approval
5	of the agenda for as it is outlined.
6	COUNCILMAN EVANS: Second.
7	MAYOR EVANS: Motion and a second for approval of
8	the agenda. Any other questions, comments?
9	Roll call?
10	CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans?
11	COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.
12	CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?
13	COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.
14	CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?
15	COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.
16	CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams?
17	COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yea.
18	CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?
19	MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted.
20	Old Business:
21	MAYOR EVANS: We're down to Item Number 6, Old
22	Business, Town Council meeting minutes.
23	Minutes from Town Council meeting held on
24	February 17th, 2020. Council, seek a motion
25	for the approval of those minutes?

ATLANTIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 1 COUNCILMAN EVANS: So moved, Mr. Mayor. 2 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Second. 3 MAYOR EVANS: Motion and second for approval of the 4 meeting minutes for February 17th, 2020. Any 5 other questions, comments? Roll call? CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans? 6 7 COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea. 8 CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom? COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: 9 Yea. 10 Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore? CLERK: COUNCILWOMAN GORE: 11 Yea. 12 CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams? 13 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yea. 14 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans? 15 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion is granted. New Business: 16 MAYOR EVANS: We're down to New Business. 17 Approval 18 of Memorandum of Understanding between the Town 19 οf Atlantic Beach and Special Purpose 20 Development Corporation to explore development 21 of the Town of Atlantic Beach. 22 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor and Council, you have a copy 2.3 οf the -- proposed Memorandum οf memo 24 Understanding with Special Purpose Development

Corporation developing the Town of Atlantic

ATLANTIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 9 Atlantic Beach awarded \$150,000 1 ofwas а 2 Community Development Block Grant t.o 3 comprehensively revitalize the 4 playground facility adjacent to the Community 5 Center. One of the federal requirements 6 that the Town of Atlantic Beach has a current 7 504 disability grievance procedure as well as 8 which we'll Item D, come to, 9 nondiscrimination on the basis of disability 10 status. These are updates to the Town's 504 Disability procedures, and it is a requirement 11 12 in order to receive the federal funds for the 13 revitalization of the Community Center --Ι 14 mean of the playground. 15 Any other questions, comments MAYOR EVANS: from Roll call? 16 Council? 17 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans? 18 COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea. 19 CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom? 20 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea. 21 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore? 22 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea. 23 CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams? COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yea. 24 25 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The Motion is granted. Item C under New Business. Council, seek a motion for the approval of Operational Employer Participation Resolution for participation in the State Insurance Benefit Program.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: So moved, Mr. Mayor.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Second.

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MAYOR EVANS: There is a motion and a second for the approval of the Operational Employer Participation Resolution for participation in the State Insurance Benefit Program ---

Mayor and Council, MR. QUATTLEBAUM: This is resolution а requesting that the Town o f Atlantic Beach be incorporated into the State Currently now the Health Benefits Program. provides Town οf Atlantic Beach benefits coverage to its employees through Blue Cross and Blue Shield. The State of South Carolina utilizes the same Blue Cross and Blue Shield. This cost savings will move us from providing individual health coverage for a small number of employees to the statewide health benefits system which will be less costly for the Town of Atlantic Beach to make that transition. Ιn order to be accepted, the State has to accept

ATLANTIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 11 us, and they would not -- if approved, would 1 2 take affect July 1st, 2020. 3 MAYOR EVANS: Any other questions, comments from 4 Council? Nope? Roll Call? 5 CLERK: Councilman Lenearl Evans? 6 COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea. 7 CLERK: Councilwoman Josephine Isom? 8 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea. 9 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore? 10 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea. CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams? 11 12 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yea. 13 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans? 14 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted. D. Council, 15 seek a motion for the approval of policy of 16 nondiscrimination on the basis of disability 17 status. 18 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: So moved. COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: 19 Second. 20 MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and a second for the 21 approval of policy of nondiscrimination on the 22 basis οf disability status. Questions, 23 comments? Ben? Mayor and Council, the Town of 24 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: 25 Atlantic Beach, as a part of that requirement

ATLANTIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 12 for the federal funding, has to have a policy 1 2 declaration of nondiscrimination on the basis 3 of disability status. This is a certification 4 that t.h.e. Town administrator and the Town 5 Council does not discriminate on the basis of 6 disability. 7 MAYOR EVANS: Questions, comments, Council? Roll 8 Call? Councilman Lenearl Evans? 9 CLERK: 10 COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea. Councilwoman Josephine Isom? 11 CLERK: 12 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea. 13 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore? 14 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea. Councilwoman Glenda Williams? 15 CLERK: COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: 16 Yea. 17 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans? 18 MAYOR EVANS: Motion granted. Yea. Down to 8. 19 Report, your Town Manager's Report, Ben? 20 Report: 21 MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor and Council, just to provide 22 you and the public an update on where we are on 23 Bike Fest 2020, we have posted all of our 24 information on Bike Fest 2020 registration, 25 property owners' listing, all οf the

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requirements that are to be eligible to participate in Bike Fest 2020 as a vendor is online. Wе have been seeing dramatic increase in the number of new vendors that have public expressed interest as the and the Council will recall that the vendor fee loaded -- lowered from 875 I think for food vendors to 675, and 650 for ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Retail.

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MR. QUATTLEBAUM: --- retail vendors. That has seen an uptick in the number of requests on the part of new vendors for participation in Bike Fest 2020. On March the 23rd, we will hold our first meeting with all of the law enforcement personnel that will be assigned to the Town of Atlantic Beach here at the Community Center. We are working to bring back again the bike show that was sponsored last year at the same location, and Ι'm actively recruiting bike vendors who would provide accessory parts and all kinds of paraphernalia that are interest to bikers. We hope to have a location set up in the Town that participation in those -- bike enthusiasts would require kind who the merchandise and services that the bike industry

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1	heading it up this year? Chief is the one
2	that's heading it up this year?
3	MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Yes. We're the host
4	COUNCILWOMAN GORE: You're the host?
5	MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Town so That's all I
6	have, Mayor.
7	MAYOR EVANS: Ben okay. Okay, we're still
8	waiting for Special Purpose Development
9	Corporation to make their presentation. So
10	just bear with us just a moment.
11	(Inaudible background noise.)
12	(Off the Record.)
13	(Inaudible background noise.)
14	MAYOR EVANS: You can go ahead.
15	MR. LAWSON: Good evening, everyone. Can you hear
16	me?
17	IN UNISON: Yes.
18	MR. LAWSON: Okay, very good. Well, you know the
19	best laid plans of mice and men they often go
20	awry. We went out and tried to make some
21	technology available because we know that the
22	Internet is not working in here. So, we did
23	our best. But the machinery currently not
24	working. So, I am Gene J. Lawson. Also known
25	in many circles as Reverend Gene J. Lawson so

I will allow my words to paint the image so
that you all fully have a comprehension of what
we're trying to do. We certainly will forward
the PowerPoint to the Council at a later time.
I want to first of all thank you all for giving
us the opportunity to be here before you in
this capacity. My background just to kind
of let you all know who we are and what we are
here to do my background comes from really
a background of ministry, but it's ministry at
a different type of level. My ministry and
many in many spaces is called professional
ministry, and I came up underneath guys like
Jeremiah Wright. I came up underneath
Youngblood out of New York and Dr. Jeremiah
Wright, who always explained to us that, you
know, if we're going to have a significant
ministry, one of the things that was important
to understand is that people spend most of
their working or their waking hours at work.
And that was very important to me because it
meant that I really had to focus on what people
were doing during their day. And so with that
being said, I wanted to make sure that my
constituency was provided for and that meant

economic development. And so with economic
development, I had to learn how to do CDCs and
how to manage CRAs and understand how cities
work and be able to go before councils and try
to really better the movement of the people
that I serve. And so I see this is no
different. I did it in Memphis. I also did it
in Mississippi. I'm doing it in Eatonville,
Florida. I'm doing it in many other different
areas, this same type of thing, going in and
trying to do a development that's going to
actually help the people to move forward. On
this evening, what I really wanted to do is
paint a picture of what was possible for
Atlantic Beach and to really give the Council
an understanding and an appreciation of who we
were and what we were doing. First of all, my
educational background is from the University
of Michigan. I hailed from the Amazing Blue
and was a scholar student athlete there, an All
American coming out of South Florida. I played
wide receiver, that was my claim to fame. The
other claim to fame is that I taught Michael
Irvin how to play wide receiver. So, I ain't
Michael Irvin but he used you know, I showed

