

MINUTES
July 13, 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. Councilman Kizer led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation.

Approval of Minutes

A. Public Hearing Meeting Minutes, June 8, 2017 – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing on June 8, 2017, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and approved unanimously.

B. Regular Meeting Minutes, June 8, 2017 – Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on June 8, 2017, seconded by Councilman Moore and unanimously approved.

Proclamation and Presentations

A. Proclamation No. 2017-P19 in Honor of the 100th Birthday of Colonel B. N. (Ben) Skardon – Councilman Moore moved to approve Proclamation No. 2017-P19 in Honor of Colonel Ben Skardon's 100th Birthday. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Old Business

A. Myrtle/Fort Street Debris Pick-up – This item was tabled at the May 11, 2017 Council meeting until additional information was obtained. The Town was tasked with observing the area before and during yard debris collection. The Town has not observed any areas obstructed by yard debris during this period. Councilwoman Smyer moved to dismiss this item since there has been no evidence of a problem, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and approved 4 – 1 with Mayor Darby dissenting.

New Business/Appearances

A. Memorandum of Agreement for the Provision of Secure Detention Services with the Department of Juvenile Justice Detention Center for Fiscal Year 2017-18 – Councilman Moore moved to approve the memorandum of agreement at a per diem cost of \$50.00 per day and authorized the Town Administrator to execute said agreement. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

B. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2017-21 to Amend Section 8-32 and Section 8-34 of the Town's Code – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-21 to amend Section 8-32 and Section 8-34 of the Town's Code as it relates to prohibitions and alcoholic beverages in Bay Creek Park. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

C. Emergency Purchase Order - \$4,100 Air Conditioner, Town-owned Apartment – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the emergency purchase order in the amount of \$4,100 for an air conditioner due to the air conditioning in the town-owned apartment malfunctioning. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. Funds were taken from Building Maintenance. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Emergency Purchase Order - \$13,913 – Booster Pump No. 1 – Councilman Moore moved to approve the emergency purchase order for \$13,913, to be paid from utilities renewal and replacement to A.C. Shultes of Carolina, Inc. for Booster Pump No. 1. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

E. Emergency Purchase Order - \$31,900 – Civic Center Air Conditioners – The air conditioner unit stopped functioning in the Edisto Room at the Civic Center and could not be repaired. The cost to replace this unit was \$7,500. Since all of the units were original units requiring periodic repair and two units failed last year, the Town obtained verbal quotes and replaced all the units and installed wi-fi thermostats making it easier to adjust temperatures for events. The Town achieved a cost savings by replacing several units at a time. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the emergency purchase order for \$31,900 to replace the air conditioners at the Civic Center, from Civic Center funds, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and unanimously approved.

F. 2017 Shrimp Fest – Last year, Town Council provided a \$2,500 sponsorship for this event. It is the Town's understanding that even with other sponsorships, this event only netted \$900.00. Councilman Moore moved to terminate the Shrimp Fest, with the stipulation that the Edisto Chamber of Commerce aggressively pursue replacing it with something that would create more traffic. Councilwoman Smyer stated she had spoken with an Edisto business owner, and that person said they had lost money since they had to close their business to come work the Shrimp Fest. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kizer and approved 4 – 0. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby recused herself since she is a vendor at the Shrimp Fest.

G. November Council Work Session – The November work session falls on election day and November 8 is the South Carolina Beach Advocates annual meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby made the motion to approve moving the November Council Work Session from November 8, 2017 to Monday, November 6, 2017. Council requests that they receive their informational packets on the Thursday prior to the meeting. Councilman Moore seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

H. Town of Edisto Beach Post Issuance Compliance Policies and Procedures – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the Post Issuance Compliance Policies and Procedures as it relates to the Combined Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

I. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2017-20 to Amend Chapter 10 of the Town's Code of Ordinances to add Section 10-41 Related to Nudity and Display of Specified Anatomical Areas on the Beach and Within Certain Areas of the Town – There are situations (mostly juvenile antics) that if the Town charged offenders according to state law, if convicted, the offender would be required to register as a sexual offender and face a three-year prison term. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-20 to Amend Chapter 10 of the Town's Code of Ordinances to add Section 10-41 Related to Nudity and Display of Specified Anatomical Areas on the Beach and Within Certain Areas of the Town. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

