

The Edisto Beach Comber

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

TIDE Committee	12/31	10:00 am
Council WkSess	01/06	10:00 am
Municipal Court	01/08	2:00 pm
Town Council	01/08	6:00 pm
ZBA Meeting	01/12	5:00 pm
PC WkSess	01/21	4:00 pm
Plann Comm	01/27	5:00 pm

2015 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Unless otherwise posted, 2015 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 09	July 09
February 12	August 13
March 12	September 10
April 09	October 08
May 14	November 12
June 11	December 10

RENTAL/BUSINESS LICENSE

Calendar Year 2015 Rental/Business Licenses renewal applications have been mailed. Completed applications are due on or before March 15, 2015. A 10% penalty per month applies after March 15th so please renew your license before penalty.

If you have any questions call Pam Wike, Business License Clerk, (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 Wednesday, Dec. 24th, Thursday December 25th, and Friday, Dec. 26th. Also in observance of the New Year, Town Hall will be closed on Thursday January 1st. The Mayor and Council wish you safe and happy holidays! We look forward to serving you in the New Year.

EDISTO RECIPES

Black-Eyed Pea Gumbo



- 1 Tbsp Olive Oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 3 stalks celery, chopped
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 1 cup brown rice
- 4 (15 oz) cans black-eyed peas with liquid
- 1 (10 oz can diced tomatoes with green chilies
- 1 (14.5 oz) can diced tomatoes
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 2 cups chopped okra, fresh or frozen

Heat olive oil in large saucepan over medium heat and cook the onion, pepper, and celery until tender. Pour in the chicken stock and mix in all other ingredients. Bring to a boil, reduce to low heat and simmer 45 minutes or until rice is done. Enjoy!

MINUTES
November 13, 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. He specifically thanked Gloria Zeller and the Municipal Elections Commission for the excellent work conducting last week's election.

Council Session opened with the *Pledge of Allegiance* and a word of prayer by Councilman Anderson.

Approval of Minutes

Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from October 9, 2014. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Proclamations and Presentations

A. Starfish Awards

1. Patrick Brown – Building Official Patrick Brown received a Starfish Award for excellent customer service. Mr. Brown prepared hotdogs for the vendors at Bay Creek Park at the end of the season celebration.

2. Deborah Hargis – Municipal Clerk Deborah Hargis received a Starfish Award for excellent customer service. Ms. Hargis surveyed all the homes on Edisto Beach to determine which were rentals and which were not. She made a list of the rentals that only had one garbage can, ordered extra cans, stenciled the cans with the correct house numbers and had the cans delivered.

3. Betty Heaton – Administrative Assistant Betty Heaton received a Starfish Award for excellent customer service. Mrs. Heaton suggested the Town add "Cross traffic does not stop" at the intersection of Myrtle and Murray and Myrtle and Holmes, helping to keep both residents and visitors safe.

Old Business

A. Objectives on Water Quality and Capacity

– The Water and Sewer Committee is scheduled to meet November 18, 2014 to review the final version of the Progressive Design Build RFP. The

RFP is scheduled to be issued in January 2015. To ensure the Progressive Design Build document achieves Council's desired results, the Water and Sewer Committee requests Council provide a list of objectives regarding water quality and water capacity. Councilwoman Hornsby pointed out that this is the same plan that failed at referendum. Councilwoman Hornsby, Councilwoman Smyer and Councilwoman Darby suggested several modifications: 1) 20% overages as opposed to 40% overages 2) including all infrastructure in the utilities strategic plan 3) sequential phases from conception to completion with prices for each phase so the Town does not duplicate any building or services. Councilwoman Hornsby moved to send the Progressive Design Build to the Water and Sewer Committee with aforementioned list of things to be modified. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

New Business/Appearances

A. SCE&G Upgrade at Bay Creek Park – Patrick Brown gave Council an update on the SCE&G electrical upgrades. SCE&G has completed its work at the park to accommodate the upgrades requested by Council at Bay Creek Park.

