



The Edisto Beach Comber

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

TIDE Committee	01/03	10:00 am
Council WkSess	01/09	10:00 am
Town Council	01/11	6:00 pm
PC WkSess	01/17	4:00 pm
Municipal Court	01/18	3:00 pm
ZBA Meeting	01/22	5:00 pm
Planning Comm	01/23	5:00 pm

2018 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Unless otherwise posted, 2018 Town Council meetings will be held on the second Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at Town Hall. You are encouraged to attend these meetings.

January 11	July 12
February 08	August 9
March 08	September 13
April 12	October 11
May 10	November 8
June 14	December 13

RENTAL/BUSINESS LICENSE

Calendar Year 2018 Rental/Business Licenses renewal applications will be mailed mid-December. Licenses expire 12/31 and renewals are due on or before March 15, 2018. A 10% penalty per month applies after March 15th so please renew your license before penalty.

If you have any questions call Margaret Green, Business License Clerk, who is located within the Building Department, (843) 869-2505 ext 203.

RENTING YOUR EDISTO BEACH VACATION HOME?

An annual rental business license is required if you receive rental income from your property. The license is required whether property is for rent by owner or if rented through a rental agency. Your agency does not automatically pay this fee for you, so please check with your agency or Town Hall to obtain an application.

Applications are based on the calendar year and expire December 31 each year.

Also, the Town collects a Local Accommodations Tax Fee for short term rentals; contact Town Hall for details.



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS



In observance of the Christmas Holidays, Town Hall will be closed Friday December 22nd, Monday, December 25th, and Tuesday December 26th. Also in observance of the New Year, Town Hall will be closed on Monday, January 1st. The Mayor and Council wish you safe and happy holidays! We look forward to serving you in the New Year.

In observance of Martin Luther King Day Town Hall will be closed on Monday, January 15th.

EDISTO RECIPES



CHOCOLATE CHRISTMAS MICE

- 8 oz chocolate candy coating
- 20 red maraschino cherries with stems
- 3 Tbsp blanched slivered almonds
- 20 milk chocolate candy kisses, unwrapped
- Small red decorating candies (optional)

Melt chocolate coating in microwave until warm and melted. Stir well until smooth and free of lumps. Dry cherries well with paper towels and dip in chocolate leaving stem out for tail. Attach chocolate kiss on side opposite tail with pointed side out. Stick two slivered almonds between kiss and cherry for ears. Red candies are for eyes and nose. Let set till chocolate coating is firm. Enjoy!

MINUTES
November 9, 2017
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M.

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 present in the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation.

Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Council Meeting Minutes, October 12, 2017 – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2017 regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilman Moore and approved unanimously.

B. Special Council Meeting Minutes, October 31, 2017 – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the minutes from the special Council meeting held October 31, 2017 seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and unanimously approved.

Proclamations and Presentations

A. Strom Thurmond Award Recognition – The Strom Thurmond Awards for Excellence in Law Enforcement were established by the late Senator Strom Thurmond in 1983 to recognize one South Carolina law enforcement officer annually from each of four categories – city, county, state and federal. Mayor Darby congratulated Police Chief George Brothers who was presented this prestigious award on November 3, 2017.

Mayor Darby read a letter commending Officer Morris for her professionalism in dealing with someone who locked his keys in his vehicle and congratulated Chief Brothers on his hiring and training practices.

Chief Brothers was also recently awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers' Association.

Old Business

A. Second 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 Carts" - Over the past year the Police Department has been tasked with enforcing golf cart regulations and dealing with numerous

complaints. In addition to the State Code which regulates golf cart usage, this ordinance would further regulate golf cart operations. The changes include 1) everyone must be in a seat and the driver cannot hold a baby/child, 2) all golf carts must be registered which requires proof of ownership or long-term rental to obtain a permit, and 3) requires rental agencies ensure that golf carts can be legally operated from the renter's location and make state law a part of the contract for rental. Councilman Moore moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2017-26, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and approved unanimously.

B. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2017-29 to Amend the FY 2017-18 Budget – This ordinance amends the budget increasing emergency funds (10-4100-9235) by \$250,000 from prior year funds to pay for Hurricane Irma damages and \$180,000 from prior year funds to purchase a portion of 3708 Village Court. Councilman Moore moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2017-29, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and approved unanimously.

C. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2017-32 to Amend Sections 14-71 (i) (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), and 14-113 and enact 14-71 (i) (7) of the Town of Edisto Beach Code of Ordinances – This ordinance amends Section 14-71 to allow the Town to inspect storage rooms of new or modified structures once a year. (This activity will gain an additional sixty Community Rating System [CRS] points.) The Ordinance also amends the definition of substantial damage as defined as damaged twice within ten years by 24%. (This activity will gain 15 CRS points.) Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2017-32, seconded by Councilman Kizer. Councilwoman Smyer asked Patrick Brown, Building Code Administrator, to clarify that the substantial damage statement would equal the 48% that is mentioned in other parts of the Ordinance. Mr. Brown said that was correct. Mayor Darby called for the vote and the motion was unanimously approved.

