

MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 23, 2019
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
10:00 A.M.

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

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

Mayor Darby called the meeting to order. The lone agenda item, Private Property Debris Removal, was discussed. Town Administrator Iris Hill explained to those in attendance that FEMA looks at every storm event individually and there is no way to predict if Hurricane Dorian will be categorized the same way as Hurricane Matthew. The first part of the private property debris removal process is to declare a state of emergency, which has been done. The next step is passing an additional Ordinance and Resolution for the specific event. After Matthew, the total for storm debris removal in Ocean Ridge was \$105,000. FEMA paid 75% of that total. The debris from Dorian is comparable to the debris from Matthew so the cost is expected to be as much or more than the \$105,000.

Mayor Darby read Resolution No. 2019-24, which is attached to these minutes, into the record.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve Ordinance No. 2019-23, seconded by Councilman Kizer and approved 4 – 0.

Councilman Kizer moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-R24, seconded by Councilwoman Hornsby and approved 4 – 0.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Kizer and approved 4 – 0.

The media/public was informed of the location, date and time of the meeting on Friday, September 20, 2019.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL



Deborah Hargis, Municipal Clerk
October 10, 2019

TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH, SC

RESOLUTION NO. R-24

WHEREAS, the Town of Edisto Beach on the 5th day of September 2019, suffered widespread damage to vegetation resulting from the direct effects of Hurricane Dorian, and

WHEREAS, the Governor of South Carolina at the time declared a state of emergency within the State of South Carolina, including the Town of Edisto Beach; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Town of Edisto Beach at the time declared the existence of a Local State of Emergency for the Town of Edisto Beach, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has adopted an emergency ordinance to authorize the Town to enter upon and remove post storm debris from public and private roads, rights-of-way, storm drainage easements, and ingress/egress easements within Town limits, including private communities; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Edisto Beach has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property; and

WHEREAS, debris removal in the Ocean Ridge/Wyndham development is necessary to eliminate immediate threats to life, public health, and safety; and

WHEREAS, it has been reported to Town Council that the post storm debris located in the Ocean Ridge/Wyndham development poses a serious fire threat because it is a high density development and the dry debris poses a fire threat, such that if a fire were to start, it would be difficult to contain in the development; and

WHEREAS, lanes of traffic are narrowed by the debris which will delay ambulance, police, and fire response which also poses a safety threat to residents and visitors who

travel these roads in that sight lines are obstructed meaning one misstep could have deadly consequences, and the debris is a traffic hazard; and

Whereas, post storm debris has created a habitat for nuisance species, including rats, snakes, mosquitoes, which pose a significant danger to the health and safety of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, debris removal will ensure economic recovery of the affected planned unit development to the benefit of the community-at-large; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council declares the existence of a local state of emergency exists under these circumstances and that the Town Administrator be directed to immediately take such steps that are necessary for the protection of life and property in the affected areas

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH,

1. That a local state of disaster emergency occurred in the Town of Edisto Beach, South Carolina from the effects of Hurricane Dorian;
2. That the Town Administrator is hereby authorized and instructed to coordinate and oversee all post storm debris removal from public and private roads, rights-of-ways, storm drainage easements, and ingress/egress easements within Town limits, including private communities as provided by Emergency Ordinance No. 2019-23; and
3. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and until such time as the post storm debris removal is completed.

RESOLVED this 23rd day of September 2019

Mayor

Town Clerk

Approved as to form: _____