the brother how to play. Because he started
off as a defensive in, and ended up on the
other side wall. And that should explain to
you a little bit of why he played the game the
way he did. He used to beat up on poor little
defensive backs. But that turned in took me
to a wonderful college and then from there I
did graduate studies and completed a masters in
leadership development at Vanderbilt
University. The reason why those two things
took place is simply because of my mother. My
mother is steeped in education, she really is
an educational legend in our area. She
integrated the first African American school
with Ms. Ely of Ely High School. It goes all
the way back to that. She was the first to
develop a and build a charter school in
Broward County. And Broward County is a place
that has a plethora of charter schools. And
so, that's my background. Pioneering, doing
stuff different, trying to help people that
nobody else really seems to be concerned about.
My mother instilled that in me. Bless her
heart, she does have the Alzheimer's now and it
breaks my heart to see Dr. Lawson in that

state. She took a fledgling school with 20
persons within a classroom, and she turned it
into a power house school, which is the largest
minority-own school within the Southeastern
Region from 20 to 1400 students. So that, and
we own 14 acres. I mean it's just a it's
like a college setting. And so when you think
about, okay, how did someone like me get here,
well, one of the things that happened is is
that through friends of friends, I got in touch
with a your city manager, Mr. Ben here (ph),
and then indicated that there was a possibility
that you all needed some educational help. And
we were destined to try to help you all build
a vocational center and also help with the
city's ability to really utilize its own
resources. And that meant to create a state of
the art civic center, to also create offices
and spaces and places where you all could
really do some groundbreaking work as you
continue to grow the city. With that in mind,
we envision building a vocational center that
would certainly bring in talent and people into
Atlantic Beach and it'd be a place of how
should I say? It'll be a place, a destination

so to speak, for persons within the Atlantic
Beach area. When I got here, I realized there
was some other possibilities, and those other
possibilities were that we could really develop
a format and a platform that a whole city could
benefit and it could grow the city. And we've
started asking around because of your unique
location, and we found that a lot of people got
interested in it. One of the persons that is
interested in it is a group that is called the
Guterman Partners LLC. Guterman Partners LLC
is a multi-billion dollar corporation and they
do developments really all over the world. And
they are one of the partners that are involved
in this effort. We also have a group out of
Australia excuse me, out of Austria called
Zikas (ph). Zikas is another billion dollar
firm that is interested in capitalizing the
center. The way that it works quite simply is
that we are really the conduit to bring in and
to structure capital. You all are really at
the helm in guiding us in what it is that you
want done in your town. We will concurrently
come together. There is a master plan that has
been developed. As we know, from 2005, and

then it was updated. We've looked at that,
utilized a lot of the information in that. I
wanted to bring some of that to you tonight,
but technology has hindered us on that. But
understand that that's part of what they've
seen along with the work that we've done. Now,
so that you understand it, we just didn't get
here. We've been doing this for the last year,
and this is the culmination. We wanted to make
sure that we had these things lined up so that
we could come before you and say at this point
all we really need the city to do is just to
say hey, we would like to take a look at that.
And if you say that and sign off on what is
known as the MOU which it doesn't hold the
city responsible on any monetarily and
there's no strings attached, but it does let
our people know that at least the city is
interested in possibly taking them on. And so
that's really where we are. We've done a lot
of work. We've got some of the local
universities lined up. We have feasibility
studies that are ready to be triggered. We're
taking a look at the growth patterns in and
around the communities. But the one thing that

