

MINUTES  
January 12, 2017  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
6:00 P.M.

Town of Edisto Beach  
Town Hall  
2414 Murray Street  
Edisto Beach, SC 29438

Present: Jane S. Darby, Mayor, Susan Hornsby, Mayor Pro Tempore, Jerome Kizer, Crawford Moore, and Patti Smyer, Council Members; *Quorum of Council Present.*

Mayor Darby called the meeting to order and Councilman Moore led those in attendance in an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held November 10, 2016, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and approved unanimously. Councilman Kizer moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held December 8, 2016, seconded by Councilman Moore and approved unanimously.

**Proclamations and Presentations**

Maxine Burton was recognized with a pin and certificate commending her on ten years' service to the Town of Edisto Beach.

Mayor Darby introduced Anna Pinckney from SCANA who will be taking Jan Meier's place when she retires in March. Mayor Darby welcomed Ms. Pinckney and told her the Town was looking forward to working with her.

**Old Business**

**A. Second Reading of Ordinance 2016-27 to adopt the amended budget for fiscal year 2016-17 for the Town of Edisto Beach, South Carolina for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2016 and Ending June 30, 2017** – The Town had to transfer \$1,000,000 from prior year funds to the operating budget to offset costs associated with Hurricane Matthew. This transfer increases the Town's budget by 16.1% and amends the revenues and expenditures to \$7,190,661. Seventy-five percent of this funding should be reimbursed by FEMA. Councilman Moore moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2016-27, seconded by Councilman Kizer. The motion was approved unanimously.

**B. Second Reading of Ordinance 2016-24 a Second Supplemental Ordinance Providing for the Issuance and Sale by the Town of Edisto Beach, South Carolina of Combined Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds; and other Matters Relating Thereto** – The Water and Sewer Committee discussed the revenue bond and recommends Council move forward with this bond issuance and consider an insured bond. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2016-24. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kizer and unanimously approved.

**C. State Revolving Fund/Rural Water Infrastructure** – The Water and Sewer Committee met on December 16, 2016 and discussed the possibility of extending front beach sewer by utilizing state revolving funds and/or a grant from the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure fund. They unanimously approved to table this issue until further notice. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve the recommendation of the Water and Sewer Committee to table the issue. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. Councilwoman Smyer mentioned that the extension of the front beach sewer would not help property owners affected by Hurricane Matthew. Those property owners who are replacing septic tanks would have to do that prior to tying in, since the sewer project would take several years. Mayor Darby called for the vote and the motion was unanimously approved.

### **New Business**

**A. Resolution No. 2017-R01 Jury Box Resolution** – Councilman Kizer moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-R01, the Jury Box Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Smyer and unanimously approved.

**B. 2017 Legislative Initiatives** – Councilman Moore moved to approve the 2017 Legislative Initiatives, which are as follows, and include **in bold**:

- State Accommodations Tax – Edisto Beach is the only coastal town that does not receive greater than \$900,000 in ATAX so the Town is required to have TERC oversight. Edisto Beach should be exempted from this oversight and treated the same as other coastal communities.
- Beach Nourishment – Promote a state permanent funding source for beach nourishment
- Flexible Permitting – Recommended allowing for a flexible construction window which provides for cost savings **while continuing to protect land and marine wildlife.**
- Local Government Fund – Promote fully funding the LGF

Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**C. Thomas and Hutton Work Authorization #16-02** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve work authorization #16-02 to provide technical specifications to replace existing booster pumps at the ground storage tank at a lump sum cost of \$1,200 to be paid from Water R & R. The Water and Sewer Committee recommends the Town seek bids to determine if the cost is feasible to replace the booster pumps. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**D. Wharton Smith Change Order No. 1** – Councilman Moore moved to approve the change order submitted by Wharton Smith increasing the original contract amount of \$90,000 by \$332,000 for a revised contract amount of \$422,000 to provide 60% construction documents for the water system improvement project and authorize the Mayor to execute the change order. This will be funded by the revenue bond. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Smyer and unanimously approved.

**E. Emergency Purchase Orders – Hurricane Matthew** – The Town’s emergency purchase policy requires the following be read into the minutes:

- a) Jungle Shores 6” Water Main - \$7,125.00
- b) Wellfield off Palmetto Road - \$12,500.00
- c) Wellfield Wells #4 and #5 - \$13,525.00
- d) Palmetto Boulevard from 100 – 1000 and Point Street - \$691,792.50

Councilman Kizer moved to approve the emergency purchase orders, seconded by Councilwoman Smyer and approved unanimously.

**F. Proclamation No. 2017-P02 Municipal Association Legislative Initiatives** – Councilman Moore moved to approve the Proclamation supporting the Municipal Association’s legislative initiatives. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kizer and unanimously approved.

