

The Edisto Beach Comber

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Council WkSess	07/09	10:00 am
Municipal Court	07/11	2:00 pm
Town Council	07/11	6:00 pm
ZBA Meeting	07/15	5:00 pm
PC WkSess	07/17	4:00 pm
Planning Comm	07/23	5:00 pm
Municipal Court	07/25	2:00 pm

GENERAL ELECTION

Please take notice that the Municipal Election Commission of the Town of Edisto Beach announces that the General Election for the Town of Edisto Beach will be held Tuesday, November 5, 2013. This election will be held for expiring terms for two (2) Council seats, Councilman Tommy Mann and Councilman Babe Hutto.

Candidates may be nominated by petition. A candidate's petition shall contain the signatures of at least five (5) percent of the qualified registered electors of the Town. The petition shall be filed with the Town Clerk by twelve (12) noon at least seventy-five (75) days prior to the date of the General Election, or August 22, 2013. At the same time a nomination petition is filed, a Statement of Economic Interest Form must also be filed with the Town Clerk.

The following forms are available at Town Hall: Petition, Statement of Economic Interest and the form for Campaign Disclosure.

The polling place for the General Election will be the Edisto Beach Town Hall, 2414 Murray Street. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 7:00 p.m. on November 5, 2013.

Every person offering to vote must be duly registered on the Books of Registration for Colleton County, South Carolina as an elector at the precinct of Edisto Beach and as a resident of the Town of Edisto Beach on or before thirty (30) days prior to the election, October 4, 2013.

CLASSIFIEDS

The Town of Edisto Beach is accepting applications for Utilities Department Operator Class "D"/Trainee or higher. Salary will be commensurate on licensure level. High School education or GED required. Plumbing or basic mechanical experience preferred. The trainee will receive on the job training. The trainee must attend a water or wastewater training class during the following 12 month period and must take and pass a "D" level exam. Employee must be able to obtain "D" license in both water and wastewater within 24 months of employment.

HOLIDAY CLOSING 4TH OF JULY



In observance of Independence Day, Town Hall will be closed on Thursday, July 4th.



WATER LOSS/LEAK DETECTION



Small continuous leaks from leaking faucets will waste large amounts of water. In addition, leaks in hot water lines will waste heat. Keep all valves and faucets tight. When a leak develops, replace faucet washers. If valves or faucets are damaged, replace faucet or valve assembly. Many gallons of water per month are lost due to leaks. A pinhole size leak in a pipe can use as much as 11,160 gallons per month. You can imagine how much water is lost if the leak is larger than pinhole size. Your help in leak detection will help us conserve water usage.

Responsibilities include daily operations of the water distribution, wastewater treatment and waste collections and distribution systems. Also, performs routine maintenance of water lines, meters, wells, sewer lines, sewer lift stations and wastewater treatment plant. Must be available for on-call and rotating weekends/holidays.

The Town of Edisto Beach offers a competitive salary and benefits package including paid health, dental and life insurance. The Town participates in the South Carolina Retirement Program. Send resume to Robert Doub, Utilities Director, Town of Edisto Beach, 2414 Murray Street, Edisto Beach, SC 29438. An application and job description is available online at www.townofedistobeach.com. Preference will be given to Edisto Beach or Island residents.

TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH **GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS** **2012-2013**

Policy Actions 2012-2013

- Enacted distracted driver policy
- Established Burley L. Lyons Park rules
- Enacted fund balance policy
- Revised Sign Ordinance
- Added yard sale language to the code
- Partnered with Ocean Ridge for security which funded 50% of police officer position on Edisto Beach
- Met with Sheriff Strickland to discuss Edisto issues
- Attended and graduated from Elected Officials Institute
- Hosted Colleton Legislative Delegation Meeting
- Adopted law enforcement agreement with Colleton County
- Adopted Capital Improvement Plan for the Construction Fund and Sewer Renewal and Replacement
- Extended sunset provision for mobile vending
- Purchased 2412 Murray Street
- Reviewed placing utilities underground
- Revised lease with Alltel
- Enacted a credit card policy
- Submitted resolution asking Colleton Legislative Delegation enact legislation supporting inmates pick up litter of SC Highways
- Enacted Ordinance to establish beach patrol code enforcement officers
- Adopted a resolution to oppose any increases in taxes through reorganizations

- Requested Colleton County dedicate funds for future beach nourishment
- Continued rapport with Colleton County Council by attending and participating in Colleton County Council Meetings
- Increased participation by attending other committee meetings where funding may be acquired such as CTC and recreation
- Participated in numerous legislation functions to discuss Edisto issues with Legislators
- Conducted Teambuilding exercise
- Conducted Goal setting and Council retreat

