

MINUTES
June 11, 2015
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, Pete Anderson, Susan Hornsby and Patti Smyer, Council Members; *Quorum of Council Present.*

Mayor Darby called the meeting to order.

Council Session opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a word of prayer by Mayor Darby.

Approval of Minutes

Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2015. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Councilwoman Hornsby moved to approve the Public Hearing minutes of May 14, 2015, seconded by Councilman Anderson. The motion was unanimously approved. Councilman Anderson moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on May 14, 2015, seconded by Councilwoman Smyer and passed unanimously.

Proclamations and Presentations

A. Starfish Awards -

Mayor Darby recognized Bill Andrews and Dave Blauch from the Planning Commission with thanks. The Garbage Committee was recognized for their diligence: Patti Smyer, Susan Hornsby, Ted King and Tom Kapp. Mayor Darby recognized two members of the ATAX Board, Charlie Vincent and Molly Watkins.

Old Business

A. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2015-15 to Adopt the FY2015-16 Budget – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2015-15, seconded by Councilman Anderson. The motion was unanimously approved.

New Business

A. Flood Risk Evaluator Meeting June 25, 2015 – If you are confused about the cost of flood insurance, or have a question about the new flood maps, register for the June 25, 2015 meeting by calling Town Hall at 869-2505 extension 203. The meeting will be held at the Civic Center at

10:00 a.m. and will feature discussions on flood loss prevention solutions to lower flood insurance costs.

B. Memorandum of Agreement Juvenile Justice Detention services – Councilwoman Hornsby moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for the provision of secure detention services with the Department of Juvenile Justice’s Detention Center for fiscal year 2015-16 at a cost of \$50.00 per day and authorize the Administrator to execute said agreement. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

C. Coastal Stage Productions – Coastal Stage Productions has been in contact with Dan Carter, Executive Director of the Edisto Chamber of Commerce. This company has presented stage productions in other small towns in our area, and would like to have a production at the Edisto Civic Center in July to see if our community is receptive. Councilwoman Smyer moved to have the Town Administrator execute a contract with Coastal Stage Productions for a July performance. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Committee Vacancies

A. Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals – Mayor Darby expressed her gratitude on behalf of the Town to Sonny Carson, who has applied for the last vacancy on the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals. Councilman Anderson moved to approve the application of Mr. Carson, seconded by Councilwoman Smyer. The motion passed unanimously. The members of the Board are Sonny Carson, Jim Johnson, David Salter, Bob Sandifer and Tom Yeargin.

B. Municipal Elections Commission – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the application of Mrs. Ann Hutto for the vacancy on the MEC. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. The members of the Municipal Elections Commission are Jill Deardorff, Ann Hutto and Gloria Zeller.

C. Accommodations Tax Advisory Board – Three terms are expiring on August 1, 2015: Charlie Vincent (At large) Molly Watkins (Cultural Interest) and Matthew Kizer (Hospitality/Lodging). Councilman Anderson moved to approve the applications of Paul Oakley (At large), Judith Blancett (Cultural Interest) and Matthew Kizer (Hospitality/Lodging). Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Planning Commission

A. 102 & 106 Palmetto Boulevard – Lot Line Abandonment – Councilwoman Smyer moved to defer the item until further information is received, at which time, a special meeting of Town Council may be called. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

B. 3731 Dock Site Road – Edisto Bike Rentals Relocation – Councilman Anderson moved to approve the unanimous recommendation of the Planning Commission, that Edisto Watersports & Tackle be allowed to add bike rentals and deliveries to their existing business. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

C. 3701 Dock Site Road – Edisto Saltwater Tours, LLC – Phillip Albenesius made application for a permit to operate a Charter boat tour business (saltwater ecology tours, coastal geology tours, historic tours and leisure tours) from The Marina at Edisto Beach, located at 3702 Dock Site Road, located in the C-3 district. Planning Commission approved his application 4 – 1 with two contingencies: (1) the applicant provide further documentation from the parking space owners granting him permission to use those spaces for his business, and (2) the applicant provide the proper licensing required by Town Ordinance for the use, in this case, the applicant’s Captain’s License. To date, neither of these contingencies have been met. Councilwoman Smyer moved to defer action until the July meeting to give Mr. Albenesius time to fulfill the requirements. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Departmental Reports and Committee Updates

Administration

Town Administrator Iris Hill gave the report for May 2015.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	85.05%	83.28%
Water Fund	74.99%	80.62%
Wastewater Fund	83.58%	85.62%

Building

Building Code Official Patrick Brown gave the Building Department update for May 2015.

