

MINUTES
September 14, 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 present in the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation.

Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Council Meeting Minutes, August 10, 2017 – Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on August 10, 2017, seconded by Councilman Moore and approved unanimously.

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

Proclamations and Presentations

Starfish Awards:

Ray Messer – Over the past two months, Ray Messer has assisted the Public Works department by fixing 3 different pieces of landscape equipment; saw, blower and weed eater. In previous vocations he has been trained to work on such equipment. This is not a part of his job responsibilities in the Utilities department; however, when pockets of down time would present he strategically worked on the equipment and got them up and running.

Mike Kelly – Mr. Kelly assisted the Public Works department by retrieving a bag of rope fence that was disposed of by mistake in the compactor.

Westbank Construction – After Westbank had completed the beach accesses, the Town experienced severe rain events that eroded the stabilizing sand. Westbank saw that this had happened and repaired the work with no request from the Town.

Old Business

A. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2017-22 Providing for Mobile Vending and Regulations Governing Mobile Vending – Because of Hurricane Matthew recovery efforts, the sunset clause for mobile vending was not extended and did sunset (terminate) December 31, 2016. Ordinance No. 2017-

22 removes the sunset clause and addresses other issues in the mobile vending language such as “mobile’ means the state of being active.” Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2017-22 Providing for Mobile Vending and Regulations Governing Mobile Vending, seconded by Councilwoman Smyer and unanimously approved.

B. Resolution No. 2017-R12 to Adopt the Local Comprehensive Beachfront Management Plan – Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to defer Resolution No. 2017-R12 to Adopt the Local Comprehensive Beachfront Management Plan, seconded by Councilman Kizer and approved unanimously.

C. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2017-25 to Adjust the Rollback Millage Fiscal Year 2017-18 – Colleton County has provided the reassessment information needed to calculate the rollback millage according to South Carolina Code 23-7-251. According to the calculation, the millage rate needs to be adjusted from 20.71 to 23.44 to maintain the same property tax revenue as budgeted based on declining assessed values. Councilman Moore moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2017-25 to Adjust the Rollback Millage Fiscal Year 2017-18, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and unanimously approved.

New Business/Apearances

A. Town Accomplishments Fiscal Year 2016-17 – Councilman Moore moved to defer this item until the October meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Smyer and unanimously approved.

B. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2017-24 Division 2 – Protection of Sea Turtles – Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to defer this item until the October meeting, seconded by Councilman Kizer and approved unanimously.

C. Special Event Application – Town of Edisto Beach – Hurricane Matthew and Volunteer Appreciation Celebration, October 7, 2017 – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the request of the Town of Edisto Beach to hold the Volunteer Appreciation Celebration on October 7, 2017 at Bay Creek Park, seconded by Councilman Moore and approved unanimously. This is funded by donations.

D. Emergency Purchase Order Lift Station A – One of the two pumps at Lift Station A located at the intersection of Sea Cloud Circle and King Cotton failed. Because of this failure, the Utilities Department has had a by-pass pump at this location. Both pumps are scheduled to be replaced by Tencarva at a cost of \$13,208 funded by Sewer Renewal and Replacement. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the emergency purchase order for Lift Station A, seconded by Councilman Moore and unanimously approved.

E. Change Order No. 1 Terry Hoff Construction - \$1,036 – This change order is a result of the addition of handrails at a cost of \$1,036. The contract amount was \$72,261.25 of which \$185 was for permit fees which was not billed. The difference is \$851.00 to be funded from Hospitality Funds. Councilman Moore moved to approve Change Order No. 1 from Terry Hoff Construction in the amount of \$1,036, seconded by Councilwoman Smyer and approved unanimously.

F. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2017-26 to Enact Article III of Chapter 78 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Edisto Beach, Entitled “Golf Cart” – Councilman Moore moved to defer the first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-26 to Enact Article III of Chapter 78 of the Code of

Ordinances of the Town of Edisto Beach entitled "Golf Cart" seconded by Councilwoman Smyer and unanimously approved.