**G. Agreement between Colleton County Sheriff’s Office and the Town of Edisto Beach Police Department to Provide the Town of Edisto Beach with Victim’s Assistance** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the agreement for victim’s assistance between the Edisto Beach Police Department and the Colleton County Sheriff’s Office. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**H. Noise Ordinance Variance – Town of Edisto Beach** – In order to complete the beach nourishment project within the permitted time frame, it is necessary for the contractor to work 24 hours a day. This involves lights on the beach in the work area and heavy equipment that will have audible backup alarms. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the noise ordinance variance for the project, seconded by Councilman Moore and approved unanimously.

**I. Hurricane Matthew Recovery Update** – Town Administrator Iris Hill provided a PowerPoint on the Town’s post-Matthew recovery. The Town of Edisto Beach requested public assistance on October 5, 2016 and the kickoff meeting with FEMA was on November 15. FEMA threshold limits are modified every year. The small project thresholds include anything between than \$3,040 and \$121,800 and a large project is greater than \$121,800. Emergency protective measures, which include all force accounts (labor and equipment), total \$112,454.00. The non-federal share is \$28,113.00 and the federal share is \$84,340.00. The Town has not received any worksheets back from FEMA except for the emergency berm. This project cost \$712,404.00. The non-federal share is \$178,101.00 and the federal share is \$534,303.00. The state Department of Transportation contractor completed all the debris removal on Edisto Beach except for in Wyndham/Ocean Ridge. To date the non-federal share is \$12,943.00. The DOT will submit paperwork to FEMA and the Town will pay the 15% once they receive the money from FEMA. The debris removal in Wyndham/Ocean Ridge is completed, Colleton County handled that portion and no invoices have been received to date. The draft project worksheets on beach nourishment have been received from beach specialists. The Town Administrator, along with Coastal Science and Engineering, is currently reviewing the worksheets. The costs are estimated at \$1,944,419. The non-federal share is \$486,104 and the federal share would be \$1,458,314. The Town has already paid the non-federal share. All beach accesses were impacted in some way and the Town will be going out for bids on repairing them. Repairs may include installing rope fencing, putting back all amenities (signs, life rings, bike racks, benches). The Town has \$204,308 of donated resources, which would offset our non-federal share. The Jungle Shores waterline was \$7,125.00 and our non-federal share was \$1,781.00. The Town is getting quotes for the street repairs. Wells #4 and #5 cost \$13,525 and \$12,500 plus an additional invoice for electrical work. American Engineering checked the impellers and lift stations. The Town is still evaluating the damage. The Wastewater Treatment Plant also had sand intrusion, which could have impacted the capacity. The Town is currently in the process of having the sludge surveyed to see if there was an impact from the storm. The Town received a grant to repair two walkovers. The fence at Bay Creek Park was damaged and repaired. Generator repair at Well #6 has been completed. The bike path was cleared by the Fire Department and Public Works Department. There were approximately 50 water meters that the Utilities Department could not locate after Hurricane Matthew and are in the process of locating. The Town will obtain GPS coordinates on all meters.

**J. Beach Nourishment Update** –Steven Traynum from Coastal Science and Engineering provided an update on the beach nourishment project. The construction portion of the project has begun. Crowder Construction from Charlotte NC is the contractor for the groin lengthening and Marinex from Charleston is the contractor for the dredge. Both are completely mobilized on site, minus the dredge, which should arrive in the next week. Crowder is bringing in approximately 150 tons of rock every day. To date, repairs have been completed at groins 28 and 29. Rock has been added at groins 1 and 2. The repairs were grouted at groins 28, 1 and 2. Rock is being stockpiled at beach access 13. Equipment is being staged on the north side of Finns. Mattresses, to be used in groin extensions, should be on-site in the next week. Extensions will start around groin 13/14, with the contractor completing some of the shorter extension before the nourishment begins. Once the nourishment begins, the longer sheet piling extensions will be done. The contractor for the dredge has pipe coming on the beach at the 500 block, which is where the nourishment is due to start. The contractor anticipates taking 2 to 3 days per cell with good weather and no equipment issues. The nourishment will move north towards Finns and will take two to three weeks. They will continue to the north to the State Park, and then move to the south.

**Departmental Reports and Committee Updates**

Administration

Iris Hill, Town Administrator, gave the financial report for the month ending December 31, 2016.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	33.87%	56.99%
Water Fund	32.00%	50.37%
Wastewater Fund	28.49%	55.83%

In the month of December 2016 the Town of Edisto Beach had four FOIA requests from 4 individuals. The Town’s Facebook page has 6,238 “likes” and was recently featured in the Municipal Association’s Uptown Magazine.

Building

Building Codes Official Patrick Brown gave the report for December 2016.

	December-15	December-16	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$4,510.50	\$48,424.97	\$68,246.27
New Construction Permits	1	0	3
Other Permits	15	67	165
Permit Fees	\$3,322.50	\$7,729.50	\$33,026.50
Inspections	53	34	160
Bay Creek Park	\$150.00	\$20.00	\$5,630.00

Fire

Denney Conley, Fire Chief, gave the report for December 2016.