Management Actions

- Applied for and received grant funds for turnout gear for fire services
- Participated in the Great American Shakeout (earthquake training)
- Applied for grant through NOAA for Scott Creek Restoration Project which would restore flows into Scott Creek
- Applied for SAFER Grant to replace a fire truck at Station 20
- Issued RFP for copier lease
- Negotiated agreement with AshBritt for Debris Removal services on Edisto Beach
- Researched fire truck replacement costs for engine 1401
- Reviewed police and fire standard operating guidelines
- Evaluated several optional insurance coverage for employees
- Coordinated with SCE&G tree trimming contractor
- Conducted survey to evaluate town services and improvement needed

Accomplishments 2012-13 **Town Services Focus**

- Developed new design for Channel 2
- Purchased updated software for Police Department records management
- Council met with School District Superintendents in support of beach and island schools
- Applied for grant and received grant funding to upgrade radios and purchase cameras for Police Department
- Applied for funding through several funding sources to pave Myrtle Street extension

Infrastructure and facilities Focus

- Installed water lines at Point Street to provide better water service and fire protection
- Replaced Lion's Club well pump

- Replaced baffle curtain and aerators in waste water lagoon
- Dredged 1,000 tons of sludge from waste water lagoon
- Painted Council chambers, hallway and railings at Town Hall
- Maintained landscaped areas at Town Hall and planted annuals
- Performed GIS survey and mapping of water and sewer assets
- Replaced control panel at Summerwinds
- Replaced Well 5 at State Park
- Obtained easements for Yacht Club Road drainage
- Council issued a referendum to allow voters to decide on water improvement project (RO)

Strategic Plan and Development Focus

- Notified owners in Block HH about covenant agreement with Wyndham
- Conducted contractor training class on new codes
- Reviewed erosion on Edisto Beach and potential solutions for homeowners
- Continued to work with Army Corps of Engineers on Feasibility Study and completed Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP) milestone
- Coastal Science Engineers conducted a study on groin lengthening

Health/Safety/Welfare Focus

- Renewed CODERED and weather alert response
- Updated Hurricane plan and notification list
- Entered into agreement with the Presbyterian Church for an offsite emergency operations center and performed electrical work for emergency generator hookup
- Renewed Intergovernmental agreements for fire and police
- Implemented risk institute training that provides all employees ability to take online training
- Sent two firefighters to school for Fire Marshall Training
- Sent two employees to OSHA training
- Provided CPR and AED training to staff and community and began comprehensive training of volunteer firefighters
- Participated in agility recovery, a web based system that enables Town to obtain needed equipment and maintain data during an emergency
- Upgraded all regulatory signs to meet federal requirements for reflectivity

Governance Focus

- Audited Firefighter deduction submittal to Department of Revenue
- Department Heads represented the Town by participating on numerous Boards and committees of professional associations
- Developed newly elected official orientation manual

Parks & Recreation Focus

- Installed regulations sign at Burley L. Lyons Park on Portia Street and limited boat access in lagoon
- Updated rules at Bay Creek Park to address overwhelming response by vendors for Market use
- Organized 3rd Annual Trick or Treat at the creek
- Installed sewer line for restrooms at Bay Creek Park
- Issued RFP and RFQ for bathrooms at Bay Creek Park
- Installed sand fencing and planted bitter panicum and sea oats for beach stabilization and dune protection
- Received achievement award for beach accesses from Municipal Association of South Carolina
- Edged bike paths in preparation for 2nd annual 5K run
- Repaired bridge on bike path and requested Wyndham limit golf cart use by housekeeping staff
- Repaired garbage enclosures at beach accesses
- Edged all sidewalks and herbicided
- Participated in Beach Sweep

EDISTO RECIPES



CHEESY POTATO CASSEROLE

- 1 can condensed cream of chicken soup
- 1 ½ cups sour cream
- 1 32 oz pkg frozen hash browns (thawed)
- 8 oz shredded cheddar cheese
- 20 crushed round crackers
- 2 Tbsp melted butter

Preheat oven to 350°. Mix soup and sour cream in large bowl and add potatoes and cheese. Stir until well blended. Spoon mixture into 13x9 inch baking dish and sprinkle with combined crackers and butter. Bake 50 minutes or until heated through. Enjoy!

