

MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10, 2020
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, and Jerome Kizer, Council Members, Councilmembers Susan Hornsby, and Patti Smyer joined the meeting via conference call; *Quorum of Council Present.*

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Mayor Pro Tem Moore led those in attendance and virtually in the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation.

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Kizer moved to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2020 Council meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and approved unanimously.

Proclamations and Presentations

A. Pat Powell, 5-year Service Award – Patrick Powell has been employed as a full-time firefighter for five years. The Mayor expressed thanks on the Council's behalf for his service.

B. Mallory Coffey, Keep Edisto Beautiful Presentation – Mallory Coffey, Keep South Carolina Beautiful State Leader, Community Outreach Program Manager, updates Council on the Keep Edisto Beautiful efforts. Ms. Coffey commended Kelly Moore, Keep Edisto Beautiful Coordinator, for her efforts.

Old Business

A. State Accommodations Tax (ATAX) Request – Edisto Art Guild – Art in Public Places, \$9,605 – The Art Guild resubmitted their request to the ATAX Board to have a mural painted on the fence that faces Jungle Road behind BiLo. This item was deferred by Council at the August meeting. Mayor Darby stated that information had been obtained from the City of Aiken, South Carolina which had a mural painted on removable 4X8 PVC panels. This would allow for ease in painting, removal for storms or fence repair/alterations. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the recommendation from the ATAX Board to grant the request of the Art Guild for a maximum of \$9,605 for the Art in Public Places mural. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion. Mayor Darby suggested that if the Town is paying for the mural through ATAX funds, the Town have more input in the design. Administrator Hill said the Art Guild had already decided on the design. Mayor Pro Tem Moore voiced concerns over the expenditures, the fact that ATAX funds were paying for the entire project. Mayor Darby called for the vote and the motion was approved 4-1 with Mayor Pro Tem Moore opposed.

New Business

A. Keep Edisto Beautiful By-Laws – The modification to the Keep Edisto Beautiful by-laws replaces the name Edisto Pride with Keep Edisto Beautiful and reduces the number of Board members from 6 to 5. Councilman Kizer moved to approve the changes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and approved unanimously.

B. Award of RFB #2020-04 Edisto Beach Civic Center Roof Repair and Restoration – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the award of RFB #2020-04, Edisto Beach Civic Center Roof Repair and Restoration to Phoenix Group at a cost of \$24,410 to be paid from the Civic Center fund (45-7500.9040). Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

C. Plantation Course at Edisto – The owners of the golf course approached the Town with a resolution to solve an ongoing problem with clogged spray heads. Fish are clogging the spray heads that are used to spray treated effluent on the golf course. The proposed solution is an Evoqua filter system at a cost of \$37,119.13. The Plantation Course officials have requested the Town pay for at least fund a portion of the cost. The Kiawah Island Golf Course had the same issue with clogged spray heads, and they suggested this filter. According to the Town of Kiawah, the Town did not pay for the filters installed at the Kiawah golf course. Kiawah did install a filter on their end to help alleviate the fish problem. Mr. Pat Barber attended the meeting on behalf of the Plantation Course. Councilman Kizer moved to have the Town pursue a solution to issues relating to the problem on the Town owned property or infrastructure. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. Councilman Kizer amended the motion to include the purpose of the solution: to prevent particulates from transferring from the Town-owned pond to the course-owned pond. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the amendment. Utilities Director Patrick Zemp told Council the Town put a filter on the intake side of the Town-owned pond in 2018 that has approximately 3/16” holes in it to prevent the transfer of large debris from one pond to the course-owned pond at a cost of \$5,000. Mayor Darby called for the vote and the motion of the Town pursuing a solution was unanimously approved.