G. Special Event Application – Edisto Chamber of Commerce – 2017 Fall Festival – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the special event application from the Edisto Chamber of Commerce to hold the 2017 Fall Festival on October 21, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. seconded by Councilman Kizer and approved 4 -0 with Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby recused.

H. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2017-27 to Amend Sections 14-110(a), 14-114(d), 14-114(h) of the Town of Edisto Beach Code of Ordinances, this Ordinance shall take effect December 21, 2017 – Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-27 to amend sections 14-110(a), 14-114(d), and 14-114(h) seconded by Councilman Kizer and unanimously approved. The flood maps will go into effect on December 21, 2017, and the Building Code Official, will give property owners their rating if they request it.

I. Temporary Construction and Permanent Utility Easement Agreement – Councilman Moore moved to approve the temporary construction and permanent utility easement agreement for TMS# 354-12-00-137.000, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and approved unanimously.

J. First Reading of Ordinance 2017-28 to Amend Sections 14-111(a), 14-111(b), 14-111(c), 14-111(d), 14-111(e), 14-113, 14-221(b)(1), 14-221(j) of the Town of Edisto Beach Code of Ordinances – Councilman Kizer moved to approve first reading of Ordinance 2017-28, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and unanimously approved.

K. Emergency Purchase – Generator Well 6 – The generator at well #6 was damaged as a result of Hurricane Irma. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the emergency purchase of a generator for well 6, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and approved unanimously.

L. Agreement between the Town of Edisto Beach and the South Carolina Department of Transportation (First Push and Debris Removal) – Administrator Hill told Council and those in attendance that the Town has been negotiating with the Department of Transportation for removal of sand from Palmetto Boulevard, which is a state road. The question was what to do with the sand after it was placed on the beach accesses. After discussion with the Secretary of DOT, an agreement was reached that DOT would be responsible for paying for the entire project. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the agreement between the Town of Edisto Beach and the South Carolina Department of Transportation for the first push and debris removal, seconded by Councilman Kizer and unanimously approved.

M. Agreement between the Town of Edisto Beach and Westbank Construction – Emergency Berm – This agreement is necessary due to Hurricane Irma. The berm that was in place prior to Irma slowed down wave action mitigating structural damages, and it needs to be replaced as quickly as possible. Councilman Kizer moved to approve the agreement between the Town of Edisto Beach and Westbank Construction for the emergency berm, seconded by Councilwoman Smyer and approved unanimously.

N. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2017-29 to Amend the FY 2017-18 Budget – Administrator Hill stated that damage estimates will be approximately \$500,000 for debris removal that FEMA will not cover at this time. This requires the budget be amended. Councilman Moore moved to approve

the first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-29 to Amend the FY 2017-18 Budget, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and unanimously approved.

Audience member Cathie Brown suggested that sand bags be made available in preparation of future storms. "A lot of pre-emptive work would alleviate a lot of this collection. There is a site for Channel 2 news that tells you exactly how to do it, to protect your investment. I would think that maybe the Town could put that information out there and it might alleviate a lot of that." Mayor Darby asked Ms. Brown to discuss her ideas further with Building Codes Official Patrick Brown.

O. Emergency Purchase – Lift Station B – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the emergency purchase for lift station B due to Hurricane Irma, seconded by Councilman Moore and unanimously approved.

Committee Vacancies

A. Zoning Board of Appeals – 1 vacancy – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the application of Sally Altman for the remaining vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals, seconded by Councilwoman Smyer and approved unanimously.

Departmental Reports and Committee Updates

Administration

Town Administrator Iris Hill gave the report for the month of August 2017.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	12.74%	14.08%
Water Fund	0.82%	39.11%
Wastewater Fund	0.56%	11.00%

	July 2017	August 2017
Facebook likes	8,609	9,531
FOIA requests	7	1

Bernie Magahee submitted the Freedom of Information Act request.

Administrator Hill commended Police Chief George Brothers, who for the second consecutive year had to cancel a vacation due to a hurricane and was the Incident Commander during Irma. Patrick Brown, our Building Official, had to cancel a trip to a class on the Community Rating System so he could be at Edisto to help the Town during Irma. Bob Doub, Utilities and Public Works Director, had to cancel his trip to the Rural Water Association meeting. Administrator Hill thanked all staff who assisted in recovery efforts following the storm.

