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MONTHLY MEETINGS

TIDE Committee	08/01	10:00 am
ATAX Meeting	08/02	4:00 pm
Council WkSess	08/07	10:00 am
Municipal Court	08/09	2:00 pm
Council Meeting	08/09	6:00 pm
ZBA Meeting	08/13	5:00 pm
Plann WkSess	08/15	4:00 pm
Planning Comm	08/21	5:00 pm



CONSERVE WATER

Please be mindful that water is limited on Edisto Beach. Conserve! Water saving tips are listed below:

- When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing. Fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Water your lawn and garden in the morning or evening when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation.
- Collect water from roof to water plants.
- Install a rain sensor on irrigation controller so the system won't run while it's raining.
- Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and save 25 gallons a month.
- Use a hose nozzle to turn off water when washing your car or boat and save up to 100 gallons of water.

R/O WATER LIMITATION

This is a reminder that there is a **5 gallon a day** per family limit on water at the reverse

osmosis station from the 1st of July through Labor Day.

BEACH FRIENDLY WHEELCHAIRS



Beach friendly wheelchairs are available for use free of charge at the Edisto Beach Fire Department. Call 869-2506 or stop by the Fire Station at 2413 Murray Street to obtain a chair for the day.

AVOID HEAT EXHAUSTION 12 TIPS FOR STAYING COOL THIS SUMMER



- Be aware of the heat. Pay attention to it and modify your activities appropriately.
- Pay attention to your hydration status, and be sure to drink plenty of fluids.
- Try to stay in relatively cool areas, even when outside. Many public places such as libraries, shopping malls and movie theatres are air conditioned.
- Avoid hot enclosed places, such as cars. Never leave children or pets unattended in a car parked in the sun.
- Use a fan, if available.
- Stay on the lowest floor of your building.
- Eat well-balanced, light and regular meals.
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight and light-colored clothing.
- Cover windows that receive a significant amount of sun with drapes or shades to help keep your house cool.
- Weather stripping and proper insulation will keep cool air inside your home.

- Cool beverages are good for cooling down the body; however, alcoholic drinks can impair the body's ability to regulate its temperature.

HURRICANES – ARE YOU READY?



Hurricanes are severe tropical storms that form in the southern Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, Gulf of Mexico and in the eastern Pacific Ocean. People who live in hurricane prone communities should know their vulnerability, and what actions should be taken to reduce the effects of these devastating storms. The information in this article can be used to save lives at work, home, while on the road or on the water.

First of all you need to build an emergency kit. Some items to include in your kit are:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation.
- Food, at least a three day supply of non-perishable food.
- Battery powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- First aid kit.
- Whistle to signal for help.
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place.
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation.
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities.
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food).
- Local maps.

The next step should be to make a plan. Prepare your family, your business and plan to protect property.

Make a family emergency plan. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in case of an emergency.

Businesses have a critical role in preparedness. Putting a disaster plan in motion now will improve the likelihood that your company will survive and recover.

Hurricanes cause heavy rains that can cause extensive flood damage in coastal and inland areas. Everyone is at risk and should consider flood insurance protection. Flood insurance is the only way to financially protect your property or business from flood damage.

In addition to insurance, you need to:

- Cover all of your home's windows with pre-cut plywood or hurricane shutters to protect your windows from high winds.
- Plan to bring in all outdoor furniture, decorations, garbage cans and anything else that is not tied down.
- Keep all trees and shrubs well trimmed so they are more wind resistant.
- Turn off utilities as instructed. Otherwise, turn the refrigerator thermostat to its coldest setting and keep its doors closed.
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Install a generator for emergencies.
- Reinforce your garage doors; if wind enters a garage, it can cause dangerous and expensive structural damage.
- Ensure a supply of water for sanitary purposes such as cleaning and flushing toilets. Fill the bathtub and other large containers with water.
- Find out how to keep food safe during and after an emergency by visiting www.FoodSafety.gov.

Step 3 is to be informed. Hurricane hazards come in many forms: lightning, tornadoes, flooding, storm surge, high winds, even

landslides or mudslides can be triggered in mountainous regions. Look carefully at the safety actions associated with each type of hurricane hazard and prepare your family disaster plan accordingly. But since this is only a guide, the first and most important thing anyone should do when facing a hurricane threat is to use common sense.

