

MINUTES
February 9, 2017
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M.

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

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

Mayor Darby called the meeting to order and Councilman Kizer led those in attendance in an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Darby commented, "Let the minutes show that Councilwoman Smyer has an excused absence. Her husband is facing surgery in a hospital in Columbia tomorrow."

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Moore moved to approve the Public Hearing Meeting minutes of January 12, 2017, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and approved 4 – 0.

Councilman Kizer moved to approve the regular council meeting minutes of January 12, 2017 seconded by Councilman Moore and approved 4 – 0.

Old Business

A. Water Improvement Project – Additional Well Construction - -On August 11, 2016, Council approved \$1,000,000 from the enterprise fund to install a new higher capacity well prior to construction of the water system improvement project. According to the Town's financial advisor, this may impact the Town's rerating for the revenue bond. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to withdraw this direction based on the advice of the financial advisor and fund and install the new higher capacity well as part of the water system improvement project. Councilman Moore seconded the motion which was approved 4 – 0.

New Business

A. Resolution No. 2017-R03 Adopting the American Engineering Water Rate Study – Councilman Kizer moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-R03 Adopting the American Engineering Water Rate Study, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and approved 4 – 0.

B. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2017-05 to Amend Sections 14-110(a), 14-113, 14-114(d), 14-114(h), 14-161(b)(2), 14-161(b)(5), 14-161(b)(6), 14-181(b)(1), 14-201(a), 14-221(f) and 14-221(g) of the Town of Edisto Beach Code of Ordinances regarding preliminary flood insurance study – Councilman Moore moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-05 to Amend Sections 14-110(a), 14-113, 14-114(d), 14-114(h), 14-161(b)(2), 14-161(b)(5), 14-161(b)(6), 14-

181(b)(1), 14-201(a), 14-221(f),14-221(g). Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved 4 – 0.

C. Automatic Aid Agreement between the Edisto Beach Fire Department and St. Paul's Fire District – Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve the automatic aid agreement between Edisto Beach and the St. Paul's Fire District. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved 4 – 0.

D. Resolution No. 2017-R04 James Jamerson's Inclusion in the SC Hall of Fame – Councilman Moore moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-R04 recommending James Jamerson's inclusion in the SC Hall of Fame. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved 4 – 0.

E. Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget Calendar – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the FY2017-18 Budget Calendar. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved 4 - 0.

F. Arts in the Park – Edisto Art Guild – The Edisto Art Guild requests that the Town co-sponsor events at Bay Creek Park on June 11, July 9, and August 13 by 1) placing extra trash receptacles around the park, 2) having the restrooms cleaned and empty the trash receptacles after the event, 3) de-activating the sprinkler system on the day of the event, 4) having the park sprayed for mosquitos and fire ants and 5) waiving park fees. These performances will start at 5:00 p.m. and run 45 – 90 minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve the Town's co-sponsoring of the event by waiving park fees only. Councilman Moore seconded the motion, which was approved 4 – 0.

G. Special Event Application – Edisto Chamber of Commerce – Edisto Road Race – Councilman Moore moved to approve the application from the Edisto Chamber of Commerce to hold the Edisto Road Race on Saturday, March 18, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was approved 4 – 0. Road closures will take place within Wyndham only and the Fire Department will set up tables and distribute water to participants along the route.

H. The Image and Design of Edisto Committee Recommendations for Repair and Restoration of Edisto Beach Access Areas – The Image and Design of Edisto (TIDE) committee recommends the following to Town Council regarding beach accesses.

1. Not approve pursuing providing public showers and restroom facilities at beach access areas
2. Recommend the following policies regarding common beach access area elements and design features to restore and repair the functionality of appearance of beach access areas:
 - *Every access area should have benches, bike racks, dog waste stations, life rings, post and rope boundary delineation at every access area, access number signs at the road and beach entrances with a consistent design for location of access elements and amenities.*
 - *Repair and restore bike/ped paths and vehicle parking areas to original or improved condition with grading, compaction material and other appropriate actions.*
 - *Repair and restore beach walkovers (i.e., wooden walkways elevated over dunes).*
 - *Repair and restore elements for handicapped accessibility at pre-Matthew beach access points.*
 - *Remove remains of wooden boardwalks and replace with natural dirt/sand paths for bike/ped.*