Building

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

	Aug-16	August-17	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$4,977.50	\$1,927.30	\$4,608.80
New Construction Permits	0	1	1
Other Permits	27	12	33
Permit Fees	\$3,087.00	\$3,577.00	\$6,443.00
Inspections	51	47	115
Bay Creek Park	\$4,409.00	\$2,150.00	\$3,380.00

Mr. Brown reported on the damage from Hurricane Irma. There were fewer than 50 tags issued for damage, with only two of those tags being red, one having structural damage and the other severe electrical issues. Most of the yellow tags have flooded storage rooms or propane tanks ajar/missing.

Fire

Fire Chief Denney Conley gave the report for the month ending August 31, 2017.

Calls	Aug-16	August-17	YTD
Medical	31	30	79
Fire-related	4	10	33
EMS/Misc	81	81	202
Beach Wheel Chairs	12	18	45
Water Rescue	7		3
Welfare Checks	31	30	56

The Edisto Beach Fire Department recently received a Life Safety Achievement Award, which shows over the previous ten years there have been no fatalities in the department while performing duties.

Police

The Police report for the month of August 2017 was given by Chief George Brothers.

	August-16	August -17	YTD
Miles Patrolled	7,937	10,311	17,984
Incidents & Calls for Service	262	228	501
Calls for 2 or More Officers	26	37	71
Property Checks	915	795	1,678
Alarm Calls	19	33	47
Town Parking Tickets	36	54	252
Animal Control	0	4	15
Assaults	1	2	2
Larcenies	2	0	1
Burglaries	2	0	0
CDV Arrest	0	0	0

Utilities

Bob Doub, Utilities Director, gave the report for August 2017.

	August-16	August-17	YTD
Pumped MG Water	21.2	14.83	35.40
Treated MG Wastewater	4.65	8.94	17.84
Water Line Repairs	1	5	8
Work Order Repairs	52	25	61

Public Works

Public Works Director Bob Doub gave the report for August 2017.

	August-16	August -17	YTD
Mowed Acres	32		42
Cleaned Ditches	6,136ft	ft	0ft
Roll Carts Delivered	9		28

Mr. Doub gave a traffic report from Labor Day weekend. From Friday, September 1 – Monday, September 4, 2017 on Highway 174 there were 21,167 vehicles, Jungle Road 8,902 and Palmetto Boulevard 13,067.

Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Director Lisa Harrell gave the report for the month of August 2017.

- The Edisto Beach Sweep will be October 21, 2017.
- The Chamber’s Fall Festival will be October 21, 2017.
- There will be a blood drive on September 26, 2017 at the Civic Center.
- American Craft Week will be celebrated September 6 – 15 at With These Hands.

Mayor Darby thanked Mike Casey for stepping up as liaison to the EOC for Councilman Moore whose daughter was married on September 9.

Mayor Darby commended Council, the department heads and Town Hall employees for everyone’s hard work during Hurricane Irma. Mayor Darby also thanked the Fire Department and Chief Conley for putting out a fire at Jeremy Cay.

Public Comment Period

Cathie Brown – Ms. Brown asked if there was a citizen group for discussing storm situations and the best way to handle them. She gave as an example the curfew. “Our curfew was over a day before the curfew in Naples. There was no chance that anything was going to happen on Sunday here.” Ms. Brown suggested putting together a committee of citizens to come up with ideas.

Executive Session

Councilman Moore moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilwoman Smyer and approved unanimously to discuss the following items:

- A. Contractual – Negotiations related to 3708 Village Court [SC Code 30-4-70a (2)]**
- B. Contractual – Lot 7, block MMM 3002 Lee Street [SC Code 30-4-70a(2)]**

Councilwoman Smyer moved to exit Executive Session, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and unanimously approved. No action was taken on the items discussed during executive session.

Adjournment

Councilman Moore moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Smyer and approved unanimously.

The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and location of the Council Meeting on Thursday, September 7, 2017.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL



Deborah Hargis, Municipal Clerk

October 12, 2017