Familiarize yourself with the terms that are used to identify a hurricane. A **hurricane watch** means a hurricane is possible in your area. Be prepared to evacuate and monitor your local radio and television news outlets for the latest developments. A **hurricane warning** is when a hurricane is expected in your area. If local authorities advise you to evacuate, leave immediately.

Hurricanes are classified into five categories based on their wind speed, central pressure and damage potential. Category three (3) and higher hurricanes are considered major hurricanes, though categories one (1) and two (2) are still extremely dangerous and warrant your full attention.

After preparing yourself and your family for possible emergencies, the next step to take is to get involved in preparing your community. We all have a role to play in keeping our hometowns secure from emergencies of all kinds.

BIKE SAFETY

(Section 56-5, SC Code of Laws)



PLEASE NOTE THAT STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT BIKES BE EQUIPPED WITH A HEADLAMP ON THE FRONT OF THE BIKE AND A REFLECTOR ON THE REAR OF THE BIKE WHEN BEING OPERATED AT NIGHT. RENTAL BIKES ARE NOT EQUIPPED WITH HEADLAMPS. BICYCLISTS CAN ONLY RIDE TWO ABREAST WHEN OPERATING ON ROADWAYS AND MUST OBEY ALL

TRAFFIC SIGNS AND LAWS. WITH MORE PEOPLE ON THE ROADS, THIS IS BECOMING A SAFETY ISSUE ON EDISTO BEACH AND IS DANGEROUS TO BOTH AUTOMOBILE OPERATORS AND BICYCLISTS. FOLLOW THE LAW. BE SAFE!

**MINUTES
JUNE 14, 2012
PUBLIC HEARING
5:30 P.M.**

Present: Burley L. Lyons, Mayor, Larry "Babe" Hutto, Mayor Pro Tempore, Pete Anderson, Jane S. Darby and Tommy Mann, Council Members; *Quorum of Council Present.*

There was a public hearing held to receive public comment on Ordinance #2012-16 to Adopt the Zoning Map of the Town of Edisto Beach, as Revised and Amended. This change reflects the Cabana as part of the PUD.

Signed in to Speak

Joe Flowers: Dr. Flowers stated that he owns a house at 2002 Palmetto Boulevard next to the Cabana. He has no problem with them selling food, but he thinks the Town should leave it zoned the way it is, so no changes can be made to the use of the property.

Bill Andrews: Mr. Andrews informed Council that he wanted to offer them a point of clarification as to what the Planning Commission went through when evaluating this item in their meeting. He stated that they looked through the whole process of how a PUD is defined. Different tracts have different uses assigned to them. It is his understanding that the Cabana would be a separate tract within the PUD, and it could be restricted to a certain use. The Cabana cannot continue to sell food while it is zoned R-1 as retail sales in R-1 is prohibited by Town Code. Councilman Mann added that the Town is violating their own ordinance by allowing Wyndham to sell food at the Cabana.

Councilman Hutto asked if Wyndham was selling the food to the public or only to guests of Wyndham. Eric Kneckstedt answered that

the food was only being sold to guests. Councilman Mann stated that he had purchased a sandwich at the Cabana, and he is not a guest or a property owner.

Bob Sandifer: Mr. Sandifer told Council that when you zone property as a PUD, you are zoning property for that use and you can change the use within the PUD as long as you follow all of the steps. When you rezone it as the PUD, you are allowing people to apply to build a multi-family structure in that location as long as they follow all of the steps outlined in the Town's ordinance.

Mayor Lyons asked Attorney Duffie if there is a way to limit the Cabana to the use it is being used for now. Attorney Duffie said that any permitted use within the PUD will be a permitted use if it is rezoned to the PUD.

Mike Hutto: Mr. Hutto asked Council if they would feel more comfortable if the property was deed restricted. He said they do not want to use the property for anything else than what it is being used for now, and that the property can only be accessed through a beach access, and someone cannot access a residence or condo from a beach access. Councilman Mann stated that was correct. They wouldn't have any problem deed restricting the property for recreational use only. Councilwoman Darby asked Mr. Hutto if they deferred this item tonight, would he get a deed restriction. He said yes.

