

# The Edisto Beach Comber

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## MONTHLY MEETINGS

Council WkSess	07/08	10:00 am
Municipal Court	07/10	2:00 pm
Town Council	07/10	6:00 pm
PC WkSess	07/16	4:00 pm
ZBA Meeting	07/21	5:00 pm
Planning Comm	07/22	5:00 pm
Municipal Court	07/24	2:00 pm

## BICYCLE PATROL



## 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY HOLIDAY CLOSING

In observance of Independence Day, Town Hall will be closed on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.



An officer with the Town of Edisto Beach Police Department will be patrolling the streets on a mountain bike. The new patrol method will allow Officer Daniel Seyle to move around the beach quietly and more efficiently. Seyle will be able to access remote sections of the bike path and patrol festivals and special events more effectively.

The TREK mountain bike is made for law enforcement, with specific weight ratios and braking systems and is equipped with a lighting system for visibility. "They have to be really sturdy and well-built to stand up to the corrosive elements of our coastal environment," said Police Chief Bill Coffey. Coffey said he believes it will be easier for community members to approach an officer on a bike than it would be when the officer is in a vehicle. "Eliminating barriers to effective communication is an important part of police work," Coffey said. Officer Seyle is already receiving positive feedback from students and the community at large. Just before the end of the school year, Seyle conducted a bicycle safety class for students at Jane Edwards School and has plans to continue educating bike riders on the rules of the road and safe riding practices. Riding a bicycle is a great way to get around Edisto Beach and experience its sights, colors and sounds. It can also be hazardous for the rider who doesn't follow traffic laws and safe driving practices. Not stopping for stop signs and riding at night without proper lights and reflectors are especially dangerous for the rider.

## PROPOSED CHANGE TO ORDINANCE

The Town of Edisto Beach is proposing a change to the ordinance regulating irrigation of lawns within the Town limits. The Town would be divided into two (2) zones (Zone A and Zone B) with the dividing line being Lybrand Street. The zone north of Lybrand to Hwy 174 (Zone A) will be allowed to irrigate lawns on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week from the hours of 1:00 am to 9:00 am. The zone south of Lybrand to Yacht Club/Dock Site Roads (Zone B) will be allowed to irrigate lawns on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday each week from the hours of 1:00 am to 9:00 am.

Officer Seyle will be addressing these issues and others with the intent of fostering a safer environment for our visitors and residents.

Funding for the program is being provided through Accommodations Tax revenues.

## **EDISTO RECIPES**



### **Strawberry Spinach Salad**

2 Tbsp sesame seeds  
1 Tbsp poppy seeds  
½ cup sugar  
½ cup olive oil  
¼ cup distilled white vinegar  
¼ tsp paprika  
¼ tsp Worcestershire sauce  
1 Tbsp minced onion  
10 oz fresh spinach torn into bite size pieces  
1 qt strawberries hulled and sliced  
¼ cup slivered almonds

Whisk together all ingredients except spinach, strawberries and almonds. Cover and chill for one hour. In a large bowl, combine spinach, strawberries and almonds and pour dressing over and toss. Refrigerate 10 to 15 minutes before serving. Enjoy!

## **MINUTES** **May 8, 2014** **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING** **6:00 P.M.**

Present: Burley L. Lyons, Mayor, Jane S. Darby, Mayor Pro Tempore, Pete Anderson, Susan Hornsby and Patti Smyer, Council Members; *Quorum of Council Present.*

Mayor Lyons welcomed guests and thanked all who served the Town of Edisto Beach.

Council Session opened with a word of prayer by Mayor Lyons, who also led those present in the *Pledge of Allegiance.*

### **Approval of Minutes**

Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2014. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## **Proclamations and Presentations**

**A. Service Award** - Mayor Lyons presented Shirley Simmons, Court Clerk, with a twenty year service award and thanked her for her continued dedication and hard work.

**B. Starfish Award** - Mayor Lyons presented with thanks, a Starfish Award to Mary Ann Cumalander for her years of service on the Planning Commission.

**C. TIDE Beautification Award** - Cathy Price, TIDE Committee Chairperson, presented Jennie Smith of McConkey's with a Beautification Award for their on-going efforts to keep the exterior of the restaurant looking good.

