

**TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL
CONFERENCE CALLED MEETING**

Monday, April 6, 2020

5:00 p.m.

The Town of Atlantic Beach Town Council meeting was held and recorded during a conference call meeting at Atlantic Beach, South Carolina, on the 6th day of April, 2020.



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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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1 Call to Order:

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** This Town Council meeting is called to
3 order via a conference call this Monday, April
4 the 6th, year 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Roll call?

5 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

6 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

7 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

8 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Here.

9 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

10 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Okay (ph).

11 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Glenda Williams? Councilwoman
12 Glenda Williams?

13 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Yea -- I'm here.

14 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** Here. Council, we need to seek a
16 motion to start our Executive Session.
17 Executive Session items -- Horry County
18 hospitality tax lawsuit and Tyson Beach versus
19 Town of Atlantic Beach lawsuit, as well as
20 personnel. Seek a motion, Council?

21 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

22 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Second.

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and second to go into
24 Executive Session for legal and personnel. Any
25 other questions or comments? Roll call?



1 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

2 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

3 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

4 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

5 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

6 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

7 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

8 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Yea.

9 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion is granted.

11 **Executive Session:**

12 **(Executive Session.)**

13 **MAYOR EVANS:** --- Executive Session into the General
14 Session.

15 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved ---

16 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** So moved, Mr. Mayor ---

17 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** So moved.

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Second.

19 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and it's been
20 seconded to come out of the Executive Session
21 into the General Session. Any other questions
22 or comments? Roll call?

23 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

24 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

25 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?



1 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

2 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

3 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

4 CLERK: Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

5 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: Yea.

6 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

7 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The motion is granted.

8 General Session:

9 MAYOR EVANS: At this time I want to welcome the
10 public, whoever might be on the call. And at
11 this moment ask for a moment of silence.

12 (Moment of Silence.)

13 MAYOR EVANS: We're down to our ceremonial matters.
14 Council members, anybody have anything
15 ceremonial?

16 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: I don't.

17 COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: (Inaudible.)

18 MAYOR EVANS: Want to note we're in the midst of
19 something that -- it's out of all of our
20 control and something that I've never
21 experienced in life and I don't think anybody
22 else on the call probably has so I pray that
23 everybody stays safe and takes care of
24 themselves, and I wish everybody and their
25 families well through these trying times.



1 Council, seek a motion for the approval of the
2 agenda?

3 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

4 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second.

5 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and second for
6 approval of the agenda. And if there's no
7 questions or comments, roll call for approval
8 of the agenda?

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:** Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

16 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Yea.

17 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

19 **Old Business:**

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** Number 5, Old Business, Town Council
21 meeting minutes. Minutes from the Town Council
22 meeting held on March 2nd, 2020 and March 18
23 (sic), 2020. If -- Council members, if you had
24 time to go through those minutes and if you're
25 ready to vote on them, I will seek a motion for



1 the approval of those minutes.

2 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

3 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Second.

4 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and second for the approval of
5 minutes from the March 2nd and the March 19th,
6 2020 meeting minutes. There's a motion and
7 second. If there's no 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:** Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

16 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Yea.

17 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion is granted.

19 **New Business:**

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to Item Number 6, New
21 Business. This will be Ordinance Number 1-
22 2020. Council, I seek a motion to adopt
23 Ordinance Number 1-2020, which is an amendment
24 to Ordinance Number 4-2019 which postpones the
25 Black Pearl Cultural Heritage and Bike Festival



1 from Labor Day -- I'm sorry -- from Memorial
2 Day weekend to Labor Day weekend due to the
3 COVID-19 virus. Need a motion, Council, to
4 adopt that ordinance, Number 1-2020.

5 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

6 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Second.

7 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second to adopt
8 Ordinance 1-2020, the amendment to Ordinance
9 Number 4-2019, which postpones the -- our Black
10 Pearl Cultural Heritage and Bike Festival from
11 Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend due
12 to the COVID-19 virus. There's been a motion
13 and a second, and if there's no other questions
14 or comments ... If not, roll call?

15 **CLERK:** Councilman Lenearl Evans?

16 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** Yea.

17 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

18 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** Yea.

19 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

20 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

21 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

22 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Yea.

23 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

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

25 **Report:**



1 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're down to Item Number 7, the Town
2 Manager's report.