I understand is that if I'm a part of it, it
will, A, have integrity, B, nothing will happen
that the city doesn't want to happen, C, we
will definitely preserve the city's ability to
direct all matters. I mean that's the chief
concern I I mean, I know what it's like to
have somebody come in and try to tell you what
to do. That's not what this is. All I'm
trying to do is be a conduit to help and to be
able to listen and understand what direction
the city wants to go, and I'll provide the
benefit of my experience, the benefit of the
experience of the people that make up the
organization. But ultimately, all decisions
are going to be up to the individuals that's
you see before me, and the ones that are in
certainly in the constituency out in the
audience. So that really is all I'm offering.
I have heart for it. I told my mother when she
was in her right mind, I said, momma, I'm
trying to do something great. And that's what
I've been trying to do all along is to do
something great because I'll leave you with
this image. One of the things that
continuously drives me is I remember being in

high school, I went to a school called St.
Thomas Aquinas High School in Fort Lauderdale,
Florida, and one of the things that
continuously drove me was when I got up in the
middle of the night, my mother was studying for
a Ph.D. when I was in about ninth grade. She
ended up having a doctorate in education. But
I got up to use the bathroom which was across
the hall from my room, and I saw my mother
splayed out on her reading chair and had all
kinds of books around her, books that were
open, and she had just literally fallen asleep
trying to get her lessons so to speak. And it
was from that day forward that I decided that
education must be important. Because if she
can raise me and my brother, take care of my
daddy and earn a doctorate while she's a
principal at a local high school, I said, man,
I can at least do something. And this is the
outcome of that something. So I trust that you
all would just give us a chance to show you and
we'll do the very best that we can. Amen?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Amen.

(Inaudible background noise.)

MR. LAWSON: Okay. Thank you for your time.



1 | MALE SPEAKER: Time for some questions ---

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: --- questions.

MR. LAWSON: I'm open to any questions, any and all questions.

(Inaudible background noise.)

MR. LAWSON: Yes, ma'am.

I understand that you all are the conduit that goes out and gets the financing from other groups. So the groups that you're all in dealing with, how would the finances be structured, put together? Are they trust fund companies or are they dealing with a certain type bond or seek a municipal bond, or are they dealing with like BBVAs that gonna have to go through MT110s and stuff like that? And I'm talking -- well, you know what I'm talking about.

MR. LAWSON: I understand.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Okay.

MR. LAWSON: Understand. What I'm gonna do is I'm gonna transition over to one of our partners which is Sonny Matta, and he's a guru in finances. I will put -- Sonny is very detailed



1 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Okay.

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MR. LAWSON: -- and he'll, you know, he'll -- I'm gonna tell you that what we will do, if we're trying to look at a structure that involves about three different ways to fund so that we are not beholding (sic) to just one way.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right.

MR. LAWSON: That we won't get, you know, locked in

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Okay.

MR. LAWSON: --- and be able to plug and play. So if somebody falls out, we would plug somebody else right in. But all of that, Sonny kind of pulls that together really (inaudible).

MR. MATTA: So, when we -- as Gene had mentioned, we have been working on and taking a look at the Town for about a year. We've had multiple conversations with your legal counsel. well aware of the, you know, the tax and capacity issues that come along. So one of the things that we did -- last e-mail that we sent to Ben was so that, you know, we could give you time to really dig in on where and how we are able to structure the financing and, you know, much of it is like going to go purchase a home,

1 meaning I'm coming in with equity and then I
2 have debt, right?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

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MR. MATTA: The municipal tools on the financing that you all have, and the sovereign powers that you have, right? Will come forward in the investment thesis part of it, right? So while -- what this looks like is we -- as we, you know, kind of commission this -- these studies

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

MR. MATTA: --- will be presented and what will reveal itself is exactly the size, the shape of capital, how it, you know, it's detrimental to the Town's taxing ability, right? And we've provided you hopefully with some models that you can dig into because these are proven concepts, right? As far as taking and modernizing a town. With -- most towns the country are, you know, in situation where they're needing that private equity to come in.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Understood, uh-huh.

MR. MATTA: And so we utilize private equity. We utilize traditional debt financing. The

sovereign powers that you have, you know, we'll make sure that we work with you all to optimize those and then help you decide because it'll be in front of you on, you know, what is all the latest and greatest optimal ways that this financing is gonna take place and how these projects -- these projects will actually get delivered. So on the bond financing side.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

MR. MATTA: You know, there's components of that in
 -- well, with what Gene's organization has been
 doing on financing schools so that's a, you
 know, a robust municipal product that doesn't
 necessarily obligate the Town.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

MR. MATTA: In a way that, you know, this is done.

But you'll -- you'll have the benefit of looking at the next step after your master development plan, and that's the investment side, and where and how and, you know, on the capital. So that's really where, you know, we get real active together, right?