## **Old Business**

**A. Second Reading of Ordinance 2014-R06 to Amend Section 82-139 of the Town's Code related to Sewer Rates** - Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the withdrawal of Ordinance 2014-06 to Amend 82-139 of the Town's Code related to sewer rates. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**B. Water and Sewer Committee Recommendations** - The Water and Sewer Committee met on April 11, 2014 to discuss the Capital Improvement Plan, Construction Fund and water supply, demand and quality issue on Edisto Beach. The Capital Improvement Plan and Construction Fund have been updated and are included in the FY2014-2015 budget. The recommended direction of the committee regarding water supply, demand and water quality is to provide the engineers with the limits of the project, i.e. capacity, demand, supply and water quality and let the engineers present a solution. Councilwoman Hornsby moved to approve the recommendation of the Water and Sewer Committee. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**C. Solid Waste Management 66-78** - Mayor Lyons would like to have further discussion regarding the decision made last month to enforce the ordinance regarding removal of garbage cans. Mayor Lyons appointed Town Administrator Iris Hill, Councilwoman Hornsby, Councilwoman Smyer, Ted King and Tom Kapp to look into the issue further. Councilwoman Darby moved to accept the nominations to the Solid Waste Committee. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**D. Second Reading of Ordinance 2014-11 to Amend Section 86-3 of the Town's Code**

**of Ordinances to Add the Definition of "Retail Business Establishment" and Amend Section 86-141(b)(2) to Read "Retail Business Establishment"** - Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the second reading of the above listed ordinance. "Retail Business Establishment" shall mean a business located in a building which involves the retail sale or rental of merchandise, provided that open air markets and flea markets shall be specifically excluded from this definition and shall not be deemed or interpreted to be retail business establishments." The Planning Commission unanimously denied approval. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

**A. Resolution 2014-R12 to Authorize the Establishment of a Marine Response Team** - Councilman Anderson moved to approve Resolution 2014-R12 authorizing the establishment of a marine response team. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**B. Resolution 2014-R13 Opposing Seismic Air-Gun Testing in the Atlantic Ocean** - Councilman Anderson moved to approve Resolution 2014-R13 opposing seismic air gun testing for oil exploration because of its environmental impacts and structural impacts. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**C. First Reading of Ordinance 2014-14 to Adopt the Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015** - Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2014-14 with a tax levy of 20.23 mills. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion. Councilwoman Darby asked Dan Carter, Executive Director of the Edisto Island Chamber of Commerce if the changes had been made to the Chamber budget. Mr. Carter replied that he had but had not sent the revised budget to Council since he was waiting to see if Council wanted further changes, but that the allocation numbers were unchanged. Mayor Lyons called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

**D. Special Council Meeting May 14, 2014 to Review Zoning Ordinance Revisions** - Councilwoman Darby moved to delay the Special Council Meeting of May 14, 2014. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**E. Special Meeting May 20, 2014 to discuss strategies for beach nourishment** -

Councilwoman Darby made a motion to hold a meeting with Council, Coastal Science Engineering and the Army Corps of Engineers at 1:00 p.m. on May 20, 2014 to discuss strategies for beach nourishment. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**F. Zoning Ordinance Revision Schedule** - Councilwoman Darby moved to leave flexibility in the Zoning Ordinance Revision schedule, and to tentatively have Council review it in August 2014. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**G. Capital Project Sales Tax Update** - Bill Houston, CPST Committee Member, updated Council at the Worksession on the Capital Project Sales Tax project ranking. The Committee had thirty-five projects that were ranked according to a scoring criteria that gave points for things such as how many projects an entity submitted and readiness. Of the 35 eligible projects, Edisto Beach renourishment was the highest rated.