	May - 14	May - 15	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$4,610.72	\$6,274.65	\$286,627.01
New Construction Permits	0	0	8
Other Permits	31	28	277
Permit Fees	\$2,731.50	\$2,149.00	\$40,675.12
Inspections	42	99	517
Bay Creek Park	\$1,090.00	\$1,365.00	\$13,520.00

Fire

Fire Fighter Linda Hoff gave the May 2015 Fire Department report.

Calls	May- 14	May - 15	YTD
Medical	17	19	229

Fire-related	18	8	100
Public Assistance/Miscellaneous	47	73	522
Beach Wheel Chairs	12	7	73

Police

Police Chief George Brothers gave the report for May 2015.

	May - 14	May - 15	YTD
Citations	39	57	286
Speeding	26	49	198
Warnings	107	142	959
Alarm Calls	20	15	138
Calls for 2 or More Officers	15	19	100
Miles Patrolled	10,016	10,482	94,663
Assaults	0	0	10
Larcenies	2	3	48
Burglaries	0	0	7
Incidents & Calls for Service	157	125	1,290
Golf Cart Violations	0	0	13
Domestic Violence Calls	0	0	0
Property Checks	1,681	1,327	17,049
Open Container	2	0	1
D.U.I.	1	0	0
CDV Arrest	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	1	0	8
Animal Control Call	5		16

Governor Haley has signed the body camera law, but it will probably be a year before the funding is available and the cameras are purchased. Councilman Anderson asked Chief Brothers how the issue of glass on the beach was going. Chief Brothers said that Beach Patrol is operating six hours a day and has given out some plastic cups to those with glass bottles. Chief Brothers said he had not heard any complaints. Chief Brothers will start hosting a "Coffee with the Chief" once a quarter beginning in July to answer questions from the public and make the Police Department more accessible.

Utilities

Utilities Director Bob Doub gave the May 2015 report.

	May - 14	May - 15	YTD
Pumped MG Water	19.21	16.25	168.09
Treated MG Wastewater	8.36	4.30	49.65

Water Line Repairs	2	3	33
Work Orders	79	66	1,303

The Utilities Department has been busy working on removal of duck weed and reading meters in preparation of the semi-annual billing. The department underwent a DHEC laboratory recertification inspection, which is good for two years.

Public Works

Bob Doub, Public Works Director, gave the report for May 2015.

	May - 14	May- 15	YTD
Mowed Acres	68.84	81.5	506.50
Cleaned Ditches	0 feet	0 feet	81,894
Roll Carts Delivered	10	76	245

Chamber of Commerce

Dan Carter, Executive Director, gave the Chamber of Commerce report for June 2015.

- Mr. Carter commended Council on the action taken in favor of the Coastal Stage Productions performance.
- Bay Creek Park's Art and Craft Market is in full swing. Local vendors sell their wares on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- The Chamber of Commerce annual dinner and business meeting will be held at the Civic Center on Wednesday, June 17, 2015.
- The Edisto Invitational Billfish Tournament will be held on July 22 – 25.

Public Comment Period

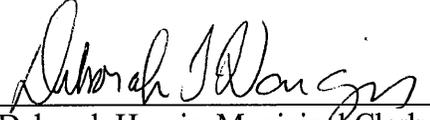
No one was signed in to speak.

Adjournment

Councilwoman Smyer moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Anderson. The motion was passed unanimously.

The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and location of the Council Meeting on Friday, June 5, 2015.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL


 Deborah Hargis, Municipal Clerk
 July 9, 2015