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

MR. MATTA: Because now we've decided on a real way forward that meets everybody's needs.

COUN	CILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Okay. Okay, so I'm what
	I'm hearing you say that if there's anything
	dealing with municipal bonds or, you know,
	trust fund companies or SBLOCs, or whatever is
	involved, whether it has to go through the
	MT110 or whatever, then you all would inform
	the Town first?

MR. MATTA: Where it -- yeah, correct. You'll be so far ahead of any of those types of decisions so there -- there's no surprises built into any of this and that's -- and, you know, Ben has been very thorough with having us work with your legal counsel as well ---

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right.

MR. MATTA: --- to get to this point. So once you take a look at, okay, priorities on one, what we need to do there, how we're gonna finance it, et cetera. That'll be presented, you know, you all will vote on it and we'll move that component forward and then, you know, move forward on the phases that you already have outlined. We just really -- just need to refine those and make sure we understand, like yourself, exactly the capital structure side of it.

- 1 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.
- 2 MR. MATTA: And then we can optimize, you know,
- 3 together from there.
- 4 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Okay. So with your company
- 5 -- your company's basically coming in more so
- 6 like a broker, that you are brokering or
- 7 something ---
- 8 MR. MATTA: Well, we're -- we're what is called a
- 9 single source provider, right?
- 10 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Okay.
- 11 | MR. MATTA: What we do is there's many different
- 12 components ---
- 13 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.
- 14 MR. MATTA: --- and the financing, as you're aware
- 15 and ---
- 16 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right.
- 17 MR. MATTA: --- many projects within projects.
- 18 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right.
- 19 MR. MATTA: So we bring in our equity and our
- 20 resources ---
- 21 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Okay.
- 22 | MR. MATTA: --- but certainly, you know, equity is
- 23 not unlimited. You have to take a look at, you
- 24 know, what we take -- when we get into
- 25 execution mode of ---

- 1 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right.
- 2 MR. MATTA: --- delivering the school or the, you
- 3 know, the new municipal facilities ---
- 4 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.
- 5 MR. MATTA: --- you know, we want to be able to take
- a look at that from a vendor management
- 7 perspective.
- 8 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Okay.
- 9 MR. MATTA: So we are -- where we excel is on the
- 10 financing aspect of it.
- 11 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Okay, got you. So -- okay.
- 12 So basically -- and I'm just trying to get
- 13 clarity here.
- 14 MR. MATTA: Please do.
- 15 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: So basically when you all
- 16 come in and I understand that you do one
- aspect, financial, bringing in your equity and
- 18 stuff like that. So basically, would you all
- 19 benefit from phase by phase or the overall
- 20 project?
- 21 MR. MATTA: Well, we will present it ---
- 22 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Phase by phase.
- 23 MR. MATTA: --- the phase -- we will present it in
- full, we'll present it phase by phase ---
- 25 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Okay.

look at it -- at the needs that are there. money is generated depending on aspects of the project.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right, okay.

22 MR. MATTA: So ...

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COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: So basically -- just say for instance with your investors, you all basically bring about the presentation based -- well, let

22 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right, absorbance 23 MR. MATTA: So that is -- whether

MR. MATTA: So that is -- whether it's, you know,

24 ten million or a hundred million ---

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.



1	MR.	MATTA:		whateve	er that	number	is.	So wher	n we
2		put up	the	equity	to tri	gger the	e debt	compor	nent
3		and th	en y	ou deli	ver tha	ıt proje	ct, r	right?	

- COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Uh-huh, right.
- 5 MR. MATTA: You have a long-term, you know, have a long-term mortgage on it.
- 7 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Understood.
 - MR. MATTA: So that's a, you know, a traditional ...
- 9 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

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- MR. MATTA: Or financing is lined up on the -- on
 the different components of it, and now we
 really just need to see how we can optimize it
 and that comes from going through the exercise
 that we need to go through ---
- 15 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Got you.
- MR. MATTA: --- right? We're just taking the plan
 and now putting the financial aspect and making
 sure it's crystal clear because that's not as,
 you know ---
- 20 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right.
- 21 MR. MATTA: --- not done yet.
- 22 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right, understood.
- 23 MR. MATTA: And then from there, it'll help us all,
- 24 you know, decide.
- 25 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: And know where we are.