BEACH COMBER TREASURES



AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER

The strictly coastal American Oystercatcher prefers vast open areas of sandy dunes and tidal marshes. The birds often nest just above the high tide mark on sandy or rocky beaches with little vegetation and feed in areas exposed by the receding tide, such as sandbars or shellfish beds.

At low tide, oystercatchers can be found wading about in exposed beds of oysters, clams or other mollusks, probing the mud for food. When a shellfish is found the oystercatcher inserts its bill between the valves of its prey to pry it open and consume it. The bill can also function more like a hammer to break apart the shellfish. While bivalves such as oysters are its main food source, the oystercatcher also feeds on shrimp, crabs, jellyfish, worms, insects and even small fish.

Only about 12 percent of the species' global population occurs within the United States. Up to one third of that U.S. population is thought to winter in South Carolina.

MINUTES **MAY 9, 2013** **PUBLIC HEARING** **5:45 P.M.**

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

Mayor Lyons called the Public Hearing to order on the second reading of Ordinance 2013-09 and Ordinance to Adopt the Zoning Map of the Town of Edisto Beach, as Revised and Amended to Reflect Scrivener's Errors and to Include, But Not Be Limited To, a Change in the PUD District Map.

Bob Sandifer: Mr. Sandifer spoke on behalf of the Edisto Beach Property Owner's Association Board. He reiterated the position the board has taken on the rezoning: the Cabana property should remain in the R1 district and not be part of the PUD. Mr. Sandifer read portions of a letter

written by EBPOA Attorney, G. Trenholm Walker, which is attached to this document.

Archie Johnston: Mr. Johnston gave background information on previous rezoning requested by Wyndham. Since the Cabana is so far removed from Wyndham and the PUD, Mr. Johnston voiced concerns over the ramifications of such rezoning.

David Cannon: Mr. Cannon suggested remedies to the problem of the Cabana selling food and drinks to non-Wyndham guests: 1) Guests sign a chit that is turned in to be billed against their membership or rental and 2) Sell tickets at Wyndham that can be exchanged for food and drink at the Cabana.

Patti Smyer: Mrs. Smyer voiced her objection to the term "mixed use development" that encompasses condominiums and motels and hotels. If Wyndham bought surrounding properties and added them to the PUD, they would be able to use the "mixed use development" for such a project.

The meeting was adjourned by common consent.

MINUTES **MAY 9, 2013** **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING** **6:00 P.M.**

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

Mayor Lyons welcomed guests and thanked all who served the Town of Edisto Beach. He introduced Buddy Hill, Chief Deputy of Colleton County Sheriff's Department. He thanked Council for allowing him to speak and invited those present that might have questions to see him after the meeting.

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

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Mann moved to approve the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes and Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2013. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Proclamations and Presentations

A. Starfish Awards

The following were presented with Starfish Awards for their assistance with the Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Department Fish Fry mailings:

Betty Heaton, Deborah Hargis, Brian Rowe, Adam Berry, Robert Griffin, Linda Hoff, Shirley Simmons, Del Dennis, Jeanine Rhodes and D. J. Hanley.

Anne Vaughn was presented with a Starfish Award for her service on the ATAX board.

Frank Leavens was presented with a Starfish Award for his years of service on the Municipal Elections Commission and he thanked Council for allowing him to serve.

Wanda McCarley and Bob Sandifer were presented with Starfish Awards for their service on the Planning Commission.

B. Service Award

Kelly Burris was recognized for her five years of service in the Water Department.

C. National Police Week 2013 Proclamation

Mayor Lyons read a portion of a proclamation declaring May 12 – 18, 2013 Police Week in the Town of Edisto Beach, and publicly saluted the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation. Councilman Mann moved to approve the National Police Week 2013 Proclamation. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

Old Business

A. Second Reading of Ordinance 2013-09 an Ordinance to Adopt the Zoning Map of the Town of Edisto beach, as Revised and Amended to Reflect Scrivener's Errors and to Include, But Not Be Limited To, a Change in the PUD District Map

On July 24, 2012, the Planning Commission approved rezoning the Cabana Tract in the Planned Unit Development with a vote of 4-1 with Member David Cannon opposed. Councilman Hutto made a motion to defer the second reading of Ordinance 2013-09 to a later time. Councilman Mann seconded the motion. Councilman Mann reassured those in attendance that the intention was to protect the R-1 district. The motion was passed unanimously.

