

MINUTES
April 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. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation.

Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Council Meeting Minutes, March 9, 2017 – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on February 9, 2017, seconded by Councilman Kizer and approved unanimously.

B. Special Council Meeting Minutes, March 29, 2017 – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the minutes of the special Council meeting on March 29, seconded by Councilman Moore and unanimously approved.

Proclamations and Presentations

A. Councilmembers Kizer and Moore – Municipal Elected Officials Institute of Government – Mayor Darby congratulated Councilman Kizer and Councilman Moore for completing the Municipal Elected Officials Institute of Government.

B. Starfish Award – Patrick Brown – Mayor Darby recognized Building Codes Official Patrick Brown with a Starfish Award for being recognized as Flood Plain Manager of the Year by the South Carolina Association for Hazard Mitigation. In the nomination, it was noted that “Although his community was impacted tremendously, he wasted no time in getting the community back up and running very quickly. What he did next is what I call a very selfless act. Patrick volunteered his services to other devastated communities. Not only did he volunteer; he went to Marion County, one of the most devastated counties, to provide his expertise in building code and floodplain management.” Mr. Brown has also been elected Vice Chairperson of the SC Association of Hazard Mitigation.

Old Business

A. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2017-08 to Adopt the PUD Zoning Map of the Town of Edisto Beach, as Revised and Amended – Councilman Moore moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2017-08 to adopt the planned unit development zoning map of the Town of Edisto Beach, as revised and amended. This revision shows changes in the PUD regarding the subdivision of Tract M. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

B. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2017-07 to Amend Section 82-33 of the Town's Code to Adjust the Rates for Water Service – Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2017-07 to amend section 82-33 of the Town's Code to adjust the rates for water service. This adjustment increases the water rates by 15% to provide funds for the Water Improvement Project. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

C. Civic Center Rates – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the new civic center rates, which are attached to these minutes. Councilman Moore seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

D. Bay Creek Park Rates – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the Bay Creek Park rates, which are attached to these minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

E. Beach Nourishment Project – The Town has been receiving calls about erosion outside the project area around the point on the sound side of the beach. According to the erosion map of this area, it is slightly more eroded than in 2005 before the 2006 nourishment project which is most likely due to impacts from Joaquin and Matthew. Most of the erosion is in the dune area and is not threatening homes. Coastal Science and Engineering has indicated the nourishment sand on the front beach will drift to this area and begin accreting. This is what occurred after the 2006 beach nourishment. CSE said the Town should see this within a year. Marinex can remobilize the dredge pipe and add 20,000 cubic yards of sand in this area to form a berm with a slight modification of the permit at a cost of \$270,000 or the Town can wait and see how this area responds and do a spot nourishment at a later date. Councilwoman Smyer moved to have Town Council consider an alternative to remobilization and talk with Crowder Construction to have sand brought in by them. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

F. Beach Regulations Sign – Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve the beach rules sign with the changes recommended by the TIDE Committee. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

New Business/Appearances

A. Edisto Island Community Association – Civic Center – The Edisto Island Community Association is a nonprofit organization that provides information about political and environmental issues which directly relate to the development of Edisto Island and awards scholarships to deserving Edisto Island students. Dean Habegger, representing EICA has asked to use the grassy area between the Edisto Beach Civic Center building and the parking areas for the Scratch and Dent sale. Since this event does not generate a large amount of income for scholarships, the EICA is requesting that the fees for the use of that space be waived. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the request of the EICA and waive fees, seconded by Councilman Moore and approved unanimously.

B. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2017-09 to Establish a Procedure for Invocations Prior to Town Council Meetings – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-09 to Establish a Procedure for Invocations Prior to Town Council Meetings, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and unanimously approved.

C. Special Event Application – King's Daughters and Sons – King's Daughters Bazaar – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the special event application from the King's Daughters and

Sons to hold their King's Daughters Bazaar on May 6, 2017 at the Lions Club at 2907 Myrtle Street from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and close White Cap Street between Myrtle Street and Lee Street. Councilman Moore seconded the motion, which was approved 4 – 0 with Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby recused.

D. New FEMA Flood Maps – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve Berny McGahee's request to write a letter in support of expediting the new FEMA flood maps. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. William Hackett addressed Council with further explanation of the adoption of the flood maps and the information is attached to these minutes.

E. Proclamation 2017-P10 – Peace Officers' Memorial Day – Councilman Kizer moved to approve Proclamation 2017-P10 proclaiming May 15, 2017 as Peace Officer's Memorial Day. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

F. Proclamation 2017-P11 – Building Safety Month 2017 – Councilman Moore moved to approved Proclamation 2017-P11 proclaiming May 2017 as Building Safety Month. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Committee Vacancies

A. Planning Commission – Wanda McCarley – Wanda McCarley has submitted her resignation from the Planning Commission. The Town has received two applications for this position, one from George Kostell and one from Everett Smith. Mayor Darby requested that the application not chosen be kept on file for the next vacancy. George Kostell was appointed by a unanimous vote to serve a four-year term on the Planning Commission.

B. Planning Commission – Tom Edens (May 31, 2017) – Mr. Edens' term expires May 31, 2017 and he does not wish to serve another term. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve advertising this vacancy, seconded by Councilman Kizer and unanimously approved.