Councilman Mann read the motion that was made in the April Council meeting regarding the sale of food at the Cabana. The motion was to approve the request submitted by Mr. Mike Hutto to re-establish food service at the beach cabana contingent upon the Planning Commission correcting the Town's Official Zoning Map because currently this area is shown as a residential district, and it should be part of the PUD, and this contingency will not delay the sale of food at the Cabana.

Eric Kneckstedt: Mr. Kneckstedt, the resort manager at Wyndham, stated that it was his impression that this was only a correction to the map. Administrator Hill stated that when Town staff went back and researched the minutes from when the PUD was established, they could not find anything specifying that

the Cabana was part of the PUD or was intended to be part of the PUD.

Mayor Lyons adjourned the public hearing at 5:54 p.m.

MINUTES
JUNE 14, 2012
COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M.

Present: Burley L. Lyons, Mayor, Larry "Babe" Hutto, Mayor Pro Tempore, Pete Anderson, Jane S. Darby and Tommy Mann, 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 Darby, who also led those present in the *Pledge of Allegiance.*

Councilwoman Darby moved to amend the Agenda to add an executive session for legal discussion. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Mann moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2012. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Proclamations and Presentations

Mayor Lyons presented Starfish Awards to John Kirven of the Edisto Beach Lion's Club for constructing benches for beach accesses and Meagan Chaplin for completion of the University of South Carolina's Institute of Departmental Management. Mayor Lyons recognized Darrin Moore for his service on the Planning Commission and Duane Bostic for replacing landscape timbers around trees at Town Hall and the addition of bench. Mr. Moore and Mr. Bostic were unable to attend the meeting to receive their awards.

Mayor Lyons told the audience that he had presented Chief Bill Coffey with a Starfish Award for applying for and receiving \$61,184 in grant funding from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety for 800 MHz radios and \$31,500 from the South Carolina

Department of Public Safety for a records improvement system and Raymond and Kelly Hyatt with a Starfish Award for assisting in the rescue of swimmers in jeopardy near the Pavilion on June 1, 2012 at Wednesday's work session.

Old Business

Approved: Scott Creek Committee Bylaws
Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the Scott Creek Committee Bylaws. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

New Business/Appearances

Approved: Budget Transfers
Councilman Mann moved to approve the budget transfers in various departments that required adjusting at year's end. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approved: Hospitality Funding of \$1,000 for building materials for benches
Councilwoman Darby moved to approve \$1,000 from the hospitality fund for building materials for the construction of benches at beach accesses. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approved: Hospitality Funding of \$2,500 for lifesaving rings to be placed at each beach access
Councilwoman Darby moved to approve \$2,500 from the hospitality fund for lifesaving rings to be placed at each beach access. Councilman Mann seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Alternate Council Representative for Colleton County Emergency Operations Center
Councilman Hutto moved to designate Councilwoman Darby as an alternate to serve as Council Representative for Colleton Emergency Operations Center. Councilman Mann seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Pre-storm evacuations
According to the Town of Edisto Beach Emergency Operations Plan, the policy group consists of the Mayor, Town Council and the

Town Administrator. This group's primary focus is development of the plan, public awareness, and directing and controlling a local response and recovery organization. Councilman Mann moved that the policy group would meet to determine the pre-storm evacuation "stop time" controlling the flow of traffic into the Town limits once an evacuation order has been issued on a case by case basis. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approved: Re-entry post-storm event
The Emergency Operations Plan currently states re-entry shall be phased and dependent upon actual conditions and severity of damage and is based on four levels of entry. Councilman Hutto moved to approve the current plan regarding re-entry after a storm event. Councilman Mann seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Tabled: Beach closures for unsafe surf conditions
Recently, Edisto Beach has experienced unsafe surf conditions from weather conditions that impacted the South Carolina coast. Typically, beach patrol has been used to notify swimmers of the risk; however, staff have been receiving questions from the public why the Town has not closed the beach when other local beaches have. Staff contacted other local beaches to determine their procedures for handling unsafe surf conditions. Staff recommends that ATAX funding be requested to purchase message boards to go at both ends of the beach. Councilman Mann moved that this item be tabled pending input from Council. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approved: Water/Sewer GIS Data
Councilman Mann moved that Town staff be permitted to enter into an agreement with the South Carolina Rural Water Association to GIS map both the Edisto Beach water and wastewater systems at a cost of \$7,575. This funding is included in the FY2012-13 budget. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approved: Special Council Meeting for final reading of Budget
Councilman Mann moved to approve a special meeting to be held on June 28, 2012 at 10:00