New Business/Appearances

A. First Reading of Ordinance 2013-10 to Adopt the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014

Town Administrator Iris Hill gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. No increases are proposed in millage, water rates, sewer rates or garbage fees. The total budget is projected to be \$5,077,564, or 1% over last year, and assessments are down by 2%. Administrator Hill asked for Council direction on two items: \$200,000 is scheduled to be appropriated in 2013-2014 from Local Accommodations for Beach Preservation. There is a balance of \$474,195 in the local accommodations fund. Does Council want to roll a portion of this balance into the

Beach preservation? Permitting for Beach Nourishment is scheduled to begin in 2014 for the 2016 beach nourishment project. CSE has quoted \$765,000 for permitting groin lengthening to maintain 50' wide beach including nourishment or \$375,000 for beach nourishment only. How does Council wish to proceed? Councilman Mann asked if the \$765,000 includes only a portion of the groins. Administrator Hill stated that it would include permitting the groins for the ten-year protection scenario as recommended by the Beachfront Management Committee. Councilwoman Darby moved to accept the First Reading of Ordinance 2013-10 and that Council give due diligence to the Administrator's request to review the last two proposals submitted by the Administrator. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Volunteer Fire Department Amended Bylaws

Councilman Anderson moved to approve the Volunteer Fire Department Bylaws to include a clause to allow for elections when vacancies occur and combine training with the business meetings. Councilman Mann seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Committee Vacancies

A. Municipal Election Commission – 1 position

Mr. Frank Leavens' position on the Municipal Elections Commission expires in May. Councilwoman Darby moved to appoint Susan Kozub to the Municipal Elections Commission, and thank her for offering to serve. Councilman Mann seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

B. Planning Commission – 2 positions

Mr. Robert Sandifer and Ms. Wanda McCarley's positions on the Planning Commission expire in May. Three applications were received: Wanda McCarley, Tom Edens and Charlie Boozer, Jr. Council voted by ballot and Wanda McCarley and Tom Edens were elected to fill the two positions.

Planning Commission

A. 114 Jungle Road – Buck's Pizza

Mark Steedley of Buck's Pizza made application to the Planning Commission for a use permit to operate the booth in front of Palmetto Plaza, which is located in the C-3 district, and sell pizza by the slice, boiled peanuts and soft drinks. He would also like to rent bicycles and golf carts. This item passed the Planning Commission with a 3-1 vote with member Blauch opposed. Councilman Hutto moved to approve the application. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion. Councilman Mann reminded Council of the ongoing litigation with a party not far from the proposed location concerning Council not allowing the setup of tents or other temporary

structures for the purpose of sales. Councilman Mann stated he felt that granting Mr. Steedley's application was too similar to the current situation involving litigation. Councilwoman Darby asked Town Attorney Duffie to address Councilman Mann's concern. Mr. Duffie stated the new application appeared to be within the allowed uses of the commercial district, and was not a series of various vendors, or a business owner leasing spaces to vendors. Mayor Lyons called for a vote, and the application was approved 3-2 with Councilman Mann and Councilman Anderson opposed.

B. 1811 and 1813 Mitchell Street – Sanford Koon – Lot Line Abandonment

Sanford Koon made application to the Planning Commission to abandon the existing lot line and return the lot line to its original placement, which is located in the R-1 district. The application has been reviewed by the Building Department and is in order. Councilwoman Darby made a motion to approve the lot line abandonment application. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion. Councilwoman Darby expressed her thanks to Nancy Layton, Building Code Enforcement Official, who gathered information to answer a question Councilwoman Darby had about an easement. The motion passed unanimously.

Accommodations Tax Advisory Board

A. Town of Edisto Beach Property Bond Debt - \$50,000

Councilman Mann moved to approve the Town's application to fund the interest payment on the Bell Property Bond Debt, which was unanimously approved by the ATAX board. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by Council.

B. The Edisto Beach Music and Shag Fest - \$5,500

The Edisto Chamber of Commerce is requesting \$5,500 for advertising and promotions for the Edisto Beach Music and Shag Fest to be held August 30 – 31 at Bay Creek Park. The ATAX Board approved \$4,000 with a 4-2 vote with Members White and Watkins opposed. Discussion in dissent revolved around the premise that events in the shoulder season should be promoted, not events during the regular tourist season. Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the full amount of \$5,500. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. Edisto Beach Shrimp Fest 2013 - \$4,000

Councilman Anderson moved to approve the application from the Edisto Chamber of Commerce for the Shrimp Fest to be held September 28, 2013 at Bay Creek Park, which was unanimously approved by the ATAX board.

Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by Council.

