

MINUTES
May 12, 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

Councilman Moore moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council Worksession meeting of April 12, 2016, seconded by Councilman Kizer. The motion passed unanimously. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting on April 14, 2016, seconded by Councilman Moore. The motion was unanimously approved.

Proclamations and Presentations

A. Air Med Care – Wes McAden presented information on the Municipal Site Plan program offered by Air Med Care. The Municipal Site Plan would provide coverage to all homeowners and any immediate family who reside on Edisto Beach that have to be air lifted by Air Med Care. The coverage provides that Air Med Care would accept the insurance payment as payment in full and would not bill balance, provided the homeowner or family member has insurance. If a homeowner or family member does not have insurance, Air Med Care would bill the Medicare price for the service. Those without insurance could, for a nominal fee, purchase the full coverage package and regardless of insurance status, would not be billed. Air Med Care is the primary medical helicopter service to Edisto Beach. They are not the only carrier. Additional information is attached to these minutes. Unincorporated sections of Colleton County adjacent to Edisto Beach would not be eligible to participate in the Municipal Site Plan, but homeowners in these areas could purchase the plan at a reduced cost via an affinity plan with the Town. Mr. McAden clarified that the plan would cover any homeowner on the beach and those who rent and live on Edisto Beach.

B. Proclamation No. 2016-P14 designating May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day – Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve the Proclamation designating May 15, 2016 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day. Councilman Moore seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Old Business

A. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2016-11 to Amend Section 66-8 (c) of the Town's Code related to Garbage Rates – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance number 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 new rates are \$196.62 and each additional container is \$58.32. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

B. Second 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 second reading of Ordinance number 2016-12 to amend Section 82-33 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 for new construction were increased by \$1,000 each per request by the Water and Sewer Committee. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and approved unanimously.

New Business/Apearances

A. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2016-15 to Adopt the FY2016-17 Budget – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance number 2016-15 to adopt the FY2016-17 Budget which includes a millage increase from 20.23 mills to 20.71 mills. Town Administrator Hill asked to have the Civic Center Fund included in the line "Nothing herein shall prohibit the Town Council to authorize the transfer of appropriated funds from line item to line item with the General Fund, Water Fund or Sewer Fund..." Councilman Moore seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

B. Dissolution of the Beach Nourishment Fund Raising Committee – Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to dissolve the Beach Nourishment Fund Raising Committee since funding has been acquired. Councilman Moore seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

C. Award of RFP No. 2016-16 Litter Removal Highway 174 – Councilman Moore moved to approve the award of RFP number 2016-16 to the lowest responsive bidder and to authorize the Town Administrator to negotiate and execute an agreement with Wright for U Services, LLC. The bid was \$238.50 per week for litter pick up along Highway 174 from the McKinley Washington Bridge to the causeway. The contract will be for July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 with the option to renew. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

D. Budget Transfer for Floating Drive-on Dock Bay Creek Park – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the transfer of \$12,745.00 from general fund contingency to miscellaneous expense to cover the cost of the Floating Drive-on Dock at Bay Creek Park until the Town is reimbursed by the Department of Natural Resources. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

E. Noise Ordinance Variance Request – Pressley's at the Marina and the Edisto Marina – Pressley's at the Marina and the Edisto Marina request a noise ordinance variance to hold outdoor entertainment on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday nights and extend the period from May 4, 2016 until September 11, 2016. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the request, as amended. Music must be acoustic, non-amplified only; the events take place only between Memorial Day and Labor Day; the events be allowed on Wednesday and Thursday nights until 9:30 p.m. and on Sunday nights

until 9:00 p.m.; this request be granted for one-year only on a trial basis. Town Attorney Duffie recommended that Council readdress the Town's noise ordinance at a later date. Councilman Moore seconded the motion, which was approved 4 – 0. Mayor Darby was recused due to conflict of interest.

