

MINUTES
July 13, 2016
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 on June 27, 2016, seconded by Councilman Moore. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilman Moore moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting on June 27, 2016, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and approved unanimously.

Proclamations and Presentations

Sara Simpson was recognized for her work in making the utility bills easier to decipher by highlighting the amount due on the postcards.

Billy Callahan, Slade Evans and Robert Griffin were recognized for work done on the Civic Center.

Walton Salley was recognized for her service on the ATAX Board.

Mayor Darby presented Chief George Brothers with gift certificates to Waterfront for all officers in his department from Weezie Fickling as a “thank you” for their continued exemplary work.

New Business/Appearances

A. Memorandum of Agreement for the provision of secure detention services with the Department of Juvenile Justice Detention Center for FY2016-2017 – Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement and to authorize the Town Administrator to execute said agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kizer and approved unanimously.

B. Boil Water Notice Policy – Councilman Moore moved to approve the Boil Water Policy, which provides guidance regarding when boil water notices will be issued by the Town. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Smyer and unanimously approved.

C. Special Event Application – 2016 Edisto Billfish Invitational Tournament – The 2016 Edisto Billfish Invitational Tournament will be held July 20 – 23 at Bay Creek Park and the Marina at Edisto Beach. There will be live music daily from 5 – 9 p.m. and food will be sold by Pressleys. Councilman Kizer moved to approve the Special Event Application, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and approved unanimously.

D. Emergency Operations Plan and Hurricane Plan – The plan is updated annually and requires Council input and approval. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve the Emergency Operations and Hurricane Plan, seconded by Councilman Moore and approved unanimously.

E. Grant between South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and the Town of Edisto Beach – This grant provides funding to repair or rebuild up to seven wooden walkover ramps in the amount of \$24,750. The walkovers are located at Lybrand, Mitchell, Edings, Mikell, Louise and Ebb Tide Streets and at the end of Yacht Club Road. The Town's match is \$24,750 from Hospitality Funds. The Town will perform the work based on priority order. The Town anticipates this grant will not cover the costs to repair or rebuild all of the wooden walkover ramps listed. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the Grant between the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and the Town of Edisto Beach and authorize the Town Administrator to execute said agreement. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

F. Burley L. Lyons Park – Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to defer this agenda item until August 2016 when further information would be provided. The motion was seconded by Councilman Moore and unanimously approved.

G. Booster Pump No. 1 Motor Emergency Purchase – After the Town made repairs to the seals on Booster Pump No. 1 and the pump was reinstalled and pressurized, the contractor determined the motor was not functioning correctly. Councilman Moore moved to approve the Emergency Purchase for the Booster Pump No. 1 motor in the amount of \$5,040.00 to be funded from water fund system maintenance and repair. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

H. Special Event Application – Music and Shag Festival – Mr. Darrin Moore has submitted a special event application for the Music and Shag Fest to be held September 2, 2016, through September 4, 2016, at Bay Creek Park between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Mr. Moore is also requesting Council provide a \$12,000 sponsorship. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve a \$10,000 sponsorship and to waive the park fees. The motion was seconded by Councilman Moore and approved unanimously. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby then amended her motion to include the fees being paid from the Alcohol Permit fund. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Smyer and unanimously approved.

I. Retention Building Air Conditioner – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the purchase of a new air conditioner unit for \$5,300 from the FY2015-16 general fund miscellaneous expense fund to replace the current unit. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

J. Cameras for Convenience Center – Councilman Moore moved to approve the transfer of \$3,686.00 from General Fund Contingency to General Fund CIP Miscellaneous for the purchase of two cameras from TSC Technology Solutions of Charleston as a sole source provider for the convenience station. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

K. Coastal Science and Engineering Edisto Beach Stabilization Project – Phase 2 – Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve Phase 2 at a cost not to exceed \$736,188 to be paid from beach nourishment funds. The State Park, Recreation and Tourism portion is \$103,066 and is to be reimbursed to the Town. Town cost for Phase 2 is \$633,122. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion. Steven Traynum of CSE updated those in attendance and Council on the status of the Edisto Beach project. Mr. Traynum said that the permitting process and preliminary design process are

nearing completion. In order to build the project in the upcoming winter construction window, now is the time to start the final design process. To date, the state permit is in hand and the Army Corps of Engineers is finishing their decision document. Phase two will include the final design and an updated survey. This survey will also serve as the annual monitoring survey that is done every year. Also included in phase two will be the final design which will have the updated volumes and fill templates for the nourishment portion of the project. The completed groin designs will be included in phase two. There will be a final opinion of construction costs and a timeline of the construction. The permit allows for construction to start any time after November 1, 2016. Mayor Darby thanked Mr. Traynum and called for the vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

Committee Vacancies

A. Zoning Board of Appeals – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the advertising of two vacancies to occur on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The terms of Mr. William Davies and Mr. John McAlhany will expire on September 1, 2016. Councilman Moore seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

B. Accommodations Tax Advisory Board – There are two vacancies on the ATAX Board, both in the Hospitality/Lodging sector. Applications have been received from Leslie Varner-Hurley and Pieter Knot. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the two applications, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and unanimously approved.