B. 2015 Public Meetings and Holidays Schedule – Councilwoman Darby moved to accept the 2015 Public Meetings and Holidays schedule. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. Special Event Application, Edisto Chamber, Edisto Beach Christmas Parade – The 2014 Edisto Beach Christmas Parade will be held on December 13, 2014 from 2:00 – 3:30. The parade route is from Lybrand Street to the Horizon. The Christmas tree lighting will be held at Bay Creek Park and refreshments will be offered to the public. Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the application. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. Extension of Master Services Agreement with B.P. Barber (AECOM) – The Town of Edisto Beach entered into a Master Agreement with URS Corporation formerly known as B. P. Barber on July 8, 2010. The agreement was for a term of three years with an option to renew the agreement for two additional one year terms. Councilwoman Smyer moved to have the Mayor sign and execute the agreement extending the master service agreement with AECOM dated July 8, 2010 to November 13, 2015 and updating the

fee schedule. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

E. Extension of Master Services Agreement with American Engineering Consultants –

The Town of Edisto Beach entered into a Master Agreement with American Engineering on June 17, 2010. The agreement was for a term of three years with an option to renew the agreement for two additional one year terms. Councilwoman Darby moved to have the Mayor sign and execute the agreement extending the master service agreement with American Engineering Consultants dated June 17, 2010 to November 13, 2015. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

F. First Reading of Ordinance 2014-27 to Amend Section 18-53(m) To Extend the Expiration Date For the Regulations Governing Mobile Vending –

Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2014-27 to extend the sunset provision until December 31, 2015. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

G. Deer Population – Police Chief Bill Coffey updated Council on the deer issue on Edisto Beach. There is a concern over the number of deer inhabiting the beach. Chief Coffey has spoken with The Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Biologist assigned to our area, Dean Harrigal, who volunteered to come speak to Council and update them on possible options. Some of those options include: authorizing the Town to hunt the deer during the regular season, based on the number of deer in a particular location where they have become a nuisance; tranquilizing female deer and sterilizing them or administering a type of birth control, both of which are experimental and expensive. Culling the population by hunting would be the most effective short term solution. Mayor Lyons suggested Chief Coffey get in touch with Mr. Harrigal and have him come to the December Council workshop. Chief Coffey stated that there are no natural predators on Edisto and is unsure of the solution.

H. Civic Center – The Edisto Art Guild would like to use the Civic Center for various activities. Councilwoman Darby reported that Colleton County has asked the Town of Edisto Beach to manage the Civic Center. Councilwoman Darby moved that the Mayor and Town Administrator negotiate with Colleton County for terms favorable and agreeable with the Town of Edisto

Beach and report to Council at the December meeting. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

Committee Vacancies

A. Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals –

There are four vacancies on the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals. Bob Sandifer has already been appointed.

B. The Image and Design of Edisto (TIDE) Committee –

There are two vacancies on the TIDE Committee. Applications have been received from Mickey Van Metre and Charlie Boozer, Jr. They were both appointed by ballot and thanked for their willingness to serve.

C. Beachfront Management Committee –

There are two vacancies on the Beachfront Management Committee. Applications have been received from David Lybrand and Bruce Shaw. They were both appointed by ballot and thanked for their willingness to serve.

D. Water and Sewer Committee –

Request Council consideration and approval to advertise for one vacancy on the Water and Sewer Committee.

E. Beach Nourishment Fund Raising Committee –

Mayor Lyons met with Chamber Director Dan Carter and decided that securing approval and funding from the house and senate members in Washington is the only way to fund the beach renourishment project scheduled for 2016. Mayor Lyons has spoken to Mark Sanford about the project and Congressman Sanford has stated his support. Mayor Lyons has appointed a Fund Raising Committee that will be involved in the project through the renourishment in 2016 consisting of Councilwoman Darby, Councilwoman Smyer and Town Administrator Iris Hill. Mayor Lyons would like to have Congressman Sanford make a presentation to Council.

Departmental Reports and Committee Updates

Garbage Committee Update – Councilwoman Hornsby updated Council on the Garbage Committee. The Committee has met several times and has requested bids be submitted for the garbage can rollback service. None were received. Subsequently, several residents have expressed an interest in performing this service for homeowners. The Garbage Committee is waiting for those interested to submit prices.

TIDE Committee Update – Cathy Price updated Council on the TIDE Committee. Mrs. Price thanked Polly LaRosa and Tommy Sandel for their service on the TIDE Committee. She thanked Charlie Boozer and Mickey Van Metre for their willingness to serve. Mrs. Price also thanked Town Administrator Hill for her assistance on the causeway project. The Committee is working on having all the Beach Accesses adopted and challenged those in attendance to pick an access to take care of. Mrs. Price thanked Mickey Van Metre for his work on the articles in the Edisto News titled “The Edisto Gardener.” The TIDE Committee has volunteered to decorate the Christmas tree at Bay Creek Park. There will be an award presented by the TIDE Committee to the business on the beach with the best Christmas decorations.

