

MINUTES
April 14, 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 Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of March 10, 2016, seconded by Councilman Moore. The motion passed unanimously.

Proclamations and Presentations

A. Proclamation 2016-P10 Declaring May 2016 as Building Safety Month – Councilwoman Smyer read Proclamation 2016-P10 and moved to approve as read. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

New Business/Appearances

A. Award of RFP No. 2016-05 Bay Creek Park and Civic Center Restroom Cleaning Services – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the awarding of the bid for Bay Creek Park and Civic Center restroom cleaning services to Phoenix Home Care, LLC, the lowest responsive bidder, and to authorize the Town Administrator to execute said contract. Councilman Moore seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

B. Award of RFP No. 2016-06 Solid Waste Collection and Transportation Services – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the awarding of the bid for solid waste collection and transportation to Republic Services for a period of three years with two additional three-year renewal options and authorize the Town Administrator to negotiate and execute said contract. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

C. White Cap Street – Councilman Moore moved to approve contracting with West Bank Construction Company to add fill dirt and rock on White Cap Street at a cost of \$3,651.00 to be paid from Street Grading Contract. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

D. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2016-11 to Amend Section 66-8(c) of the Town's Code related to Garbage Rates – Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2016-11

to amend Section 66-8(c) of the Town's Code related to garbage rates. This adjustment is based on the bids received in February and will account for a 15% increase in rates. The current rate for solid waste collection and transportation is \$170.84 and each additional container is \$58.80. The proposed new rates are \$196.62 and each additional container is \$58.32 (1% decrease). Councilman Kizer seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby stated that the garbage committee had explored the option of curbside recycling and found the perspective bidders were not interested in providing the service. Councilwoman Smyer stated that the contractors had told her that there was nowhere to send the recyclable items, and since there was no way for them to make money on recyclables, they no longer offered the service. The motion was approved unanimously.

E. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2016-12 to Amend Section 82-33 of the Town's Code related to Water Rates – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2016-12 to amend Section 62-33 of the Town's Code related to water rates. Last year, the Town experienced numerous expenses for water infrastructure upgrades and repairs. The Water Renewal and Replacement fund is almost depleted and is not sufficient to continue with Capital Improvements that have been identified through various consultants' water studies. This rate increase will allow the Town to continue to address these identified capital expenses. The anticipated revenue generated from the proposed 5% increase would be \$42,860. Tap fees were also increased. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

F. Special Event Application – Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Department Annual Fish Fry – Councilman Moore moved to approve the special event application for the Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Department Annual Fish Fry to be held on May 28, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Edisto Lions Club located at 2907 Myrtle Street. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was approved 4 – 0 with Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby recused.

G. Change Order No. 3 Jungle Shores Water Line Extension Project – Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve Change Order No. 3, Jungle Shores Water Line Extension Project totaling \$22,100. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

H. Bay Creek Park Restroom Air Conditioner – Councilman Kizer moved to approve a transfer of \$6,500 from General Fund Contingency to Building Maintenance for the addition of a mini-split air conditioner to the restrooms at Bay Creek Park. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

I. Water Rate Study – Councilman Moore moved to approve the transfer of not more than \$8,000 to Professional Fees from Water Fund Contingency to be used for an update to the water rate study performed by American Engineering as requested by the Water and Sewer Committee. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

J. Resolution No. 2016-R13 Natural Hazard Mitigation – Councilman Kizer read Resolution 2016-R13 into record. The National Hazard Mitigation Plan was determined as compliant by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and requires formal community adoption. FEMA requires this plan for all counties and municipalities in the country and projects and actions that are identified in the plan are eligible for FEMA pre-disaster mitigation funding. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-R13 Natural Hazard Mitigation, seconded by Councilman Moore. The motion was unanimously approved.

K. Special Event Application – Dolphin Slam – Marina at Edisto Beach – Councilman Moore moved to approve the special event application for the Dolphin Slam to be held at the Marina at Edisto Beach on April 30, 2016, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was approved 4 – 0 with Mayor Darby recused.

Committee Vacancies

A. Beachfront Management Committee – 1 vacancy – Councilman Moore moved to accept the application from David Cannon for the vacancy on the Beachfront Management Committee. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

B. Planning Commission – 1 vacancy – Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve the advertising of the vacancy on the Planning Commission created by the expiration on May 31, 2016 of the term of David Cannon. Mr. Cannon is not eligible to serve another term unless no other qualified applications are received. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Departmental Reports and Committee Updates

Administration

Town Administrator Iris Hill gave the finance report for March 2016.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	82.74%	73.91%
Water Fund	72.32%	61.28%
Wastewater Fund	80.99%	77.55%

There were three Freedom of Information requests from two individuals in March.

Building

Building Official, Patrick Brown, gave the report for the month ending March 31, 2016.

	March - 15	March - 16	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$161,978.21	\$81,141.25	\$228,215.85
New Construction Permits	0	1	13
Other Permits	34	34	261
Permit Fees	\$3,897.00	\$6,733.50	\$58,977.10
Inspections	78	62	348
Bay Creek Park	\$1,175.00	\$1,350.00	\$12,619.00

Mr. Brown reported that he was selected to represent South Carolina at the National Flood Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan in June.

Fire

Fire Chief Denney Conley gave the report for March 2016.