C. Beachfront Management Committee – David Cannon (May 9, 2017) – Mr. Cannon's position on the Beachfront Management Committee expires May 9, 2017. Mr. Cannon is not eligible to serve an additional term. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve advertising this vacancy. Councilman Moore seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Departmental Reports and Committee Updates

Administration

Town Administrator Iris Hill gave the report for March 2017.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	62.53%	74.06%
Water Fund	86.87%	64.62%
Wastewater Fund	77.07%	75.92%

Administrator Hill told those in attendance that the Town has received the 75% FEMA share of the emergency berm project. Administrator Hill is in the process of submitting an invoice to DOT for the 25% that the Town paid upfront. The Standard and Poors re-rating has been completed and the Town will have the results soon. The Town Administrator Hill recognized Deborah Hargis for her part in

the Town having substantial savings in their insurance premiums, which was relayed to the Town Administrator at the recent "Report Card" meeting with the Municipal Association. Ms. Hargis congratulated the department heads for their role.

Municipal Clerk Deborah Hargis gave the FOIA and Facebook update. In the month of March there were four FOIA requests: two from Dale Mann, one from Darrin Moore and one from Ruth Davis Smith. The Town Facebook page has 7,569 likes.

Building

Building Codes Official Patrick Brown gave the Building report for the month ending March 31, 2017.

	March - 16	March -17	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$81,141.25	\$137,240.59	\$302,993.36
New Construction Permits	1	2	9
Other Permits	34	101	379
Permit Fees	\$6,733.50	\$11,855.00	\$63,517.00
Inspections	62	138	421
Bay Creek Park	\$1,350.00	\$1,780.00	\$8,070.00

Fire

Billy Callahan gave the report for March 2017.

Calls	March - 16	March - 17	YTD
Medical	12	8	157
Fire-related	3	22	87
EMS/Misc	98	77	554
Beach Wheel Chairs	8	2	75
Water Rescue	0	0	17
Welfare Checks	35	30	234

Scott Epps, Edisto Beach Fire Department Volunteer, is now a certified fire fighter. A physical fitness program has been implemented in the department for paid personnel. A child-sized handicapped beach wheel chair has been donated by Kevin and Amy Bryson.

Police

Police Chief George Brothers gave the report for the month ending March 31, 2017.

	March-16	March -17	YTD
Town Parking Tickets		11	265
Alarm Calls	9	9	123
Calls for 2 or More Officers	26	16	168
Miles Patrolled	9,058	7,466	65,134
Assaults	0	1	7

Larcenies	0	0	14
Burglaries	2	0	7
Incidents & Calls for Service	86	128	1,440
Animal Control	0	1	5
Property Checks	922	880	9,101
CDV Arrest	0	0	2

Kaitlyn Morris has completed week six of her training. The Police Department successfully completed their Law Enforcement audit through the Municipal Association.

Utilities

Utilities Director Bob Doub gave the report for March 2017.

	March - 16	March - 17	YTD
Pumped MG Water	10.77	8.70	92.60
Treated MG Wastewater	3.63	3.49	17.46
Water Line Repairs	4	1	19
Work Order Repairs	73	20	343

Valve operation and water main testing had been done. The Wastewater Treatment Plant lab Standard Operating Procedure has been revised to comply with South Carolina DHEC guidelines.

Public Works

Public Works Director Bob Doub gave the report for the month ending March 31, 2017.

	March- 16	March - 17	YTD
Mowed Acres	33.64	12.39	91.39
Cleaned Ditches	0	0 ft	15,323ft
Roll Carts Delivered	16	21	97

Chamber of Commerce

The March 2017 report was given by Chamber Director Lisa Harrell.

- The Arts and Crafts Market at Bay Creek Park is open every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Music at the Marina will be held on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays until October.
- On Saturday, April 15, 2017, the Art Guild will hold their spring show in the Edistonian parking lot from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- On Sunday, April 16, the Easter Sunrise Service will be held in the parking lot at Finns at 6:30 a.m.
- On April 22, 2017, the Edisto Beach Property Owners' Association will hold their annual meeting at the Civic Center at 4:00 p.m.
- On April 22nd, FRESpace is having their annual meeting at the Environmental Learning Center at the State Park from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.
- On April 23, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. the Presbyterian Church will host chamber music. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door.
- On April 29, 2017, the 3rd Annual Edisto Beach Dolphin Slam will be held at the Marina.

- On May 6, 2017, the King's Daughters will host its annual bazaar at the Lions Club.
- The Art Guild will have a program on May 8, 2017 featuring author Michel Stone discussing her latest book.

Public Comment

Virginia Woodhead – Mrs. Woodhead thanked Council for considering modifying the permitted project area to include the area where her house is.

Berny McGahee – Mr. McGahee thanked Council for the letter given to him in support of the adoption of the FEMA maps in a timely manner.

Dallas Lovelace – Mr. Lovelace explained his concern with the beach at the 3100 block of Palmetto/Point is the safety issue. To get across the groin, most people are traversing the groin, which is very dangerous.

Executive Session

Executive session was cancelled.

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, April 7, 2017.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL



Deborah Hargis, Municipal Clerk
May 11, 2017