- *Consolidate and improve signage at access areas by (1) adding “No Parking between 11 pm and 6 am” sign and “No Motorized Vehicles” to Beach Rules Signs; (2) extra signage only for “No Parking this Side” and Stop signs; (3) attaching handicapped access signs to Access Number signs at the road access points; and (4) moving Beach Rules Signs to a location that offers the best opportunity to be seen and read, e.g., at roadside entrances at vehicle access areas, or at locations where walkers and bikers enter the beach access.*
- *Improve the appearance and functionality of trash receptacles by (1) retaining and restoring wooden trash can holders, (2) providing receptacle structures with walls on three sides, and (3) moving trash receptacles close to the road in areas easily accessible for trash disposal and removal and away from vehicle interference.*
- *Use a common design for location of access area elements and amenities.*

3. Recommend Individual Access Restoration and Repair

- *Access #1 – Beach Access parking is adjacent to Finn’s parking. Ensure 50’ access is maintained and ensure beach access parking is visually distinctive and maximizes traffic flow.*
- *Access #1A – Restore all common elements for bike/ped access and put in appropriate plantings for preserving dunes and natural vegetation along the access path.*
- *Access #2- #7 – Repair or restore all common elements for bike/ped access. Move Beach Rules signs to the street side, and attach or add “No Motor Vehicles” to the Beach Rules signs.*
- *Access #9, #10, #17, #21, #31, #35 – These are vehicle permitted beach access areas of most incidents and ticketing involving vehicles. Because incidents at these access areas have increased over the past several years, the committee will periodically consult with the Police Chief to determine if changes to access parking is needed.*

4. Recommend Schedule for Repair and Restoration – The Tide Committee Members are recommending Town Council adoption of common design elements and design layout of beach access elements and amenities that were damaged or lost as a result of Hurricane Matthew. In addition, this circumstance offers the opportunity *to improve the appearance and functionality* of all beach access areas. In order to support the upcoming tourist season, it is essential that repairs and restoration be completed as soon as possible, especially for areas that may not be dependent on the schedule for beach re-nourishment.

Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve the recommendations of the TIDE Committee, seconded by Councilman Kizer and approved 4 – 0.

I. Special Event Application – Edisto Island Ducks Unlimited – Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve the special event application from the Edisto Island Ducks Unlimited to hold their annual dinner on March 4, 2017, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved 4 – 0.

Planning Commission

A. Meg Hoyle – Botany Bay Ecotours – Boat Tours – Meg Hoyle requests approval to expand her business by increasing the guest number from 6 to 12 and adding a second boat, but both boats will not be in operation at the same time. This was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission. Councilman Kizer moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and approved 4 – 0.

Departmental Reports and Committee Updates

Administration

Iris Hill, Town Administrator, gave the report for January, 2017.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	51.66%	62.01%
Water Fund	82.33%	56.53%
Wastewater Fund	73.43%	63.64%

There were two FOIA requests from two individuals during the month of January, 2017. We have 6,477 likes on Facebook. Video from beach access 25 from Friday, February 3 has reached 24,922 people. Groins 15 – 27 have been completed except for grouting. Nourishment has been completed from the 500 block to the 200 block. The contractors are currently working in the 100 block and will move from there to the State Park.

Building

Building Codes Official Patrick Brown gave the report for the month ending January 31, 2017.

	January - 16	January - 17	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$14,536.00	\$110,412.54	\$178,658.81
New Construction Permits	1	4	7
Other Permits	48	59	224
Permit Fees	\$6,526.00	\$11,432.00	\$47,477.00
Inspections	44	37	197
Bay Creek Park	0	\$100.00	\$5,730.00

Fire

Denney Conley, Fire Chief, gave the report for January, 2017.

Calls	January - 16	January - 17	YTD
Medical	7	10	144
Fire-related	5	4	54
EMS/Misc	31	39	431
Beach Wheel Chairs	0	1	72

Water Rescue	0	1	17
Welfare Checks	28	29	176

Annual requirements for ISO have been completed.

Police

Police Chief George Brothers gave the report for the month ending January 31, 2017.