Departmental Reports and Committee Updates

Administration

The finance report was presented by Iris Hill, Town Administrator, for the month ending April 30, 2013.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	87.32%	82.52%
Water Fund	81.51%	82.97%
Wastewater Fund	66.22%	70.87%

Building Department

The Building Department report was given by Patrick Brown for the month ending April 30, 2013.

	April-12	April-13	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$22,887	\$21,850	\$260,649
New Construction Permits	0	1	5
Other Permits	45	47	256
Permit Fees	\$3,574	\$6,937	\$42,307
Inspections	103	67	884
Bay Creek Park		\$815	\$7,001

Mr. Brown reported he has been at the Building Officials Conference in North Myrtle Beach.

Fire Department

Robert Griffin gave the report for the month of April 2013.

Calls	April-12	April-13	YTD
Medical	8	21	211
Fire-related	1	5	25
Public Assistance	21	42	157
Beach Wheel Chairs	6	5	87

The Fire Department has been busy getting ready for the Fish Fry and has been working on beautification projects including painting and planting flowers. Requests have been submitted for the upcoming budget year and a new accountability system is being developed.

Police Department Report

The Police Department report was presented by Chief Coffey for the month of April 2013.

	Apr-12	Apr-13	YTD
Citations	24	33	237
Speeding	11	24	104
Warnings	116	170	681
Alarm Calls	20	14	124
Calls for 2 or More Officers	9	10	78

Miles Patrolled	8,056	8,050	67,808
Assaults	0	0	2
Larcenies	11	7	47
Burglaries	6	0	12
Incidents & Calls for Service	94	115	906
Golf Cart Violations	0	0	15
Domestic Violence Calls	0	0	1
Property Checks	941	1,999	17,306
Open Container	1	0	17
D.U.I.	1	0	5
CDV Arrest	0	0	1
Disorderly Conduct	1	1	6

The beach patrol began its weekend duty the first weekend in May. They spent a lot of time cleaning the beach of debris. Chief Coffey introduced the newest Police Officer, Andy Harrison, who began work on May 6. He will be going to the Criminal Justice Academy after the summer rush is over. The Police Department is now fully staffed. Councilman Hutto asked the Chief if the "speed board" electronic radar station is paying off for the Town. Chief Coffey replied that during the three day weekend of the Kings Daughters' Bazaar there were 2800 cars that were recorded on Docks Road and the average speed was 29 miles an hour.

Utilities Department

The Utilities Department report for the month of April 2013 was given by Bob Doub, Utilities Director.

	Apr-12	Apr-13	YTD
Pumped MG Water	17.40 MG	12.80 MG	162.17 MG
Treated MG Wastewater	5.90 MG	4.11 MG	36.40 MG
Water Line Repairs	40	9	570
Work Order Repairs	156	102	1,246

Lane Atlantic completed the Lion's Club well and it is back online and operational. James F. Pederson has completed the installation of the Point Street water line and testing will be done this week. Once the samples are approved by DHEC the line will be operational and connections will be made for service. This will be done by the end of May. Jimmy Mellersten took and passed his "C Level" Biological Wastewater exam. Quinn McCollum took and passed his "D Level" Water Distribution exam.

Public Works

Public Works Director Bob Doub gave the April 2013 report.

	April-12	April-13	YTD
Mowed Acres	24	63	395
Cleaned Ditches (miles)	4	2.0	11.3
Roll Carts Delivered	7	10	167

The Public Works department helped with the installation of 400 feet of sand fencing and the planting of 100 plants. The side streets, bike paths and walkways have been trimmed for better visibility. Mr. Doub said that if anyone had any comments or complaints or needs something addressed, to please let the Public Works Department at know. Councilman Anderson asked about the paving on Point Street. Mr. Doub replied that because of the water line installation, some of the road had to be repaved. Mr. Doub reported that Palmetto Boulevard is due to be repaved but a start date has not been issued.

The Edisto Chamber of Commerce report for the month of April was given by Dan Carter.

- Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours, Saturday, May 18th Georgia K9 will be doing an exhibition
- Legacy Live Oaks Celebration, Sunday May 19th
- May 24 and 25, Offshore Challenge Fishing Tournament (rescheduled from May 3 and 4 because of weather)
- Fire Department Fish Fry, Saturday, May 25th from 11:00 – 7:00
- Blood Drive, May 21, 2013

Public Comment Period

No one was signed in to speak.

Councilman Mann announced the appointment of Marion Whaley as the Deputy Coroner on Edisto Beach.

Adjournment

Councilman Mann made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and place of the Council Meeting on Friday, May 3, 2013.