am to hear public comment and conduct the second reading of the FY2012-13 Budget Ordinance. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approved: South Carolina Department of Public Safety Grant for a Record Improvement System for the Police Department

Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the matching funds in the amount of \$3,500 and the acceptance of a South Carolina Department of Public Safety Grant for a Police Department Record Improvement System in the amount of \$31,500 and authorize the Mayor to sign said agreement. The matching funds are included in the 2012-13 budget. Councilman Mann seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approved: South Carolina Department of Public Safety Grant for 800 MHz Radios

Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the matching funds in the amount of \$6,798 and the acceptance of a South Carolina Department of Public Safety Grant for six Police Department 800 MHz radios in the amount of \$61,184 and authorize the Mayor to sign said agreement. These radios are necessary to achieve interoperability of equipment/technology with other law enforcement and emergency service providers. The matching funds are included in the 2012-13 budget. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Market Operations Vendor Conduct

Market Operations Vendor Conduct Item 7 states all products must be grown, harvested or crafted locally, no products will be of a resale nature and vendors must produce 100% of what they sell. These are restrictive and the Town has had applicants that want to sell t-shirts, etc. that may promote Edisto but were not produced 100% by the vendor. Councilman Hutto moved to leave Market Operations Vendor Conduct Item 7 as is. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Private/Public Partnership with Ocean Ridge Property Owners Association

The Ocean Ridge Property Owner's Association has approached the Town regarding funding a portion of a Police Officer position to conduct

additional patrols inside the Planned Unit Development. Councilman Mann moved that Mayor Lyons, Administrator Hill, Attorney Duffie, Chief Coffey and Jerry Zeller of the Ocean Ridge POA meet and negotiate the terms of an agreement and bring it back to Council in the July Council meeting for approval. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approved: Use of Fire Rescue Squad at PGA Tournament August 2012

The Professional Golf Association Tournament is being held on Kiawah Island August 9-12, 2012. They have contacted the Town requesting we provide the use of the Fire Rescue Squad and they will pay overtime and associated costs. Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the use of the Fire Rescue Squad to the Professional Golf Association during their tournament to be held at Kiawah Island August 9-12, 2012. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approved: Department of Juvenile Justice

Councilman Hutto moved to approve the memorandum of agreement with the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice for the provision to secure detention services for the fiscal year 2012-13 at \$50.00 per day for any juvenile housed at the detention facility. Councilman Mann seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Committee Vacancies

Scott Creek Committee

The Town has received applications from Andrew Albenesius, Al Gantt, Dean Habegger, Nancy Sandel and Bill Carlisle. The Bylaws state the committee will have five members. Council voted, and all applicants were selected to serve on the committee.

Approved: Accommodations Tax Advisory Board

Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the publishing of three upcoming vacancies on the Accommodations Tax Advisory Board: 1-hospitality; 1-art and culture; 1-hospitality/accommodations. Councilman Mann seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Planning Commission

**Approved: 101 Palmetto Boulevard-
Brabham Oil – Storage Room Expansion**

Mr. Carl Brown, contractor for Mitchell Construction and representative of Mr. Brab McCully, owner of Brabham Oil Company, made application to the Planning Commission to begin construction on the expansion of a storage room at the Horizon gas station located at 101 Palmetto Boulevard. This change does not affect the number of parking spaces required. The Planning Commission passed this item unanimously. Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the application submitted by Mr. Brown for the storage room expansion at 101 Palmetto Boulevard. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approved: First Reading of Ordinance #2012-16 to Adopt the Zoning Map of the Town of Edisto Beach as Revised and Amended