Administration

Town Administrator Iris Hill gave the financial report for October 2014.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	30.71%	34.03%
Water Fund	21.48%	29.25%
Wastewater Fund	23.49%	31.82%

Administrator Hill reported that the issue with the ATAX funds that had been credited to the County instead of the Town had been resolved, resulting in an additional \$53,297.76 from the state.

Building

Building Codes Official Patrick Brown gave the report for October 2014.

	Oct-13	Oct-14	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$1,388	\$1,464	\$7897
New Construction Permits	2	0	3
Other Permits	32	26	79
Permit Fees	\$6,723	\$3,159	\$14,535
Inspections	59	21	194
Bay Creek Park	\$1,405	\$2,640	\$9,135

Fire

Fire Chief Denney Conley gave the report for the month ending October 31, 2014.

Calls	Oct-13	Oct-14	YTD
Medical	16	13	120
Fire-related	3	5	20
Public Assistance	19	19	232
Beach Wheel Chairs	7	5	60
Water Rescue		0	8

Chief Conley commended the volunteer response for the structure fire that occurred in October. Councilwoman Darby noted that she had been stuck in traffic during the fighting of the structure fire and wondered if there was any way to avoid the complete halt of vehicles in both directions. Chief Conley responded that the department was looking into several options to avoid this problem in the future. Chief Conley also commended the patience of those who were stuck in traffic during the fire.

Police

The October 2014 report was given by Chief Coffey.

	Oct-13	Oct-14	YTD
Citations	46	19	103
Speeding	36	12	52
Warnings	108	57	421
Alarm Calls	21	11	49
Calls for 2 or More Officers	16	7	44
Miles Patrolled	7,638	6,834	32,716
Assaults	0	2	6
Larcenies	3	3	30
Burglaries	0	0	2
Incidents & Calls for Service	79	119	518
Golf Cart Violations	0	2	11
Domestic Violence Calls	0	0	0
Property Checks	1,902	1,483	5,765
Open Container	-	0	7
D.U.I.	-	0	2
CDV Arrest	-	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	4	0	6

Chief Coffey reported that a new officer has been hired. Kenneth Dasen has worked for seventeen years in the City of Waltherboro and was acting chief there.

Utilities

Utilities Director Bob Doub gave the report for October 2014.

	Oct-13	Oct-14	YTD
Pumped MG Water Treated	16.86	12.10	77.47
Wastewater	4.59	3.77	21.71
Water Line Repairs	4	5	16
Work Order Repairs	62	81	445

The semi-annual meter readings have begun.

Public Works

Bob Doub, Public Works Director, gave the report for the month ending October 31, 2014.

	Oct-13	Oct-14	YTD
Mowed Acres	12.28	28	274
Cleaned Ditches	5,859ft	0ft	15,043ft
Roll Carts Delivered	5	9	52

The Public Works department installed 87 new street and informational signs and will begin installing new signs on Jungle Road in the next few weeks.

Chamber of Commerce

Dan Carter, Executive Director of the Edisto Chamber, gave the report for the month of October 2014.

- The Edisto Island Open Land Trust Oyster Roast will be November 16, 2014.
- There will be a blood drive on November 25, 2014 at the Edisto Beach Baptist Church in memory of Jerry Hart, a long-time blood drive volunteer.
- The Edisto Museum will hold its annual open house and sale on November 28, 2014.
- With These Hands Gallery will have a sale November 28, 29 and 30, 2014. In conjunction with the sale, there will be an opportunity to give back to the community by donating to the Edisto Elves.
- Edisto True Value will have Ladies' Night on November 29 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. A 10% discount will be available to ladies attending. Beverages and hors d'oeuvres will be served.
- Flowers' Seafood will have an oyster roast on November 29.

- The Christmas Choral Concert at the Edisto Beach Baptist Church will be held December 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
- Tickets for the home tour, which will be December 14, 2014, will go on sale the week of November 17th.

Public Comment Period

No one was signed in to speak.

Adjournment

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

The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and location of the meeting on Friday, November 7 2014.