Calls	December-15	December-16	YTD
Medical	12	8	134
Fire-related	4	2	50
EMS/Misc	44	36	392
Beach Wheel Chairs	2	2	71
Water Rescue	0	0	16
Welfare Checks	31	28	147

Two individuals have completed the Fire Fighter I Academy and have taken the test. All hoses and ladders have been tested.

Police

Police Chief George Brothers gave the report for the month ending December 31, 2016.

	December-15	December -16	YTD
Town Parking Tickets		0	250
Alarm Calls		14	91
Calls for 2 or More Officers		21	120
Miles Patrolled	7,202	9,586	43,682
Assaults		0	3
Larcenies		3	10
Burglaries		1	5
Incidents & Calls for Service	45	104	1,075
Animal Control		1	3
Property Checks	962	941	6,299
CDV Arrest		0	2

Chief Brothers showed Council members the body cameras being worn by all Police Officers.

Utilities

Utilities Director Bob Doub gave the report for December 2016.

	December-15	December-16	YTD
Pumped MG Water	2.45	9.56	66.11
Treated MG Wastewater	2.26	2.26	12.08
Water Line Repairs	2	1	9
Work Order Repairs	57	32	195

The Utilities Department is busy locating missing water meters, reading and re-reading meters for billing and finishing removal of Christmas decorations. Wells #4 and #5 have been replaced at the wellfield. Booster pump #2 was pulled and has been sent for an estimate on repairs. Layne Atlantic will be at Edisto next week to examine booster pump #1 so the wellfield can be put back online.

## Public Works

Bob Doub gave the report for the month ending December 31, 2016.

	December -15	December -16	YTD
Mowed Acres	7.4		79
Cleaned Ditches	4,247ft		13,172ft
Roll Carts Delivered	6	17	51

Twenty-five signs that were recovered after Hurricane Matthew have been re-installed. The Public Works department has been busy cutting limbs from side streets and cleaning bike paths, beach accesses and removed sand for sidewalks.

## Chamber of Commerce

Municipal Clerk Deborah Hargis gave the report for the Chamber of Commerce for December 2016.

Lisa Harrell, Chamber Director, could not be here due to a conflict with the Lowcounty Tourism Committee meeting.

- On Tuesday, January 10, 2017 there was a Business After Hours at the Environmental Learning Center at the State Park sponsored by FRESpace, McConkeys, Edisto United and the Edisto Chamber. There were 59 participants.
- On Saturday, January 14 the Ocean Ridge MPOA meeting will be held at the Methodist Church at 9:00 a.m.
- Whaley's will sponsor a Chili Cook Off and Oyster Roast on Saturday, January 14, 2017 starting at 3:00 p.m. Judging will be at 5:00 p.m. There is a \$20 registration fee and cash prizes will be awarded.
- On Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a blood drive at the Civic Center. Call Jeanine Rhodes to register.
- On Monday, February 6, 2017 Edisto Eats will sponsor the Chef Cook Off (Preliminary #1) at Pressleys at the Marina at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$65.00 and will be available at McConkeys and the Edisto Chamber and will include 6 mini-courses plus wine pairings.
- On Saturday, February 11, 2017 there will be a Mac & Cheese Cook Off/Fest at Green Boat Discount Liquors to celebrate their 1 year anniversary.
- On Sunday, February 12, 2017, Chamber Music Charleston will perform at 3:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church. Tickets are \$20 online in advance or \$25 at the door.
- On Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> there will be a grits contest and oyster roast at Pressleys at the Marina. Judging begins at 5:00 p.m. There is a \$20 entry fee. Please call Pressleys for more information.
- On Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> Edisto Eats will sponsor the Chef Cook Off (Preliminary #2) at Ella and Ollies
- Community Services of Edisto has advised the Chamber that scholarship applications for Edisto Island high school seniors and college students are now available. Application deadline is April 1, 2017. Contact Francine Morrison or Jameely Moore for an application ([francine.morrison@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:francine.morrison@charleston.k12.sc.us)/ [jameely@bellsouth.net](mailto:jameely@bellsouth.net))

**Public Comment Period**

No one was signed in to speak.

**Executive Session**

Councilman Moore moved to go into executive session, seconded by Councilwoman Smyer and unanimously approved. The purpose of the executive session was to discuss three items: Personnel - Municipal Court Clerk, Personnel – Special Events Coordinator and Legal Advice regarding Property Tract M. Councilman Moore moved to exit executive session, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and unanimously approved. No action was taken by Council on the matters discussed during executive session.

**Adjournment**

Councilman Moore moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Kizer and unanimously approved.

*The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and location of the Council Meeting on Friday, January 6, 2017.*

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL

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Deborah Hargis, Municipal Clerk  
February 9, 2017