J. Special Event Application – Bay Creek Investments LLC – Edisto Beach Shag Festival – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the special event application for the Edisto Beach Shag Festival to be held on September 1 – 3, 2017 at Bay Creek Park from 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Sunday. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

K. Edisto Beach Shag Festival Sponsorship – Councilman Moore moved to approve the request from Darrin Moore for \$6,000 and to waive the fees for the rental of Bay Creek Park. Funds of \$14,859 are available in the Alcohol Permitting Fund. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby seconded the motion. During discussion, Mayor Darby asked that Mr. Moore work with Administrator Hill on the garbage can/dumpster issue. The motion was approved unanimously.

L. Amend American Engineering Work Authorization No. 7 - During the Bond Issuance process, the underwriters asked for additional information that expanded the original scope of work. The original project cost was \$4,700. Councilman Kizer moved to approve amending the Work Authorization by \$4,200 for a new total of \$8,900 to be paid from the bond funds. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

M. Change Order No. 3, Crowder Construction Company – Crowder Construction Company has completed the groin lengthening project. According to the total quantities, Crowder Construction placed an additional 77 tons of stone at a cost of \$6,930. Councilman Moore moved to approve Change Order No. 3 for \$6,930 increasing the project total from \$5,410,500 to \$5,417,430. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

N. Wharton Smith Phase 2 – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve to allow the Town Administrator and Mayor with the assistance of legal counsel to negotiate the Phase 2 Agreement and authorize the Mayor to execute the negotiated Phase 2 agreement for the Water Improvement Project. Councilman Moore seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

O. TIDE Committee Recommendations – Councilman Kizer moved to defer until the October agenda the recommendations of the TIDE Committee which are as follows: Motion 1 – the TIDE Committee unanimously recommends to Council to open up immediately every access that has ability for off-street parking, especially #1A, 2, 5, 6 and 20 and re-visit at the end of the season for evaluation. Motion 2: The TIDE Committee unanimously recommends Council blade and clean up access #29 at this time for the safety of pedestrians, with review by the committee in the fall for evaluation of modifications including landscaping. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby asked the TIDE Committee to prioritize the accesses in the first motion. Councilwoman Smyer stated that she has looked at beach access 29 and deems it safe and usable by pedestrians. Mayor Darby said if an issue comes up between now and October, there is a possibility of blading a path at that access for safety. Mayor Darby called for the vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

Committee Vacancies

A. ATAX Board – 2 vacancies - Stephanie Jumper and Van Maxwell have reapplied for terms on the Accommodations Tax Advisory Board. Councilwoman Smyer moved to accept the two applications for the ATAX Board, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and unanimously approved.

B. Zoning Board of Appeals – 3 vacancies - The terms of Polly McIntosh, Charles Boozer and Joe Dreher expire on September 1, 2017. Joe Dreher is the only member eligible to serve another term.

Councilman Moore moved to approve the advertising of these vacancies. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Departmental Reports and Committee Updates

Administration

Administrator Hill read two letters from Edisto property owners, one from Jennifer Jones commending Patrick Brown and thanking him for all his help during Hurricane Matthew clean up and recovery, and one from Mr. and Mrs. Goodman thanking the Fire Department and the Police Department for its timely response to a house struck by lightning across the street from their property.

Iris Hill, Town Administrator gave the report for June 2017.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	80.69%	93.27%
Water Fund	100.42%	90.92%
Wastewater Fund	89.96%	101.75%

Administrator Hill stated that the reason the wastewater revenues are down is that Wyndham was closed for an extended period after Hurricane Matthew.

The June 2017 Facebook and FOIA report is as follows:

	May 2017	June 2017
Facebook likes	8,164	8,485
FOIA requests	6	2

FOIA requests were received from Tommy Mann and Sean Ahearn.

Building

Patrick Brown, Building Official, gave the report for the month ending June 30, 2017.

