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Business's Name Change To "Area 51" Concerns Town Council

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BUSINESS'S NAME CHANGE CONCERNS TOWN COUNCIL

By Yolanda Jones
THE SUN NEWS

ATLANTIC BEACH - What's in a name? A lot according to the Atlantic Beach Town Council, which wants to know the meaning behind the name of a new business that plans to open in the town.

Al Scott, sitting in for Town Manager Merv McMillan, told the council during its regular Monday night meeting that a new business that will sell tobacco products wants to be called Area 51. Scott said the owners of the new business originally told the council that it would name the business Tobacco Emporium. But when they applied for a business license, the name of the business license was Area 51.

"When I asked what Area 51 meant, I was told it meant an area in the galaxy where UFOs have been sighted," Scott told council. "In an agreement with the town we were told the name of the business would be Tobacco Emporium."

None of the council members knew what Area 51 is. Area 51, also known as Groom Lake, is a secret military facility about 90 miles north of Las Vegas. The number "51" refers to a 6-by-10-mile block of land, at the center of which is a large air base the government will not discuss.

The site was selected in the mid-1950s for testing of the U2 spy plane. Since then, Area 51 has been associated with UFO and conspiracy stories. Area 51 has become a popular symbol for the alleged cover-up of UFOs by the U.S. government. The town's attorney told council they couldn't deny a business license because they didn't like the name of that business.

The council said it will discuss the matter with McMillan, who was out of town, when he returns.

In other business the council voted:

-To grant resident Joe Montgomery 60 days to demolish his building on the corner of 30th Avenue South.

Montgomery, the town's former mayor, ran a liquor store for years, but closed it. The building was condemned by the town. Montgomery told the council that he was told by the Department of Health and Environmental Control that before the building can be torn down asbestos must be removed from the building.

-To hold an economic summit in February to discuss the future development of the town. On Dec. 13, a committee of 50 people will meet to discuss plans for the summit.

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