D. Convenience Station – The Public Works and Utilities departments are spending a lot of their time picking up after those who use the convenience station outside of monitored hours and leave waste on the ground or in inappropriate locations. Although there are cameras at this site, the one inside the gate of the convenience station is not working and is scheduled to be replaced, so there is no way to cite those in violation. Garbage fees are based on a fixed curbside rate plus the cost to operate the convenience station. The convenience station has had twice the activity as last year in part due to more use, more home deliveries related to COVID and more remodels and home improvement projects. Without taking proactive measures now, the rate will need to be increased again. Utilities Director Patrick Zemp told Council that things at the convenience station have improved since the walk-through gate was temporarily closed three weeks ago. Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve closing the walk-through gate until a long-term solution was decided upon. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

E. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2020-23 to Amend Section 78-54 regarding golf cart decals – Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to defer the first reading of Ordinance No. 2020-23 to Amend Section 78-54 regarding golf cart decals. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

F. Aerators – Wastewater Treatment Lagoon – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the purchase of two replacement aerators at a cost of \$5,900 to be funded from sewer R&R. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

G. Work Authorization No. 15 Water Rate Study Update with American Engineering Consultants – Councilwoman Smyer moved to defer the decision on work authorization No. 15 from American Engineering Consultants for a Water Rate Study Update. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

H. Tree Trimming Budget Adjustment – Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve reallocation of \$3,000 from the convenience station fence CIP Misc. to Building Maintenance to pay for tree trimming at Town Hall and on the causeway. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Committee Vacancies

A. Zoning Board of Appeals – 2 vacancies – The terms of Bill Davies and Marci Cook expired on September 1, 2020. An application was received from Pat Kostell. Ms. Cook does not want to serve again. With no other applications, Mr. Davies is eligible to serve again and has reapplied. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the applications of Pat Kostell and Bill Davies for the vacancies on the Zoning Board of Appeals, seconded by Councilman Kizer and unanimously approved.

B. Water and Sewer Committee – 1 vacancy – Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve advertising the vacancy on the Water and Sewer Committee, seconded by Councilman Kizer and approved unanimously.

C. Municipal Elections Commission – 1 vacancy – Long time Chairperson Gloria Zeller has tendered her resignation from the Municipal Elections Commission. Councilman Kizer moved to approve advertising the vacancy, seconded by Councilwoman Hornsby and unanimously approved.

Departmental Reports and Committee Updates

Administration

There were six Freedom of Information Act requests in the month of August: one each from Linda Kimble, Helen Jones and Timothy Nicolette and three from William Hackett.

Building

	August- 19	August - 2020	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$7,576.63	\$18,486.84	\$37,213.69
New Construction Permits	0	1	7
Other Permits	23	32	66
Permit Fees	\$3,488.50	\$5,251.00	\$22,
Inspections	60	40	94

Fire

Calls	August -19	August- 2020	YTD
Medical	20	26	64
Fire-related	16	2	3
EMS/Misc	54	52	81
Beach Wheelchairs	19	23	43
Water Rescue	2	2	3
Welfare Checks		10	15

Police

	August - 19	August - 2020	YTD
Miles Patrolled	7,639	9,321	18,450
Incidents & Calls for Service	297	196	499
Property Checks	848	882	1,692

Town Parking Tickets | 61 | 84 | 268 |

Utilities

	August -2019	August - 2020	YTD
Pumped MG Water		23.19	51.26
Treated MG Wastewater		4.9	11.5
Water Line Repairs		2	9
Work Order Repairs		33	65

Public Works

The Public Works Department has replaced twenty town signs, cleaned up beach accesses 26 and 34 and completed 18 trash can work orders. They have been busy with mowing town-owned parks and right-of-ways.

Public Comment

There were no submissions for Public Comment.

Executive Session

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the following items:

A. Receipt of legal advice related to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Storm Reduction Project, S.C. Code §30-4-70 (a)(2)

B. Receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege related to Wharton Smith Change order, S.C. Code §30-4-70 (a)(2)

Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to exit Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Kizer and unanimously approved.

No action was taken on the items discussed in Executive Session.

Adjournment

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

The media/public was notified of the location, place and time of the meeting on Friday, September 4, 2020.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL



Deborah Hargis, Municipal Clerk

October 8, 2020