	January-16	January-17	YTD
Town Parking Tickets		1	251
Alarm Calls	25	11	102
Calls for 2 or More Officers	7	15	135
Miles Patrolled	3,309	7,033	50,715
Assaults	0	0	3
Larcenies	3	2	12
Burglaries	0	1	6
Incidents & Calls for Service	57	132	1,207
Animal Control	0	0	3
Property Checks	1,154	1,032	7,331
CDV Arrest	0	0	2

The Police Department has switched to the SC Automated Ticket Tracking System. Kaitlyn Morris has been hired as a police officer and will be attending SCCJA starting March 5. Krystal Parsons has been hired as the new Clerk of Court to replace Shirley Simmons, who retired.

Utilities

Utilities Director Bob Doub gave the report for January 2017.

	January - 16	January - 17	YTD
Pumped MG Water	7.87	9.32	75.43
Treated MG Wastewater	1.91	2.13	14.21
Water Line Repairs	5	6	15
Work Order Repairs	92	52	247

Check valves at Lift Station B have been replaced. Pump #1 at the Lee Street Station has been replaced. Duckweed continues to be pumped from wastewater treatment pond. On January 19, 2017, all operators attended their annual asbestos training and recertification class.

Public Works

Bob Doub, Director of Public Works, gave the report for January 2017.

	January - 16	January - 17	YTD
Mowed Acres	0	0	79
Cleaned Ditches	6,247ft	2,151ft	15,323ft
Roll Carts Delivered	15	13	64

Chamber of Commerce

The January 2017 Chamber report was given by Chamber Director Lisa Harrell.

- On February 12, 2017, the Presbyterian Church will host Chamber Music. Tickets are \$25.00 at the door.
- On Monday, February 13, 2017, there will be a performance of Poetry Live at the Civic Center sponsored by the Art Guild at 6:30 p.m. It is free to the public. There will also be a performance at Jane Edwards Elementary at 2:15 on the 13th.
- On February 18, Pressleys at the Marina will be hosting an Edisto Grits Competition and Oyster Roast. The entry fee is \$20 and judging begins at 5:00 p.m.
- On February 20th, the second preliminary of the Chef's Cook Off will be held at Ella & Ollie's. Tickets are available from the Chamber and McConkey's and are \$65/person.
- On February 21st, the Museum is sponsoring a lecture titled "Lafayette and the Rights of Man." It will be held at the New First Missionary Baptist Church. It is free and open to the public, and will begin at 7:00 p.m.
- On March 4, 2017, the Ducks Unlimited Game Dinner will be held at Bay Creek Park. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:15 p.m.
- On March 11, the Edisto Island Community Association will have their annual meeting and oyster roast at the Community Center on Highway 174.
- On March 11th, Green Boat Liquors will hold their 1st Annual Anniversary Celebration, also known as the "Mac-a-palooza." There will be a mac-n-cheese cook off and the cost is \$1.00 per taste.
- On March 18th, the Edisto Road Race will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Ocean Ridge Recreation Center.

Public Comment Period

Cheryl VanMetre addressed Council, thanking them for co-sponsoring the upcoming Arts in the Park program. The events will be free and open to the public. They will include a group of locals called Edisto Gumbo and gospel choirs from the area performing a patriotic selection of songs.

Executive Session

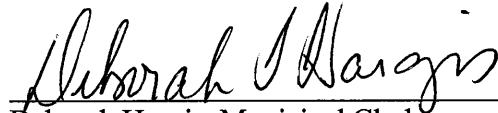
Councilman Moore moved to go into executive session, seconded by Councilman Kizer and approved 4 – 0. Councilman Moore moved to exit executive session, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and approved 4 – 0. One item required action: legal advice regarding property Lot 7 Block UU, Lot 7, Block YY and Lot 8, Block YY. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to "authorize the Mayor to bind the Town for a mediated resolution should an acceptable one be found in the McKenzie et. al v Town of Edisto Beach" case. Councilman Moore seconded the motion, which was approved 4 – 0.

Adjournment

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

The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and location of the Council Meeting on Friday, February 3, 2017.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Deborah Hargis", written over a horizontal line.

Deborah Hargis, Municipal Clerk

March 9, 2017