

MINUTES  
July 9, 2014  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
6:00 P.M.

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Town of Edisto Beach  
Town Hall  
2414 Murray Street  
Edisto Beach, SC 29438

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 Councilwoman Hornsby, who also led those present in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

**Approval of Minutes**

Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2014 and the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2014. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Proclamations and Presentations**

**A. Starfish Awards** – Mayor Lyons recognized Iddy Andrews and Lisa White for their service on the ATAX Board. Mayor Lyons presented Town Administrator Iris Hill a Starfish Award for her hard work in improving the Standard and Poors rating from an A+ to a AA+. Mayor Lyons also informed those in attendance that Administrator Hill, as a member of the International City and County Management Association, has been recognized for her achievements with 25 years of service.

**Old Business**

**A.** Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2014-17 to Amend 82-62A restricting irrigation to the hours of 1 a.m. to 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday by Zone. Rain sensors would be required on systems that are compatible with rain sensors. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**New Business/Appearances**

A. Councilwoman Hornsby moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for the provision of secure detention services with the Department of Juvenile Justice Detention Center for fiscal year 2014-2015. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the emergency purchase of a replacement air conditioner for the enclosure at Well 4 at a cost of \$7,610 from the Water R & R Fund. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

C. Councilman Anderson moved to approve the Town's non-financial support of the multi-agency lawsuit aimed at halting the implementation of Senate Bill 1284 regarding school board district reapportionment legislation authored by SC Senator Clementa Pinckney. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

D. Councilwoman Hornsby moved to approve \$5,000 to be transferred from the contingency fund for the Town of Edisto Beach to be a Premier sponsor for the Edisto Beach Music and Shag Fest. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion. Councilwoman Darby asked Mr. Darrin Moore, event coordinator, whether any other sponsors had been secured at this financial level. Mr. Moore said that he had been in touch with Bi-Lo on the corporate level, but had not gotten a commitment from them. Mayor Lyons asked Dan Carter, Executive Director of the Edisto Chamber of Commerce, if ATAX funds had already been appropriated for the Shag Fest. Mr. Carter said that the funds had been approved in the amount of \$5,500, but are only eligible to be used for marketing and advertising of the event. The motion carried 3 – 2 with Councilwoman Darby and Councilwoman Smyer dissenting.

### **Planning Commission**

Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2014-18 to Amend Section 86-135 and 86-142 to Establish "public parks" as a Permitted Use in the R-1 District and PB Zoning Districts and Repeal Ordinance No. 09-04 to Eliminate from Article IV of Division 2 of Chapter 86 "Governmental Owned or Operated Parks and Open Air Markets Situated Thereon and Government Owned or Operated Open Space" as Permitted Uses in All Districts. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **Committee Vacancies**

A. Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the advertising of three vacancies on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### **Departmental Reports and Committee Updates**

#### **Administration**

The June 2013 financial report was given by Town Administrator Iris Hill.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	98.54%	94.63%

Water Fund	86.96%	81.70%
Wastewater Fund	89.45%	79.81%

Administrator Hill thanked Council for her Starfish Award and for giving her the opportunity to serve the Town of Edisto Beach.

Building

Patrick Brown, Building Official, gave the report for June 2014.

	June-13	June-14	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$4,592.28	\$5,227.68	\$265,355.60
New Construction Permits	0	0	10
Other Permits	29	22	390
Permit Fees	\$2,055.	\$5,392.00	\$52,626.50
Inspections	43	64	630
Bay Creek Park	\$830.00	2,455.00	\$10,645.00

Fire

Chief Conley gave the report for June 2014.

Calls	June-13	June-14	YTD
Medical	31	44	147
Fire-related	3	3	25
Public Assistance	4	8	30
Beach Wheel Chairs	25	26	59

Fire Engineer Del Dennis completed the State Fire Marshall Training. The Rapid Response water craft has been launched.

Police

Police Chief Bill Coffey gave the report for June 2014.

	June-13	June-14	YTD
Citations	84	72	458
Speeding	75	51	355
Warnings	202	140	977
Alarm Calls	23	14	225
Calls for 2 or More Officers	11	25	165
Miles Patrolled	9,698	9,648	100,612
Assaults	0	6	15
Larcenies	7	14	67
Burglaries	1	4	15
Incidents & Calls for Service	182	153	1,267

Golf Cart Violations	1	4	8	
Domestic Violence Calls	0	0	0	
Property Checks	2,402	1909	30,857	
Open Container	2	2	6	
D.U.I.	0	0	1	
CDV Arrest	0	0	0	Chief Coffey
Disorderly Conduct	0	1	11	announced that the Police

Department currently has one vacancy. Trish Hassler resigned to take a position in North Charleston. Chief Coffey reported that the Bike Patrol was going well and that Officer Seyle was able to access areas that have been hard to police previously. Chief Coffey expressed a desire to expand the bike patrol in the future.

Utilities

	June-13	June-14	YTD
Pumped MG Water	20.84	24.35	191.39
Treated MG Wastewater	5.62	6.1	57.77
Water Line Repairs	9	3	41
Work Order Repairs	85	172	1,311

Mr. Doub received a price from Layne Atlantic for the possible replacement of the Lions Club well (abandoning that well and putting an 8-inch well in its place.) For the well itself, the price would be approximately \$160,000. The output in gallons per minute would be between 200,000 and 300,000. Councilwoman Darby asked what the other costs would be and Mr. Doub replied he estimates an additional \$150,000. Councilwoman Hornsby asked how the Lee Street drainage ditch was. Mr. Doub said that it was finished and the perforated pipe was working well. Councilwoman Hornsby suggested using perforated pipe in future projects.

Public Works

Bob Doub gave the report for June 2014.

	June -13	June -14	YTD
Mowed Acres	30	82	558
Cleaned Ditches	4 miles	3670ft	73,218 ft
Roll Carts Delivered	20	10	88

Chamber of Commerce

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

- On Tuesday, July 22, there will be a blood drive at the Baptist Church.

- On Thursday, July 17 the Edisto Historical Preservation Society starts a lecture series, the first of which will be held at Zion Episcopal Church.
- The Governor's Cup will be held July 23 – 26.

Councilwoman Darby suggested that the Water and Sewer Committee and Town Council meet to discuss information and decide on a direction on the water issue.

### **Public Comment Period**

David Cannon addressed Council asking for clarification on the extent of the renourishment. Mayor Lyons said that the plan that the Corps suggested is the plan the Town would be going with, because matching funds would not apply to anything done without the Corps approval. Administrator Hill said that the reality of adding groin lengthening to the permitting process is that the actual construction of the project will be based on whatever funds are available at the time. Administrator Hill said that the Corps would not participate in anything monetary unless it was the Corps plan. Mr. Cannon wanted to add what CSE had proposed, which would lengthen groins on the point. The Army Corps of Engineers did not select the plan with that option, however. Mr. Cannon said that he did not see the harm in having the Point included in the permitting process, with the actual construction of the project perhaps not including the Point. Councilwoman Darby asked if Mr. Cannon was only interested in having the groins included in the permit. Mr. Cannon replied that was correct. Councilwoman Smyer said that she did not see the harm in including the groins in the permit, just in case the funds become available. Councilwoman Hornsby asked Administrator Hill if she could give Council a figure on how much the permitting would cost before the July 22, 2014 meeting with CSE.

### **Adjournment**

Councilman Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

*The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and location of the Council Meeting on Tuesday, July 1, 2014.*

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL



Deborah Hargis, Municipal Clerk

August 14, 2014