**H. Budget Adjustments** - Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the transfer of \$1,200.00 from the Building Department, GIS to the Building Department, Meetings and Trainings. The purchase of new code books was required and not anticipated and was paid from meeting and trainings. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**I. Expenditure Requests**  
**a. Bay Creek Park Stage Funding** - Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve an additional \$3,900.00 from the General Fund Contingency for the stage engineering and design. \$14,000 was approved in the six month budget adjustment and the proposal received is \$17,900. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**b. Convenience Station Canopy Funding** - Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve \$1,000.00 from the general fund under the garbage contract to replace the canopy over the oil recycling area as it is in disrepair. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**J. Debt Management Policy** - Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the Debt Management Policy that is part of the new bond rating criteria for Standard and Poor's and is recommended by the Government Finance Officers' Association. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**K. Resolution 2014-R15 to Support Dredging the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway** – Councilman Anderson moved to approve Resolution 2014-R15 in support of dredging the Atlantic Intracoastal waterway. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**L. Resolution 2014-R16 Supporting Proposed Myrtle Street Drainage Project** – Councilwoman Hornsby moved to approve Resolution 2014-R16 in support of the Myrtle Street Drainage project. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**M. 2905 Lee Street Drainage Project** – Councilwoman Hornsby moved to approve the Lee Street drainage project and use perforated pipe, have a way to clean out the pipe, and have a maximum cost to the Town of \$2487.50, to be taken out of the Alcohol Permitting Fund. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**Planning Commission**

**A. 141 and 143 Jungle Road – Marie C. Bost and Jerome W. Kizer - Lot Line Abandonment** – Marie C. Bost and Jerome W. Kizer made an application with the Planning Commission to adjust the lot line between Lot T and Lot U, Block 1, which is in the C-3 District. This adjustment would allow room for an existing driveway, which currently encroaches onto Lot T. This item was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission. Councilman Anderson moved to approve the application. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Committee Vacancies**

**A. ATAX Board vacancies** – Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the posting of two vacancies for the Accommodations Tax Board. Lisa White’s (Hospitality) and Iddy Andrews’ (At-Large) terms expire on August 1, 2014. Iddy Andrews is eligible to serve another term. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**Accommodations Tax Board**

**A. The Edisto Beach Music and Shag Fest – Chamber of Commerce - \$5,500** – Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the ATAX Board’s recommendation to approve \$5,500 in ATAX funds for advertising and promotion of the Edisto Beach Music and Shag Fest to be held August 29 and 30, 2014. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**B. Bell Property Annual Bond Debt – Town of Edisto Beach - \$50,000** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the ATAX Board’s recommendation to approve \$50,000 in ATAX funds to pay interest on the Bell Property Bond Debt. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**C. Highway 174 Litter Removal – Town of Edisto Beach - \$17,700** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve up to \$15,000 from the Hospitality Fund for the removal of litter on Highway 174. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**D. Edisto Island Open Land Trust – Tomato Open - \$2,500** – Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the ATAX Board’s recommendation to approve the application of the Edisto Island Open Land Trust for \$2,500 in ATAX funds for advertising and marketing of the Tomato Open Golf Tournament and Auction to be held June 20 and 21, 2014. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Departmental Reports and Committee Updates**

Administration

Iris Hill, Town Administrator, gave the financial report for April 2014. Administrator Hill reminded those in attendance of the Hurricane Education Presentation at Town Hall on May 14, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	83.86%	80.96%
Water Fund	75.47%	70.08%
Wastewater Fund	75.65%	68.53%

Building Department

Patrick Brown, Building Codes Official, gave the building report for April 2014.

	Apr -13	Apr- 14	YTD
Bus/Rental License Fees	\$21,850	\$31,331	\$256,257
New Construction Permits	1	1	10
Other Permits	47	34	236
Permit Fees	\$6,937	\$6,470	\$50,852
Inspections	67	52	524
Bay Creek Park	\$815	\$645	\$7,600

Police Department

Assistant Police Chief George Brothers gave the police department report for April 2014.

	April - 13	April - 14	YTD
Citations	33	57	347
Speeding	24	30	278
Warnings	170	90	730
Alarm Calls	14	21	191
Calls for 2 or More Officers	10	30	125
Miles Patrolled	8,050	7,193	80,948
Assaults	0	3	9
Larcenies	7	8	50
Burglaries	0	0	4
Incidents & Calls for Service	115	161	957
Golf Cart Violations	0	0	4
Domestic Violence Calls	0	0	0
Property Checks	1,999	2,144	27,267
Open Container	0	3	4
D.U.I.	0	0	0
CDV Arrest	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	1	3	10
Animal Control Call		2	20

Fire Department

Billy Callahan gave the fire department report for April 2014.

