

AGENDA
TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
February 8, 2018
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M.

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. Regular Council Meeting Minutes, January 11, 2018
- IV. **Old Business**
 - A. Resolution No. 2018-R03 To Oppose Seismic Testing and Offshore Drilling Activities
- V. **New Business**
 - A. FY 2017-2018 Budget Adjustments
 - B. Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget Calendar
 - C. Town Council 2018 Goal Setting Retreat
 - D. Special Event Application and Sponsorship— Edisto Chamber of Commerce -7th Annual Road Race and Edisto Chamber and Edisto United Fundraising Festival
 - E. Special Event Application – Edisto Island Ducks Unlimited-Ducks Unlimited
 - F. Special Event Application – King’s Daughters and Sons-King’s Daughters’ Edisto Bazaar
 - G. Bid 2018-01 Tract M Clearing and Grading Award
 - H. Sponsorship- -Edisto Art Guild-2018 Arts in the Park
- VI. **Departmental Reports and Committee Updates**
- VII. **Public Comment Period**
- VIII. **Executive Session**
 - A. Personnel Matter-Budget/Financial Analyst Position [SC 30-4-70(a)(1)]
 - B. Contractual Negotiations-3708 Village Court [SC Code 30-4-70 (a) (2)]
 - C. Legal Advice Regarding Beach Access 36 issue [SC Code 30-4-70 (a) (2)]

Upon Returning to Open Session, Action May Be Taken By The Council On The Items Discussed During The Executive Session
- IX. **Adjournment**

**A Resolution to
Oppose Seismic Testing and Offshore Drilling Activities**

Authorizing the Participation by the Town of Edisto Beach in Federal Court Litigation by the South Carolina Environmental Law Project (SCELP) to Challenge the Permitting by the Federal Government of Seismic Testing and Drilling in Atlantic Coastal Waters, including Waters Off Colleton County and the South Carolina Coast.

WHEREAS, previously the Federal Government has removed the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) from any plans for offshore oil drilling, and has denied drilling permit applications for seismic air gun survey testing, citing environmental harms and coastal community concerns; and,

WHEREAS, the seismic testing companies challenged the permit denials to the Department of the Interior, which has recently remanded the permit denials to the Bureau of Ocean & Energy Management (BOEM), effectively reviving the possibility of offshore drilling in the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf; and,

WHEREAS, on Thursday, January 4, 2018, the Federal Government published a proposal to permit drilling in most U.S. continental-shelf waters, including the Atlantic OCS, effectively opening up the waters off of South Carolina, and Colleton County, to seismic air gun surveying, and oil and gas exploration; and,

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Environmental Law Project (SCELP) has proposed litigation to challenge the current actions of the Federal Government in regard to only the granting of permits in waters off South Carolina for seismic air gun surveying and oil and gas exploration in South Carolina waters, on the grounds of environmental harm, economic damage, and community opposition; and,

WHEREAS, SCELP has enlisted the involvement and support of coastal municipalities to join in this litigation on the basis that SCELP and its attorneys would represent the municipalities in the litigation without any expense, attorneys' fees, or other financial contribution by the municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, Edisto Beach Town Council strongly believes that it is in the best interest of the Town of Edisto Beach, and its citizens, for the Town of Edisto Beach and other coastal communities to participate in this litigation effort by the SCELP to seek to protect our pristine Atlantic coastline and the economic advantages that Edisto Beach and South Carolina derive from a coastline free from environmental degradation;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, by the Town of Edisto Beach, in Council duly assembled and by the authority of the same, that the Town Administrator is authorized to acquiesce to the entry by the Town as a party in the proposed litigation by the SCELP to challenge the granting of permits in the Atlantic OCS, and other environmentally protected areas, for seismic air gun surveying and other oil and gas exploration, on the basis that such participation will be without expense, attorneys fees, or other financial involvement by the Town.

SIGNED, SEALED AND ADOPTED BY Town Council this 8th day of February 2018.

Mayor Jane S. Darby

Mayor Pro Tem Crawford Moore

Councilwoman Susan Hornsby

Councilman Jerome Kizer

Councilwoman Patti Smyer