- 1 MR. MATTA: Right.
- 2 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Got -- understood. I'm ...
- 3 MR. LAWSON: I'm gonna let you and Sonny do the
- 4 (inaudible).
- 5 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yeah.
- 6 MR. LAWSON: 'Cause -- no, that is very, very -7 something that -- and I understand where your
- 8 question is pointing and let me just be, you
- 9 know, transparent.
- 10 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.
- 11 MR. LAWSON: We're in it for the long haul. We're
- not in it for, you know, phases -- we get paid,
- we're gone.
- 14 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right.
- 15 MR. LAWSON: Doesn't work like that.
- 16 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Understood.
- 17 MR. LAWSON: When you put your equity in it there --
- let's say for instance, we go to a hedge fund.
- 19 This fund says 500 million dollars. We have to
- 20 put up 15 percent of that 500 million ---
- 21 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right, uh-huh.
- 22 | MR. LAWSON: We're not gonna get that 15 percent
- 23 back until the project is built.
- 24 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Understood.
- 25 | MR. LAWSON: You understand? So we ---

1 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right.

MR. LAWSON: --- you know, your equity partners,

which is what we're coming in as, we have to do

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COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Okay.

6 MR. LAWSON: Yeah.

7 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Got you.

MR. LAWSON: Yes, ma'am.

councilwoman gore: I only have one question. Okay, so therefore, the Town's property is one property and then the people in the Town own their own property. We don't have like property in the Town, so will you be willing to get with property owners and -- as a whole and seeing whether or not they'd be interested in -- I wouldn't say -- I wouldn't advise anybody to sell their property.

18 MR. LAWSON: Sure.

councilwoman gore: But would you be willing to work
 with property owners where they could be - always have a percentage or something?

MR. LAWSON: Of course. Of course, and that's the kind of plan that we, you know, that's the kind of plan that we want to execute. Some will want to sell, some will want to ---

- 1 | COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Right.
- 2 MR. LAWSON: --- they'll have an equity position and
- 3 all of that, you know, all of that is gonna be
- 4 | meted out. That's the only way these things
- 5 can get done in a town ---
- 6 | COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Right.
- 7 MR. LAWSON: --- such as this.
- 8 | COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Right.
- 9 | MR. LAWSON: You have to work with the people.
- 10 | COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Right.
- 11 | MR. LAWSON: That's the only way you're gonna do it.
- 12 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Community development.
- 13 MR. LAWSON: Yeah.
- 14 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: That's what it is.
- 15 **MALE SPEAKER:** Anybody else?
- 16 | COUNCILWOMAN GORE: No, I'm done.
- 17 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Well, I'm done. My other
- questions come long after the other stuff comes
- 19 in so ...
- 20 | MR. LAWSON: Oh, we're going to enjoy you. You've
- 21 got bunches of questions.
- 22 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yeah.
- 23 | MR. LAWSON: That's good. No, questions are great,
- 24 you get clarity.
- 25 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Okay.



1	MR. LAWSON: (Inaudible) clarity. The last thing I
2	guess I want to kind of report to you all is
3	I mean, I can't tell you as an African American
4	man how excited I am to to see the
5	leadership of this town and to see the
6	diversity of the town and see people working
7	together. Mayor, my hat goes off to you. And
8	I just really appreciate you giving us the
9	opportunity to come in and present to the Board
10	again. You've kind of been our (inaudible) and
11	you kind of know what you're talking about. I
12	just want to give you a little shout out. If
13	I was on the radio, I'd say, you know, let's
14	play a little Barry White. Any other
15	questions?
16	COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: I have one last question
17	again.

MR. LAWSON: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: I think it's the last one. One other thing is, if we have just potentially or have visited a area, maybe in another state

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MR. LAWSON: Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: And we see, like even though it's historical, we see this particular image



or look, do we have the option to present to you all. I know you all are going to present to us a plan, right?

MR. LAWSON: Right.

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councilwoman williams: But do we also have the option to present to you all the image or structure of the Town? I'm not saying we want it identical, but give an example. Okay.