Calls	Apr- 13	Apr- 14	YTD
Medical	21	19	229
Fire-related	5	10	55
Public Assistance/Misc	42	45	453
Beach Wheel Chairs	5	2	82

Mr. Callahan reminded everyone of the Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Department Fish Fry on May 24, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Lions Club. Adult plates are \$12.00 and children’s plates are \$5.00. Volunteers are needed for the afternoon shifts. The Marine Rapid Response Team has a bid out for the boat and trailer. There are several new applicants for the Volunteer Fire Department, and one new part time fire fighter, Shane Weber.

Utilities Department

Bob Doub, Utilities Director, gave the utilities department report for April 2014.

	Apr- 13	Apr- 14	YTD
Pumped MG Water Treated	12.80	13.247	148.03
Wastewater MG	4.11	3.60	40.75
Water Line Repairs	9	5	36
Work Orders	102	101	1060

The Utilities Department has been reading meters in preparation of the June 1, 2014 billing. Jimmy Mellersten and Patrick Zemp took and passed their D Wastewater Collection and Distribution exam and received their licenses. Patrick Zemp and Joe Rafalowski passed their Biological Wastewater Treatment Level D exam. Jud Davis, Quinn McCollum and Joe Rafalowski took their D Wastewater Collection Distribution exam on May 8, 2014.

Public Works

Public Works Director Bob Doub gave the April 2014 report.

	Apr- 13	April - 14	YTD
Mowed Acres	63	48.4	410.4
Cleaned Ditches		13,275 feet	69,548 feet
Roll Carts	2.0		
Delivered	10	8	73

The Public Works Department has been busy edging sidewalks and curbs on Palmetto Boulevard, cleaning beach accesses, parks and bike paths. South Carolina Department of Transportation has run into some problems with the paving of the 400 block of Palmetto Boulevard. The three-week time frame for the completion of the project is now up in the air.

Chamber of Commerce

Dan Carter, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, gave the report for April 2014.

- The Chamber is working on a destination weddings brochure.
- Mr. Carter will be at the Hardeeville welcome center on May 9<sup>th</sup> for a “Tourism Week” special event.
- A photographer from the United Kingdom will be at Edisto on May 14<sup>th</sup>
- The Art Guild Spring Show and Sale has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Edistonian.

- The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Raft Race will be held May 17<sup>th</sup> on Big Bay Creek from Live Oak Landing to Pressleys at the Marina
- The Blood Drive will be on May 20<sup>th</sup>
- May 23 – 24 is the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Edisto Beach Offshore Challenge
- May 18<sup>th</sup> is the Legacy Live Oak Dedication and Conservation Celebration at 2:00 p.m.
- Wine and Sign will be held at the Edisto Bookstore on May 24<sup>th</sup> and on May 31<sup>st</sup> from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- At the 5k run, there were 191 total registrants, 83% of whom were from South Carolina (not Edisto) 84.3% of participants spent the night and 52.9% visited Edisto for the race.

### **Public Comment Period**

Bob Sandifer addressed Council concerning the Planning Commission proposed revisions for zoning, land development and planning chapters. He asked that the public comments for the revisions be adjusted to allow more time since Council had delayed the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Jeanine Rhodes addressed Council, thanking everyone for their continued support of the Blood Drive. She told those in attendance that since she started the Blood Drive four years ago, Edisto Beach had received four awards. She complimented those who volunteer their time to help organize. Ms. Rhodes asked Council to consider asking volunteers to help with the cleanup of Highway 174 instead of spending \$15,000. It is her opinion that if someone is willing to organize the cleanup, volunteers would get the cleanup done in a timely manner. Ms. Rhodes referenced the budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 and questioned why the Town would buy a \$16,000 artificial Christmas tree for Bay Creek Park. She suggested planting a tree instead.

Ida Tipton asked Council if the revisions would affect the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting schedule. Patrick Brown said it would not. Mr. Brown stated that the revisions were on the Town website for anyone who was interested.

### **Adjournment**

Councilwoman Darby moved to go into Executive Session. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Councilwoman Darby moved to exit Executive Session. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Councilman Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Hornsby and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

*The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and place of the Council Meeting on Friday, May 2, 2014.*