3 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Mayor, Council and public, I just
4 wanted to share with the Council and the public
5 what the Town has been doing in response to
6 this pandemic. We are following the directives
7 of the governor that have been issued in terms
8 of impacting the entire state and closed the
9 beach access, business closings that have been
10 delineated in the various executive orders
11 issued by the governor of the State. A week --
12 last Friday -- I think is the 23rd -- offices
13 were closed to the public, but we're continuing
14 to service the public through Telework,
15 teleconferencing, and are still carrying on
16 many of the administrative functions in terms
17 of -- including permitting, that is going on
18 for any work being done, business license
19 renewals and new applications. We are taking
20 to a system where people can provide that
21 (inaudible) documentation to our office, and we
22 are working electronically to respond to all of
23 the requests that the public has for those
24 particular services. It has severely impacted
25 development. We had the -- prior to the



1 announcement of pandemic, a lot of interest in
2 -- on the part of the (inaudible) developing in
3 the Town to do development in the Town of
4 Atlantic Beach. I'm hoping and trying to keep
5 the dialogue with all of those entities that
6 have expressed an interest that during and
7 after this pandemic crisis that they will move
8 forward with a proposed plan that they have
9 indicated to me. I was very excited about the
10 volume of interest in the Town and developing
11 the Town, and will tell them -- I will follow
12 up with and stay in contact as those proposals
13 develop to bring them to the Planning
14 Commission and to the Council at large. Our
15 police officers, our staff, are continuing to
16 provide very good service. We took all
17 precautions to protect their health and safety
18 as they carry out their duties, services in
19 town. The Chief has reported to me he's gotten
20 good cooperation from the residents and the
21 public. Thanks to Ms. -- Councilwoman Glenda
22 Williams initiating and getting an onsite
23 delivery of breakfast and lunches in the Town
24 of Atlantic Beach that's -- it's daily five
25 days a week, 10:45 I think for a 15-30 minute



1 period. That has been going very well, and the
2 residents of the community have been
3 participating in that. So I just wanted to
4 emphasize to the public that we still are
5 operating our services and doing it
6 electronically, and that any requests for
7 information or any type of services we will be
8 available to respond to. Any questions?

9 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Nope ---

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** Item Number 2?

11 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** We're continuing to move forward
12 with the grant application -- or our grant
13 reward we received for \$150,000 and we need to
14 (inaudible) fund. We have met initially with
15 the representatives from the State and in the
16 process of doing all the required paperwork and
17 documentation to move that grant forward.
18 There are a number of requirements the Town
19 will have to meet in terms of handicap
20 accessibility and a number of other
21 requirements administratively that I've already
22 brought -- and documents to be adopted by the
23 Town on handicap -- disability accessibility.
24 We also went out and did a proposal to solicit
25 an environmental fund to be a Phase I



1 Environmental, a requirement of the grant.
2 We've already received one response and I'm
3 waiting to see whether there's response -- only
4 one response. We could move forward with that
5 response and request a proposal, or will we
6 have to go back out and solicit. Normally,
7 requirements of the grant is that we have at
8 least three proposals (inaudible). We've only
9 received one, and I'm waiting on a
10 determination by our grant assistant, Waccamaw
11 COG to make a determination on that. But we
12 are moving forward with all of the preliminary
13 requirements in order to access that funding
14 and to refurbish comprehensively our playground
15 -- park/playground by the Community Center on
16 32nd Avenue. That's all I have, Mayor and
17 Council. Any questions?

18 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Nope.

19 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** No questions.

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, no questions from anyone?

21 **COUNCILWOMAN ISOM:** None ---

22 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** (Inaudible.)

23 **MAYOR EVANS:** I guess I will ask the Town Manager
24 and staff at this time, were they notified that
25 we would have anyone on the call that would be



1 wishing to speak on Public Time?

2 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** No requests in advance. Cheryl,
3 have you -- did you receive any requests?

4 **CLERK:** No, I did not.

5 **MR. QUATTLEBAUM:** Okay.

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** Okay, Council, seek a motion to
7 adjourn?

8 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved ---

9 **COUNCILMAN EVANS:** So moved.

10 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Second.

11 **MAYOR EVANS:** Have a motion and a second -- motion
12 and a second to -- 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:** Councilwoman Glenda Williams?

20 **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:** Yea.

21 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. Motion granted. This meeting is
23 adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

24 **(There being nothing further, the meeting was**
25 **adjourned.)**