Calls	March - 15	March - 16	YTD
Medical	8	12	144
Fire-related	27	3	74
Public Assistance	32	98	443
Beach Wheel Chairs	1	8	51
Water Rescue		0	11
Welfare Checks		35	272

Chief Conley reported that a CPR class was held recently and that it had been a very busy Easter and spring break. The floating dock has been installed and the rescue boat has been cleaned and the bottom painted. Councilwoman Smyer asked how the business inspections were going and Chief Conley told her they had done approximately 1/3 of them.

Police

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

	March - 15	March - 16	YTD
Citations	32	53	419
Speeding	26	40	234
Warnings	93	63	969
Alarm Calls	18	9	114
Calls for 2 or More Officers	9	26	84
Miles Patrolled	9,425	9,058	71,688
Assaults	1	0	3
Larcenies	2	0	14
Burglaries	2	2	3
Incidents & Calls for Service	111	86	809
Golf Cart Violations	2	0	52
Animal Control	0	0	7
Property Checks	1,345	922	9,899
Open Container	0	0	8
D.U.I.	0	0	2
CDV Arrest	0	0	2
Disorderly Conduct	0	10	12

Chief Brothers reported that "Coffee with the Chief" will be held again on April 20, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. at The Coffee Shop on Edisto on Docksite Road.

Utilities

Bob Doub, Utilities Director, gave the report for the month ending March 31, 2016.

	March - 15	March - 16	YTD
Pumped MG Water	7.9	10.77	103.03
Treated MG Wastewater	3.41	3.63	29.77
Water Line Repairs	4	4	36
Work Orders	124	73	620

Utility Services completed the sand blasting and painting of the interior and exterior of the 200,000 gallon ground storage tank. Blake Electric completed the electrical control panel for the transfer pump station at the holding pond and Godwin Pump picked up the emergency by-pass pump.

Public Works

Public Works Director Bob Doub gave the report for March 2016.

	March- 15	March- 16	YTD
Mowed Acres	6	33.64	308.34
Cleaned Ditches	7,742 feet	0	48,728ft
Roll Carts Delivered	58	16	155

Chamber of Commerce

Lisa Harrell, Executive Director of the Edisto Chamber of Commerce, gave the report for March 2016. Ms. Harrell thanked Council and everyone who made Mr. Carter’s retirement party a success.

- The Bay Creek Park Arts and Crafts Market is held every Wednesday from 9:00 – 5:00
- The Coffee Shop at Edisto now has live music on Fridays in April from 5:00 -7:00.
- Pressley’s has music on their deck, weather permitting
- On Saturday, April 16th the Presbyterian Church will hold an indoor yard sale from 7:00 a.m. – noon to benefit the preschool.
- Also on April 16th, the Edisto Beach Property Owners’ Association will have its yearly meeting and BBQ at 4:00 p.m. at the Civic Center
- On April 24, 2016, Chamber Music Charleston will perform at 3:00
- On April 30, the Marina will host a Dolphin Slam.
- On May 1, 2016, there will be a Fish & Grits Dinner at Geechie Boy from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. with live music.
- On May 1, the May Day party sponsored by the Edisto Island Historic Preservation Society will be held at Prospect Hill Plantation.
- On May 7th, the Edisto Day Bazaar Arts and Crafts Festival will be held at the Lions Club
- On May 14, the Edisto Island Community Association will hold a Scratch and Dent Yard Sale in the parking lot of True Value.
- On May 14th, the Marina will sponsor the 2nd Annual Edisto Beach Cobia Tournament.
- On May 14th the Edisto Beach State Park Spring Survival Series will sponsor a program on edible plants. Registration is requested.

Edisto Pride

Ida Tipton reported that Edisto Pride would be selling chances to win a quilt made from t-shirts from the past ten years at the Edisto Beach Volunteer Fish Fry on May 28th. Mrs. Tipton recently attended the South Carolina Litter Association yearly meeting. Edisto Beach was awarded the Keep South Carolina Beautiful Affiliate Recognition Award for 2016, thanks to Town Administrator Iris Hill's hard work in securing a grant from Lowes Home Improvement.

Mayor Darby recognized Councilman Kizer for going above and beyond to make Jungle Road Park more attractive.

Mayor Darby commended the Department Heads and other participants for their diligence in the tabletop virtual exercise put on by FEMA.

Public Comment Period

Doug Smith – Mr. Smith publically thanked Mayor Darby and Administrator Hill for their attendance at the Edisto Beach Concerned Homeowner's Association meeting on April 2. Mayor Darby told Mr. Smith it was the goal of Council to work with all groups on Edisto.

Jay Palmer – Mr. Palmer asked those responsible that he hoped the state golf cart laws would continue to be enforced for the safety of all involved. Mr. Palmer expressed concern for children especially.

Executive Session

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

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

Councilwoman Smyer moved to authorize the Town Administrator to hire a real estate attorney and to move up to \$5,000 from General Operating Contingency to Professional Services in reference to Lot 7, Block UU, Lot 7 Block YY and Lot 8 Block YY. Councilman Moore seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Adjournment

Councilman Moore moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and approved unanimously.

The media/public was informed of the date, time and location of the meeting on Friday, April 8, 2016.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL


Deborah Hargis, Municipal Clerk
May 12, 2016