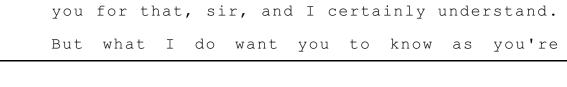
MR. LAWSON: Yes, ma'am. I would say a hundred percent. What you'll find is that we will structure field trips ---

- 12 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.
- MR. LAWSON: --- so that, you know, we can go see

 some stuff. You can't -- you don't -- you

 won't know it until you see it.
- 16 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right.
- MR. LAWSON: And so you, you know, you pull together

 a couple of different places that you like ---
- 19 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.
- 20 MR. LAWSON: --- and be able to take the best of all
 21 of them ---
- 22 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right, and combine.
- 23 MR. LAWSON: --- and then make a choice.
- 24 | COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right. Right.
- 25 MR. LAWSON: So, that's that's kind of the way it's



Well, and I have -- I would appreciate

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MR. LAWSON:

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looking at that, we want you all to look at it -- that's first and foremost. Number two, it has absolutely no obligation. It doesn't obligate the Town in any way, shape or form. The only thing that you would be allowing us to do is to go out and get more information.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Okay.

MR. LAWSON: That's really all you're gonna let us do. That is the end of it. There's no money involved. There's no exchange of power. It will just say that the city is interested in taking a look at this, and it will let our people know that we can now start using our own money in order to take a look at some of the things we want to present back to you. So it -- but it will (inaudible).

MAYOR EVANS: Yeah, quite a few of the Council
 members I know just got this tonight. But if
 there's some type of presentation you guys
 would want to present to us ---

MR. LAWSON: Yeah, I have -- we have a PowerPoint.

It just, you know, it just didn't work so I'll

just -- I can just send it to you. But it was

essentially all the stuff that I mentioned

there is in it and some additional information.

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COUNCILWOMAN GORE: --- so this gas card right here that we just spent, then we'll just take this gas and go back because they're gonna sign for

MR. LAWSON: That's right. That's all -- and that's all -- it's a trigger to help us to be able to go a little deeper in our research, start our

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1	COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Okay.
2	MR. LAWSON: That's I mean, that's really what it
3	comes down to.
4	COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Okay.
5	MR. LAWSON: You will have jurisdiction over the way
6	it goes
7	COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.
8	MR. LAWSON: but that's because you're a
9	sovereign city. I mean that sovereignty, you
10	know, gives you a lot of clout.
11	COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Right.
12	MR. LAWSON: You decide the way you want it to go.
13	COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Okay.
14	(Inaudible background noise.)
15	COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: It says we are non-binding in
16	this agreement, or if we go along with it, then
17	why do you need the Town's sign I mean,
18	signature from us?
19	(Inaudible background noise.)
20	MR. LAWSON: I have to I can't okay. Let's
21	say for a now, what did you used to do or
22	do continue to do now as your vocation?
23	(Inaudible background noise.)
24	MR. LAWSON: (Inaudible) attorney, what was your
25	vocation?

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1 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Me?

2 MR. LAWSON: Yes, ma'am.

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COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Law enforcement.

MR. LAWSON: Law enforcement, okay. So, if I am -let's say for example lieutenant on the police force, and my dad was in law enforcement. And I want to -- my commander to go and take a look at maybe doing a sting operation over here. I've got to show him some proof that viable for us to go over there and use the manpower and all the people, get them assembled, in order to do that sting operation. We're the same way. I can say well, it looks And you know what they're going really good. to say? They're gonna say (inaudible) that they indicated in writing that they're interested, and that's what it really comes down to, they have to, you know, we have to have some -- and I'm just saying, from mу perspective, we -- we're trying to bring -- all we're trying to do is bring resources really to help the Town. And so I -- we just need -- we need the Town to be able to say we'd like to take a look at it. That's it. That's all -that's all we're -- that's all we're really

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yeah, yeah so ---

MR. LAWSON: That's exactly what it is.

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COUNCILWOMAN GORE:

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So moved.

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1	COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.
2	CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?
3	COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.
4	CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams?
5	COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yea.
6	CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?
7	MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted. This meeting is
8	adjourned at 6:54 p.m.
9	(There being nothing further, the meeting was
10	adjourned.)
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