F. Reschedule July Council Meeting – Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to reschedule the July Council meeting from Thursday, July 14, 2016, to Wednesday, July 13, 2016, due to a conflict with Municipal Association annual meeting. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

G. The Marina at Edisto Beach and Edisto Marina Association Request for Support – The Marina at Edisto Beach and Edisto Marina Association requested Council sponsor the Edisto Invitational Billfish Tournament July 20-23, 2016, in the amount of \$10,000 and waive park fees for Bay Creek Park. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the sponsor request of \$10,000 to be paid from the Alcohol Permitting Fund. As a sponsor, park fees are waived. Councilman Moore seconded the motion, which was approved 4 – 0. Mayor Darby recused herself due to conflict of interest.

Committee Vacancies

A. Planning Commission – 1 vacancy – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the application of Darrin Moore, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby. The motion was unanimously approved.

Accommodations Tax Advisory Board

A. Bell Property Annual Bond Debt – Town of Edisto Beach - \$50,000 – Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve the ATAX Board's unanimous recommendation to approve the Town's application for \$50,000. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

B. Edisto Watersports and Tackle Shark Tournament – Edisto Watersports and Tackle - \$2,000 – The ATAX Board unanimously approved this request contingent on Chamber involvement. Upon further review, sporting events are not eligible to receive ATAX funding. Therefore, Councilman Moore moved to approve \$2,000 from the Alcohol Permitting Funds be used for the Shark Tournament to be held June 11, 2016. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Departmental Reports and Committee Updates

Administration

Town Administrator Iris Hill gave the financial report for April 2016.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	87.39%	82.29%
Water Fund	75.58%	81.22%
Wastewater Fund	81.73%	86.25%

There was one FOIA request in the month of April.

Building

Patrick Brown, Building Codes Official, gave the report for the month ending April 30, 2016.

	April -15	April - 16	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$36,244.44	\$22,796.77	\$251,012.62
New Construction Permits	0	0	13
Other Permits	27	46	307
Permit Fees	\$2,774.50	\$3,864.50	\$62,841.60
Inspections	41	35	383
Bay Creek Park	\$1,245.00	\$2,435.00	\$15,054.00

Construction has begun on the stage at Bay Creek Park. Patrick Brown has been elected to serve as Vice President of the Building Officials' Association of South Carolina.

Fire

Fire Chief Denney Conley gave the report for the month of April 2016.

Calls	April - 15	April - 16	YTD
Medical	12	17	161
Fire-related	6	6	80
Public Assistance	48	30	473
Beach Wheel Chairs	4	5	56
Water Rescue		3	14
Welfare Checks		30	303

Councilwoman Smyer thanked the fire department, the volunteer fire department and all the Town's emergency staff for their caring and help to her family in the last week.

Police

Police Chief George Brothers gave the report for the month ending April 30, 2016.

	April - 15	April - 16	YTD
Citations	20	67	525
Speeding	15	22	261
Warnings	80	132	1266
Alarm Calls	6	11	125
Calls for 2 or More Officers	6	25	111
Miles Patrolled	7,995	7,150	78,838
Assaults	2	2	5
Larcenies	7	5	19

Burglaries	2	6	9
Incidents & Calls for Service	112	149	1,048
Golf Cart Violations	0	3	55
Animal Control	0	4	11
Property Checks	1,077	962	10,861
Open Container	0	0	8
D.U.I.	0	1	3
CDV Arrest	0	0	2
Disorderly Conduct	1	1	13

In honor of Peace Officers' Memorial Day on May 15th, Chief Brothers reported the following statistics: In the United States, 124 officers were killed in the line of duty last year. Thirty-eight officers have died in the line of duty already this year. In the past 10 years, an officer is killed every 61 hours in the United States. The US military had 71 service members die last year. There were 48,000 assaults on officers in 2014. Even though we live in an idyllic setting, Edisto Beach officers have come in contact with dangerous individuals and our population changes every week. Chief Brothers asked that during National Police Officers' Week, residents make a point to thank our Edisto Beach police officers.

Utilities

Utilities Director Bob Doub gave the report for April 2016.

