

MINUTES
MAY 9, 2019
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M.

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

Present: Jane S. Darby, Mayor, Crawford Moore, Mayor Pro Tempore, Susan Hornsby, Jerome Kizer and Patti Smyer, Council Members; *Quorum of Council Present.*

Mayor Darby led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation.

Approval of Minutes

- A. **Regular Council Meeting, April 11, 2019** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the regular Council meeting minutes of April 11, 2019, seconded by Councilwoman Hornsby and unanimously approved.
- B. **Special Council Meeting, April 16, 2019** – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the minutes from the special Council meeting held on April 16, 2019. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Proclamations and Presentations

- A. **Carl Coffin, Colleton County Library** – Mr. Coffin explained to those in attendance the new offerings available at the Colleton County Library, including a partnership with the Edisto Art Guild. Mr. Coffin mentioned the summer reading programs that would be offered to local and visiting children and adults. Mr. Coffin introduced the director of the Edisto library, Marie Judy, and expressed his appreciation for the two other librarians, Jane Shaw and Joyce Chapman. Mr. Coffin encouraged all those in attendance to come visit the Colleton County library on Station Court.
- B. **Starfish Award – Pete Lala** – At Tuesday’s Worksession Mayor Darby presented Mr. Lala with a Starfish Award. Mr. Lala was nominated by Larry Urbik for going above and beyond to repair a water leak on Fort Street on a Friday afternoon.
- C. **Proclamation No. 2019-P11 Proclaiming June 10, 2019 as USS Edisto (AGB-89/AGB-2) and USCGC Edisto (WAGB-284) Day** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve Proclamation No. 2019-P11 Proclaiming June 10, 2019 as USS Edisto (AGB89/AGB-2) and USCGC Edisto (WAGB-284) Day. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
- D. **Recognition of Fernando Munoz, Michele Younes and Leandro Villegas with Wharton Smith** - At Tuesday’s Worksession, Michelle Warner shared the story of her daughter and niece, who were caught in the undertow on April 25, 2019. Three Wharton-Smith employees saw the girls struggling and without hesitation jumped in the water in their work clothes to save them. The Wharton-Smith employees who are traveling out of town for work were so humble and gracious with the family and didn’t even tell their supervisors why they arrived to work the next day with wet boots. The Mayor and Ellie Warner, one of the young ladies that was saved, presented certificates of appreciation and Edisto Beach Fire Department t-shirts to the three men with gratitude and thanks.

Old Business

- A. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2019-08 to Amend Sections 66-2, 66-4, 66(8)(b), 66-43, 66-79(e)(6), 66-111(a) of the Town's Code Regarding Yard Trash** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2019-08 to amend section 66-2, 66-4, 66-(8)(b), 66-43, 66-79(e)(6) and 66-111(a) of the Town's code regarding yard trash. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion. Costs for collecting and handling yard trash are based on how long it takes for a contractor to stop and load the trash on the truck. *Yard trash* is defined as “grass and shrubbery clippings, fallen limbs and fronds and similar materials resulting from normal and routine yard maintenance. Yard trash does not include materials from tree cutting or pruning”; however, we see tree cutting and pruning on the curb every week. Town Code currently allows yard trash to be placed at the curb with limited regard to collection. This, in addition to subjective language that allows contractors to continue to place waste at the curb, has, in part, led to the recent proposed substantial increase in collection costs. This amendment provides that yard trash be containerized or bundled before placing at the curb and eliminates the language that allows contractors to place any waste at the curb. Yard trash can either be placed in paper bags or containers and larger yard trash should be tied in bundles no greater than 30 pounds in weight so collection can be more efficient. Mayor Darby called for the vote and the motion was approved unanimously. Councilwoman Smyer recommended notifying property owners via the Town Facebook page, the Town's website and by mail, if possible.
- B. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2019-09 to Amend Article III of Chapter 78 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Edisto Beach entitled “Golf Carts”** – Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2019-09 to amend article III of Chapter 78 of the Code of Ordinances entitled “Golf Carts.” Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion. Administration discovered that language in the initial code dealing with a residential requirement was inadvertently omitted upon revision. This language has been added back into the ordinance and the Town Attorney has also added language for clarification regarding day light hours and licensed drivers. Mayor Darby called for the vote and the motion was unanimously approved.
- C. Beach Access 5 and 6, Golf Cart Parking** – Councilman Kizer moved to approve opening beach accesses 5 and 6 for golf cart parking without making major changes, such as moving sand or vegetation. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

New Business

- A. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2019-10 to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget for the Town of Edisto Beach, South Carolina For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2019 and Ending June 30, 2020** – The budget and estimated revenues for the fiscal year 2019-2020 total \$7,400,691. The tax levy for the Town would increase from 23.44 to 23.52 mills. Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2019-10 to Adopt the FY2019-2020 budget, seconded by Councilman Kizer and unanimously approved. Mayor Darby expressed her thanks to Administration and staff for their hard work on the budget.
- B. AirMed Care Network Municipal Site Membership Agreement** – Councilwoman Hornsby moved to approve the renewal of the AirMed Care Network Agreement for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and have the Mayor authorize the Mayor to execute the contract. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

- C. Purchase of Sea Oats** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the purchase of 2,500 sea oats at \$1.00/plant using local accommodations funds. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- D. Recurring Special Event Form, Edisto Water Sports & Tackle, Shark Tournament** – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the recurring special event form submitted by Edisto Water Sports & Tackle to hold a shark tournament on June 8, 2019. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.
- E. Request for Sponsorship from Edisto Water Sports & Tackle, Shark Tournament, \$2,500** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve \$2,000 to sponsor the Shark Tournament held by Edisto Water Sports & Tackle. The \$2,000 will come from the alcohol permitting fund. The Shark Tournament is one of the events that Council agreed to sponsor at the Annual Goal Setting Retreat on January 31, 2019. Councilwoman Smyer said that at the retreat, Council agreed to sponsor four events, including the Shark Tournament. Several of the other events are larger than the Shark Tournament, therefore the motion to sponsor in the same amount as in 2018. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Committee Vacancies

- A. Municipal Elections Commission – 1 vacancy** – There is one vacancy on the MEC. No applications have been received.