Corrections have been made to the Town’s Official Zoning Map. The Planning Commission reviewed and unanimously approved these corrections with a motion to have staff correct the Official PUD map to reflect the Cabana as part of the PUD. Councilman Mann moved to approve the first reading of ordinance #2012-16 with the following additions: 1. deed restrictions restricting the area where the Cabana is located at 2001 Baynard to current use and 2. the current open space/recreational area cannot be reduced. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Departmental Reports and Committee Updates

Administration

The finance report was presented by Iris Hill, Town Administrator for the month ending May 31, 2012.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	85.25 %	83.03 %
Water Fund	83.87 %	75.10 %
Wastewater Fund	66.99 %	69.42 %

Building Department Report

The Building Department report was presented by Patrick Brown, Building Official, for the month of May 2012.

	May-11	May-12	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$10,005	\$9,265	\$253,030
New Construction Permits	0	0	4
Other Permits	41	34	290
Permit Fees	\$4,165	\$3,046	\$34,913
Inspections	117	88	972

Fire Department

The Fire Department report for the month of May 2012 was given by Fire Chief Larry Waddle.

Calls	May-11	May-12	YTD
Medical	22	15	208
Fire-related	2	5	24
Public Assistance	13	31	162
Beach Wheel Chairs	8	3	65

Chief Waddle thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers regarding his daughter.

The Fire Department Fish Fry that was held on May 26, 2012 was a huge success. Chief Waddle thanked everyone who attended and volunteered to help. The event netted approximately \$6,000.00.

Police Department Report

The Police Department report was presented by Chief Coffey for the month of May 2012.

	May-11	May-12	YTD
Citations	28	37	171
Speeding	13	11	112
Warnings	88	129	919
Alarm Calls	28	21	190
Calls for 2 or More Officers	6	10	79
Miles Patrolled	11,171	9,093	86,889
Assaults	1	2	8
Larcenies	2	6	41
Burglaries	1	2	24

Incidents & Calls for Service	90	144	928
Golf Cart Violations	0	0	5
Domestic Violence Calls	0	0	1
Property Checks	1,523	932	13,424
Open Container		0	2
D.U.I.		0	1
CDV Arrest		0	1
Disorderly Conduct		0	1
Animal Control Call		0	1

Utilities Department

The Utilities Department report for the month of May 2012 was given by Bob Doub, the Utilities Director.

	May-11	May-12	YTD
Pumped Water	21.75 MG	21.33 MG	183.09 MG
Treated Wastewater	4.84 MG	4.22 MG	49.97 MG
Water Line Repairs	119	68	658
Work Order Repairs	98	141	1,331

The Utilities department completed reading meters the water billing on June 1, 2012.

Public Works

This report was presented by the Utilities Director, Bob Doub for the month of May 2012.

	May-11	May-12	YTD
Mowed Acres	31	31	330
Cleaned Ditches (miles)	0	4	47
Roll Carts Delivered	9	8	1122

The Public Works department has been replacing signs, filling in holes on the beach and placing the new benches at beach accesses.

Councilman Mann told Council and the audience about the letter the Town received from a lady who was staying on the beach regarding how helpful Mr. Doub had been to her and her family when they had a water leak. Councilman Mann stated that he wanted

to personally thank Mr. Doub for doing a great job.

The Edisto Chamber of Commerce report for the Month of May was given by Dan Carter.

Signed in to Speak

Bob Sandifer: Mr. Sandifer asked when the BP Barber study on water quality improvement would be available. He then told Council that when the Official Zoning Map issue was brought to the Planning Commission, it was presented as a revision, and they were told that the Cabana located at 2001 Baynard Street had always been part of PUD. Since there has been no evidence found showing that it has always been part of the PUD, there are certain procedures that need to be followed when making this change according to 86-144 sections 4(a)(3) and 4(f)(3).

Councilman Mann moved to go into executive session. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Darby moved to exit executive session. Councilman Man seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Councilman Mann moved to send the Official Zoning Map back to the Planning Commission for rezoning and correction of the Cabana as part of the PUD according to 86-144 and bring it back to Council as a separate tract to be restricted to current use within the PUD, and with deed restrictions. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Councilman Mann moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and place of the Council Meeting on Friday, June 8, 2012.