	April - 15	April - 16	YTD
Pumped MG Water	11.65	10.36	113.39
Treated MG Wastewater	4.87	3.22	32.99
Water Line Repairs	1	6	42
Work Orders	67	87	707

Duckweed continues to be pumped on a weekly basis at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Blake Electric installed new control panels at both the Scott Creek lift station and Bay Point lift station, which is part of the Capital Improvement Plan. Southern Fiber Construction completed the tie-in of three two-inch lines and one six-inch line for the Jungle Shores Waterline project. The new six-inch line is now in service.

Public Works

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

	April- 15	April- 16	YTD
Mowed Acres	87	33.75	342.09
Cleaned Ditches	9,655 feet	4,247 feet	52,975 ft
Roll Carts Delivered	48	14	169

Loose handrails and boards have been repaired at Beach Access 17 and Beach Access 21.

Chamber of Commerce

- May 12 – 14, 2016-There will be a “Clean Marine” disposal event at the Edistonian.
- May 14, 2016-The Edisto Island Community Association annual “Scratch and Dent” sale will be held in the True Value parking lot.
- May 14, 2016-The Second Annual Edisto Beach Cobia Tournament will take place at the Edisto Marina.
- May 14, 2016- “Edible Plants” the final Spring Survival Series at the State Park will be held. Call for reservations.
- May 15, 2016-The Edisto Island Open Land Trust will hold the Legacy Live Oak Dedication and Conservation Celebration at Indigo Farms.
- May 21, 2016-The Edisto Belles Beachwalk will be held at 9:00 beginning at 603 Palmetto Boulevard.
- May 21, 2016-There will be a kayak and birdwatching tour at the Environmental Learning Center at 1:30 p.m.
- May 24, 2016-There will be a blood drive at the Edisto Beach Baptist Church in honor of Leland Vaughan from 10:30 – 5:00. Please call Wanda McCarley or Stephanie Renner to sign up.
- May 28, 2016-The Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual Fish Fry at the Lion’s Club.
- The Arts and Crafts Market is underway every Wednesday at Bay Creek Park.
- The annual Turtle Fest will be held at the State Park on June 4, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. It is free with Park admission and there will be animals from the SC Aquarium.
- June 7 – August 2, 2016- The Edisto Lions will have Bingo every Tuesday and Thursday evening with doors opening at 5:30 p.m.
- Beginning June 7, there will be Sea Turtle Night Walks every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at the State Park. Please call ahead and you can pay with a credit card.
- June 11, 2016-The “Jim Bost” Memorial Shark Tournament will be held at the Marina at Edisto Beach.
- June 11, 2016- Edisto Watersports and Tackle will hold its annual shark tournament.

Public Comment

Mayor Darby asked that all residents adhere to the garbage regulations and utilize the Convenience Center when possible rather than leaving items at the curb. Mattresses and appliances left at the curb are unsightly. If they need to be placed at the curb, the pickup for these items are on Tuesday and should be placed there the night before.

Mayor Darby announced there will be a meeting on May 21, 2016, of the Charleston County School District concerning Jane Edwards Elementary at the school. Mayor Darby congratulated the community for coming together to convince the Board of Trustees to make a motion to work with the Edisto community in the next year to provide that in the future there will be a school on Edisto Island.

Bob Sandifer – Mr. Sandifer echoed Mayor Darby’s sentiment and thanked Town Council and those on the island that came out in support of keeping Jane Edwards open. Mr. Sandifer commended the school as well, saying “if all the schools in Colleton and Charleston County were run as effectively as Jane Edwards, we wouldn’t be spending so much time and treasure trying to make these schools work.” Mayor Darby stated that there was not just a year reprieve for the school, but there is an

“indefinite reprieve.” Councilman Moore told those in attendance that he was impressed by the people that had voiced their support for Jane Edwards, particularly because they were “Edistonians first. That’s a badge of pride to be able to say that. And I’m proud to be one.”

Executive Session

Councilman Moore moved to go into executive session. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Councilman Moore moved to exit executive session and go back in to regular session. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Mayor Darby moved to approve a two-percent pay increase for Town Administrator Hill for the coming year. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Adjournment

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

The media/public was informed of the date, time and location of the meeting on Thursday, May 5, 2016.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL



Deborah Hargis, Municipal Clerk

June 9, 2016