	June-16	June-17	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$10,119.99	\$7,812.25	\$342,803.49
New Construction Permits	0	0	11
Other Permits	28	35	495
Permit Fees	\$2,160.50	\$3,343.00	\$82,2298.70
Inspections	49	48	495
Bay Creek Park	\$1,785.00	\$2,159.00	\$15,624.00

Fire

Fire Chief Denney Conley gave the report for the month ending June 30, 2017.

Calls	June-16	June - 17	YTD
Medical	43	30	215
Fire-related	11	19	128
EMS/Misc		99	803
Beach Wheel Chairs	19	26	120

Water Rescue	6	1	23
Welfare Checks	29	28	322

Police

The Police report for June 2017 was given by Chief George Brothers.

	June-16	June -17	YTD
Town Parking Tickets		92	441
Alarm Calls	12	9	153
Calls for 2 or More Officers	74	17	231
Miles Patrolled	9,143	5,995	85,439
Assaults	1	1	8
Larcenies	3	1	21
Burglaries	0	0	8
Incidents & Calls for Service	249	161	1,936
Animal Control	4	2	11
Property Checks	877	841	11,549
CDV Arrest	2	0	2

Chief Brothers reported interesting statistics comparing Folly Beach, who just had license reader cameras installed, to Edisto Beach. From June 2 – July 11, Edisto had 12.6% more traffic coming in than Folly Beach. The week of June 30 – July 4, Edisto had 37.4% more incoming traffic than Folly Beach. The weekend of July 7, Edisto Beach had 40.9% more incoming traffic than Folly Beach. Mayor Darby asked Chief Brothers to begin looking at what kind of problems this added traffic is causing.

Utilities

Bob Doub, Utilities Director, gave the report for June 2017.

	June-16	June - 17	YTD
Pumped MG Water	21.36	18.95	140.22
Treated MG Wastewater	3.83	7.46	36.6
Water Line Repairs	3	3	25
Work Orders	68	65	477

Booster pump #1 was pulled, repaired and reinstalled. Duckweed is being removed from the wastewater treatment facility holding pond. From July 1 – July 5, 3,636,600 gallons of water were pumped with a daily average of 727,320 gallons.

Public Works

Public Works Director Bob Doub gave the report for June 2017.

	June-16	June - 17	YTD
Mowed Acres	24	79	246.58
Cleaned Ditches	6,459 feet		24,202ft

Roll Carts Delivered | 50 | 10 | 165 |

Chamber of Commerce

Lisa Harrell, Chamber Director, gave the report for June 2017.

- On July 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the New First Missionary Baptist Church, there will be a Native American Artifacts presentation, sponsored by the Edisto Museum.
- On July 20, Animal Lovers of Edisto, Green Boat Discount Liquors and True Value will sponsor a “Yappy Hour” from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Beach music, snacks, a raffle and a silent auction will be held.
- On July 19 – 22 the Governor’s Cup Billfish Tournament will be held.
- On July 25, 2017, there will be a blood drive at the Civic Center from 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Music at the Marina is being held every weekend.
- The Bay Creek Arts and Crafts Market is held every Wednesday, unless there is a special event scheduled.
- A “Back to School Bash” for the children of Edisto will be held on August 12 from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the old baseball field on Indigo Hill Road. Donations and sponsorships are welcome.
- The final “Arts in the Park” of the season will be held on August 13, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. The Edisto Jazz Group will be performing.

David Smalls, Colleton County Delegation liaison, told those in attendance that there are vacant seats on several county boards that need filling. He encouraged Edisto Beach residents to apply.

Public Comment

Fielding Foreman, who lives on Fort Street, addressed Council to talk about the traffic, yard debris and garbage cans that have been blocking the street. The houses that front on Myrtle are using Fort Street for their garbage and yard debris collection, which causes a lot of congestion in the small street. Mr. Foreman said that on July 4th of this year the street was nearly impassable. Mr. Foreman asked Council to rethink the Fort Street situation and address it again at a later date.

Adjournment

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

The media/public was informed of the date, time and location of the meeting on Friday, July 7, 2017.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL


Deborah Hargis, Municipal Clerk
August 10, 2017