Planning Commission

A. Phillip Albenesius – Charter Boat Tours – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the unanimous recommendation from the Planning Commission that Mr. Phillip Albenesius be granted a permit to operate a charter boat tour business from the Marina at Edisto Beach. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Departmental Reports and Committee Updates

Administration

Iris Hill gave the financial report for the month ending June 30, 2016.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	104.84%	94.56%
Water Fund	99.00%	92.02%
Wastewater Fund	99.92%	97.57%

There was 1 FOIA request and the Facebook page has 2,718 “likes.” Over 2,600 people watched our video from the Salute from the Shore on July 4. Administrator Hill reiterated Ms. Fickling’s sentiments and thanked the Police Department and Fire Department.

Building

Patrick Brown, Building Codes Official, gave the report for June 2016.

	June-15	June-16	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$2,899.55	\$10,119.99	\$285,784.69
New Construction Permits	0	0	14

Other Permits	30	28	383
Permit Fees	\$3001.00	\$2,160.50	\$73,680.16
Inspections	53	49	206
Bay Creek Park	\$1,835.	\$1,785.00	\$19,829.00

The stage at Bay Creek Park is under construction.

Fire

Fire Chief Denney Conley gave the report for the month ending June 30, 2016.

Calls	June-15	June-16	YTD
Medical	31	43	225
Fire-related	10	11	99
Public Assistance			522
Beach Wheel Chairs	24	19	79
Water Rescue		6	24
Welfare Checks		29	363

There have been many heat-related incidents of late, as well as jellyfish stings. Seven individuals attended the Fire Academy Conference in Myrtle Beach. Chief Conley thanked Council, Town employees and residents for the concern shown him and his family after the death of his mother.

Councilwoman Smyer expressed her gratitude to the Police and Fire Departments for their continued hard work and diligence in keeping our Town safe.

Police

The Police report for June 2016 was given by Chief George Brothers.

	June-15	June -16	YTD
Citations	56	75	665
Speeding	30	18	318
Warnings	86	161	1596
Alarm Calls	16	12	147
Calls for 2 or More Officers	1	74	229
Miles Patrolled	10,209	9,143	96,233
Assaults	0	1	7
Larcenies	5	3	27
Burglaries	1	0	15
Incidents & Calls for Service	165	249	1,475
Golf Cart Violations	1	13	73
Animal Control		4	16
Property Checks	1,231	877	12,644
Open Container	1	1	11
D.U.I.	0	0	3
CDV Arrest	1	2	4

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Coffee with the Chief will be held on Wednesday, July 20 from 8:00 – 9:30 at Edisto Java. Officer Ricky Darling has transferred to Dorchester County. Officer Heidi Coleman will be joining the Edisto Police Department from the Walterboro Police Department later this summer. Chief Brothers thanked everyone for supporting the Police Department.

Utilities

Utilities Director Bob Doub gave the report for the month of June 2016.

	June-15	June-16	YTD
Pumped MG Water	22.00	21.36	150.62
Treated MG Wastewater	5.5	3.83	42.02
Water Line Repairs	3	3	49
Work Orders	78	68	846

During the first ten days of July, 9,432,550 gallons of water were pumped by the Town. The average daily usage was 943,255 gallons. On July 4th, the Town pumped 1,106,200 gallons. Mayor Darby asked Mr. Doub, “What would be your recommendation to solve that?” Mr. Doub responded, in part “The system needs serious, serious attention. And it’s going to take serious, serious money.” Mayor Darby asked that the August agenda include a discussion “for the Council to look seriously at the water situation as recommended by Mr. Doub, and come up with a plan of how to move forward.”

Public Works

Bob Doub, Public Works Director, gave the report for the month ending June 30, 2016.

	June-15	June-16	YTD
Mowed Acres	76	24	376.40
Cleaned Ditches	12,244ft	6,459 feet	65,411 ft
Roll Carts Delivered	39	50	238

The Public Works Department has been removing old sand fencing and replacing or repairing wooden walkovers.

Chamber of Commerce

Lisa Harrell, Chamber Director, gave the report for the month of June 2016.

- There are three new members on the Board for the Chamber: Peter Beck, Brain Bell and Amanda Kelsey.
- Bingo at the Lions’ Club will continue through August 11, 2016.
- Sea Turtle Night Walks occur on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 9:00 p.m. at the State Park.
- The Arts and Crafts Market is held on Wednesdays at Bay Creek Park from 9:00 – 5:00.
- A children’s soap making class will be held on July 13 and July 27 at the Edisto Museum.
- On July 20, 2016, Classic Carolina Road Trips, an illustrated talk/lecture by Tom Polin will be held at New First Missionary Baptist Church.

- The 2016 Edisto Invitational Billfish Tournament will be held at the Marina at Edisto July 20 – 23, 2016.
- On July 21 there will be a book signing at the Edisto Island Bookstore with author Susan Boyer.
- On July 26th a Blood Drive will be held at the Edisto Beach Baptist Church in honor of Larry Main.
- On July 27th the Edisto Presbyterian Church at Cypress Bottom Road will have a school uniform and supplies event at 5:00. Students from 4k through 8th grade are eligible.

Public Comment Period

No one was signed in to speak.

Executive Session

Councilman Moore moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilwoman Smyer. The motion was approved unanimously.

Councilman Moore moved to exit Executive Session, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and approved unanimously.

There was no action required on the executive session item.

Adjournment

Councilman Moore moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Kizer. The motion was unanimously approved.

The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and location of the Council Meeting on Friday, July 8, 2016.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL

Deborah Hargis, Municipal Clerk
August 11, 2016