New Business

A. Oath of Office – Municipal Judge Tom Weeks administered the Oath of Office to Susan Hornsby and Patti Smyer.

B. Election of Mayor Pro Tempore – According to the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Edisto Beach: "At the first meeting of council following a

general election for town council, after the administration of the oath of office to new council member, there shall be elected by ballot from the town council, a mayor pro tempore, who shall serve for a term of two years or until his/her successor is elected." Councilman Crawford Moore was elected by ballot, 5 – 0, to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the Town of Edisto Beach. Mayor Darby thanked former Mayor Pro Tem Susan Hornsby for her diligence and service the past two years. Mayor Pro Tem Moore thanked Council for the opportunity to serve the Town.

C. 2018 Goal Setting Retreat – Councilman Kizer moved to approve holding the 2018 Goal Setting retreat on February 20, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers at Town Hall. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Mayor Darby reminded Councilmembers to submit topics for the agenda well in advance of the February meeting date.

D. 2018 Meetings and Holidays Schedule – Councilwoman Hornsby moved to approve the 2018 Meetings and Holidays schedule, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moore. Councilwoman Smyer suggested moving the November worksession, since it conflicts with Election Day to Monday, November 5, 2018. Mayor Darby called for the vote and the motion was unanimously approved.

E. Town staff use of Town-owned facilities – Councilwoman Hornsby moved to approve the use of town-owned and town- managed facilities at no cost to employees for functions such as a staff retirement party, staff milestone birthday, celebration of life for a family member, etc., with Administrative approval as long as the venue is not rented. The employee would be responsible for paying cleaning fees and securing proper insurance. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

F. Special Event Application, Edisto United – Annual Oysters & BBQ Fundraiser – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the Special Event Application from Edisto United to hold their Annual Oysters & BBQ Fundraiser on December 2, 2017 at Bay Creek Park from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. and waive park fees. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

G. Special Event Application, Town of Edisto Beach – Holiday Market & Mingle – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the application from the Town of Edisto Beach to hold the Holiday Market & Mingle on Friday, December

8, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and waive park fees. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

H. American Red Cross Blood Drive 2018 – Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve the request from Jeanine Rhodes to hold the 2018 Edisto Beach Community Blood Drives to be held from 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on the following dates: January 23, May 22, July 17 and October 23 at the Civic Center and waive rental fees. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

I. Water Improvement Project Update – Town Administrator Iris Hill updated Council on the Water Improvement Project. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached to these minutes.

J. Myrtle Street Water Improvement Project Update – Town Administrator Iris Hill updated Council on the Myrtle Street Water Improvement Project. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached to these minutes.

K. DHEC Jurisdictional Line Update – Administrator Hill updated those present on the DHEC/OCRM Jurisdictional Line proposal. Mayor Darby, Councilmembers and Administrator Hill recently attended the South Carolina Beach Advocates Conference and received additional information. The statement issued by DHEC on November 3, 2017 is attached to these minutes. Councilwoman Smyer reminded those in attendance to send comments in now and not wait because the comment period has been extended.

L. Agreement between the Town of Edisto Beach and Ashley Hudson Scott – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the agreement between the Town of Edisto Beach and Ashley Hudson Scott at a cost of \$200.00 per case for indigent defense. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

M. Special Event Application, Edisto Chamber of Commerce – Edisto Christmas Parade – Councilwoman Hornsby moved to approve the special event application from the Edisto Chamber to hold the Edisto Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 9, 2017 starting at 2:00 p.m. Lineup will be at 1:00 p.m. and the parade will begin at the 600 block of Palmetto Boulevard and end at the Bi Lo parking lot. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Committee Vacancies

A. TIDE Committee – 2 vacancies – The terms of Charlie Boozer and Mickey Van Metre expire on December 12, 2017. Applications were received from Charlie Boozer, Mickey Van Metre and Pat Kostell. Mickey Van Metre and Pat Kostell were elected to serve four-year terms.

B. Beachfront Management Committee – 1 vacancy – The term of Bill Davies expires on December 12, 2017. Applications were received from Bill Davies, Dallas Lovelace and Bob Ringer. Bill Davies was elected to serve a second four-year term on the Beachfront Management Committee.

C. Water and Sewer Committee – 1 vacancy - The term of Bob Sandifer expires on December 31, 2017. Mr. Sandifer is eligible to serve a second term and submitted an application. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the application of Bob Sandifer, seconded by Councilman Kizer and approved unanimously.

Accommodations Tax Advisory Board

A. Edisto Chamber of Commerce – Off Season Marketing and Advertising 2017/2018 – The Chamber of Commerce has requested \$50,000 for off season marketing and advertising for both the 6-hour drive market and the expanded drive market. The balance of the ATAX fund is \$102,821.61. Councilman Kizer moved to approve the ATAX Board’s unanimously recommendation to award the Chamber the full amount requested, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moore and unanimously approved.