Accommodations Tax Advisory Board

- A. Town of Edisto Beach, Bell Buoy Bond Debt, \$50,000** – Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve the recommendation of the ATAX Board to grant the Town’s request to fund \$50,000 of the Bell Bond debt interest. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
- B. Edisto Art Guild, Bay Creek Park Outdoor Stage Rigging for Backdrops, \$3,500.00** – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the recommendation of the ATAX Board to grant the Art Guild’s request to fund the rigging for the stage at Bay Creek Park at a cost not to exceed \$3,500 and authorize the Town Administrator to negotiate a transfer of ownership agreement and facility use agreement regarding this asset. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Departmental Reports and Committee Updates

Administration

Town Administrator Iris Hill gave the report for the month ending April 30, 2019.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	76.51%	74.81%
Water Fund	83.24%	83.03%
Wastewater Fund	78.00%	75.69%

There were two Freedom of Information Act requests in the month of April: one from Kolbie Satterfield and one from Kevin Cook with five subparts. The Town’s Facebook page has 12,385 likes and over 95,000

people have seen the post with the picture of the beach-friendly wheelchair. If you pre-ordered sea oats, they will be delivered on May 30, 2019.

Building

Building Code Official Patrick Brown gave the report for April 2019.

	April - 18	April - 19	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$16,071.70	\$184,842.51	\$250,159.09
New Construction Permits	0	2	14
Other Permits	38	21	34
Permit Fees	\$7,122.00	\$8,321.00	\$68,171.50
Inspections	161	136	579

Mr. Brown was a guest speaker at the South Carolina Permit Tech Association meeting and the Building Officials Association, where he was re-elected President.

Fire

Fire Chief Denney Conley gave the report for the month ending April 30, 2019.

Calls	April - 18	April - 19	YTD
Medical	21	20	195
Fire-related	4	28	141
EMS/Misc	74	43	480
Beach Wheel Chairs	6	11	78
Water Rescue	1	0	8
Welfare Checks	29	28	301

Police

George Brothers, Police Chief, gave the report for April 2019.

	April - 18	April - 19	YTD
Miles Patrolled	11,330	12,164	105,044
Incidents & Calls for Service	189	357	1,377
Property Checks	975	984	13,235
Parking Tickets	50	57	370

Utilities and Public Works

Interim Utilities Director Patrick Zemp gave the reports for the month ending April 30, 2019.

	April -18	April - 19	YTD
Pumped MG Water	10.38	15.08	118.56

Treated MG Wastewater	4.54	4.18	42.04
Water Line Repairs	6	5	45
Work Order Repairs	43	39	373

Meter reading was the primary focus for the month of April. Marshall Horstmann was hired to fill one of the vacancies in the Utilities Department.

In the Public Works Department, they were busy with routine beach access and town property maintenance and mowing, routine mowing and edging of Palmetto Boulevard and side streets and assisting with special beach accesses clearing at 11, 15 and 36.

Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Director Lisa Harrell gave the report for the month ending April 30, 2019.

- Botany Bay is holding archeological excavation tours between May 6th and May 24th.
- May 7 – August there is a photography exhibit at the Edisto Island Museum entitled “Africa’s Living Wild” by Hal Looney.
- On May 11th, the Second Annual Edisto Island Classic Stand-up Paddleboard & Kayak Race will be held starting at Live Oak Landing, benefitting Animal Lovers of Edisto and the Edisto River Keepers.
- On May 21, 2019 there will be a blood drive at the Civic Center.
- On May 24, 25 and 26, the Art Guild will sponsor the Jennie Gowan Memorial Art Show at the Civic Center.
- On May 31 and June 1, the Cookin’ on the Creek BBQ Festival will be held at Bay Creek Park.
- Starting June 4 through August 8, the Lions Club will hold Bingo games with doors opening at 5:30 and games beginning at 6:00 every Tuesday and Thursday (except for July 4th week when games will be on Tuesday and Wednesday).
- The Arts and Crafts Market is in full swing on Wednesdays from 9:00 – 4:00 at Bay Creek Park.
- Join SCDNR staff in a spawning survey and tagging of the fascinating horseshoe crab on June 8 from 10:30 – 4:00 p.m. More information is available on the registration page.
- On June 8 the Open Land Trust Cocktail Party/Live and Silent Auction will be held at the Civic Center. Ticket information available at www.edisto.org.
- Edisto Water Sports & Tackle will hold the Shark Tournament on June 8th
- The first Arts in the Park presentation of 2019 will be held on June 9th at 6:00 p.m. The Appalachian Ballet will perform “Blue Jeans & Ballet.”
- Movies in the Park will begin on June 12 with the showing of Lego Movie 2.

Public Comment

No one was signed in to speak.

Executive Session

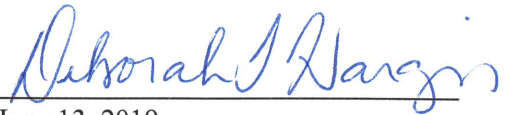
Instead of going into executive session, Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the cancellation of the 45 easements signed and filed prior to the proposed Army Corps of Engineers project. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Kizer and unanimously approved.

The public/media were notified of the day, time and place of the meeting on Friday, May 3, 2019.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Deborah J. Hargis", written over a horizontal line.

June 13, 2019