Planning Commission

A. Fence Ordinance – The Planning Commission reviewed the current ordinances after a complaint regarding a very high fence and decided one instance did not justify changing the ordinance. Councilwoman Hornsby moved to have Council direct the Planning Commission to develop a fence ordinance based on recommendations that Council members will submit to Administrator Hill. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Departmental Reports and Committee Updates

Administration

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

	Received	Spent
General Fund	44.00%	29.24%
Water Fund	21.89%	46.71%
Wastewater Fund	23.01%	24.69%

	Sept 2017	Oct 2017
Facebook likes	9,614	9,849
FOIA requests	1	6

One FOIA request was received from each of the following: Jeanine Rhodes, Michelle Vulles, David Cannon, Heather Hiott, Dale Mann and Jimmy King.

Building

Patrick Brown, Building Code Administrator, gave the report for October 2017.

	Oct-16	Oct-17	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees New	\$5,515	\$5,277	\$10,427
Construction Permits	0	0	1
Other Permits	29	35	76
Permit Fees	\$3,122	\$3,588	\$11,016
Inspections	7	53	273
Bay Creek Park	\$0	\$2,107	\$6,532

Fire

Fire Chief Denney Conley gave the report for October 2017.

Calls	Oct-16	Oct-17	YTD
Medical	15	6	99
Fire-related	15	9	57
EMS/Misc	30	62	315
Beach Wheel Chairs	1	5	56
Water Rescue	3	0	3
Welfare Checks	16	32	111

Police

Police Chief George Brothers gave the report for the month ending October 31, 2017.

	Oct -16	Oct -17	YTD
Miles Patrolled	9,033	9,383	39,563
Incidents & Calls for Service	184	121	7702
Calls for 2 or More Officers	23	38	150
Property Checks	892	914	3,195
Alarm Calls	19	18	101
Town Parking Tickets	3	7	152
Animal Control	0	2	13
Assaults	0	0	5
Larcenies	2	0	3
Burglaries	0	0	0
CDV Arrest	0	0	0

Utilities

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

	Oct-16	Oct-17	YTD
Pumped MG Water Treated		10.24	56.83
MG Wastewater		4.86	28.19
Water Line Repairs		8	25
Work Order Repairs		26	122

Lift Station B is now operational. Meter readings are underway for the December billing.

Public Works

Public Works Director Bob Doub gave the report for the month ending October 31, 2017.

	Oct-16	Oct-17	YTD
Mowed Acres			42
Cleaned Ditches		ft	0ft
Roll Carts Delivered		6	34

Volunteers from Warren Wilson College painted the fence in front of the Town Hall complex.

Chamber of Commerce

Lisa Harrell, Chamber Director, gave the report for October 2017.

- On Monday, November 13, 2017, the Art Guild will sponsor "From Hummers to Herons" showcasing the works of Susan Roberts.

- On November 16, 2017 New First Missionary Baptist Church will have a program sponsored by the Edisto Museum featuring Mary Eliot, the curator for the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture.
- On November 18 a musical concert and reception will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church featuring Baker and Barnett.
- On November 19 from 2:30 - 4:30 EIPA will hold their annual meeting at Sunnyside Plantation.
- On November 24, the Edisto Island Museum will hold their annual open house and sale from 10:00 - 4:00.
- Also on November 24, the Holiday Open House at Magpie and Co. will be held from 10:00 - 5:00.
- On November 25, With These Hands will hold the unveiling of the Giving Tree.
- Also on November 25, Flowers Seafood will hold its 5th Annual Oyster Roast from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.
- On November 28 the Edisto Beach Blood Drive will be held at the Civic Center.
- On November 29th Botany Bay will hold its Beach Sweep starting at 8:45 a.m.
- On November 30, Trinity Episcopal Church will host "An Edisto Christmas" with holiday entertaining and décor ideas, a Marketplace, silent auction and a luncheon reception. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased at With These Hands or by calling Candice Ellis. Proceeds will benefit the Home Mission Team and the Food Pantry.
- On December 2, 2017 Edisto United will hold its Oysters, Cocktails and BBQ at Bay Creek Park.
 - On December 3rd the Edisto Beach Baptist Church will sponsor the Community Chorus at 7:00 p.m. An additional performance will be held on Saturday, December 2 at 3:00 p.m.
- On December 8, 2017, the Town will host a Market & Mingle at Bay Creek Park from 12:00 - 7:00 p.m.

- On December 9th the Christmas Parade will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Palmetto Boulevard.
- Also on December 9th, the annual Edisto Auction will be held at Ella & Ollie's at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment Period

Charles Stewart of 1702 Myrtle Street addressed the drainage issues on Myrtle Street. He urged Council to go back to the DOT and have them revisit the design of the project. The water that collects in his yard is coming from Palmetto Boulevard. The placement of the pipe that DOT has proposed will not alleviate his flooding problem. Mr. Stewart suggested that DOT come up with a better plan.

Executive Session

No executive session was needed.

Adjournment

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

The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and location of the Council Meeting on Thursday, November 2, 2017.