

MINUTES  
AUGUST 12, 2021  
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
6:00 P.M.

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

Present: Crawford Moore, Mayor Pro Tempore, Jerome Kizer, Patti Smyer, and Robert Renner, Council Members. Councilman Robert Renner was present during the meeting via telephone. *Quorum of Council Present.*

**Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

Councilwoman Smyer led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore read a statement to the audience expressing the gratitude that the Town of Edisto Beach has for Mayor Jane S. Darby - "Words cannot express our sincere appreciation of Mayor Jane Darby's leadership as Councilwoman, Mayor Pro Tem, and as Mayor of the Town of Edisto Beach from November 1999 to August 2021. Jane's leadership saw Edisto Beach through seven named storms, an eight million dollar water improvement project, a million dollar drainage upgrade project, a twenty million dollar beach nourishment, the development of the Town park and the COVID-19 pandemic just to name a few. Jane's dedication and service to the Town of Edisto Beach is a prime example of "service above self". On behalf of a grateful community and in appreciation of her professionalism and dedication to excellence and to the citizens of Edisto Beach, we will always be truly thankful."

Mayor Pro Tem Moore also informed the audience of Mayor Jane S. Darby's retirement celebration, which will be held on August 20, 2021, from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at the Civic Center on Edisto Beach.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore mentioned the upcoming General and Special Elections and informed everyone of the opening and closing dates to file petitions for the two Council positions and the position of Mayor.

**Approval of Minutes**

- A. **Regular Council Meeting Minutes, July 8, 2021** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2021, regular Town Council meeting, seconded by Councilman Kizer which was unanimously approved.

**Presentations and Proclamations**

**A. Starfish Awards**

- a. Mayor Pro Tem Moore presented Heidi Colman with a five-year service pin. Ms. Coleman was not present and Mayor Pro Tem Moore informed the audience that she would receive the award by mail.
- b. Mayor Pro Tem Moore presented Pete Lala with a five-year service pin.
- c. Mayor Pro Tem Moore presented a Starfish Award to Casey Bell for utilizing various investigative means to identify the vehicle of a suspect who had stolen various items and money at an Edisto Beach business, while on sick leave.
- d. Mayor Pro Tem Moore presented Assistant Chief Christopher Nash with a Starfish Award for assisting a patron who was severely injured at an axe throwing facility in Summerville, SC. Mr. Nash was not present. Chief Conley accepted the award on his behalf.
- e. Mayor Pro Tem Moore presented Patrick Moses with a Starfish Award for saving the life of a drowning victim using his extensive rescue training. Mayor Pro Tem Moore informed the audience that Mr. Moses accepted his award at the Town Council work session that was held on August 10, 2021.
- f. Mayor Pro Tem Moore presented Keith Nelson with a Starfish Award for working with local youth, discussing interest in becoming a future firefighter and describing how equipment worked and when to use it. Chief Conley accepted the award on his behalf.

- g. Mayor Pro Tem Moore presented a Starfish Award to the late Bob Sandifer for serving many years on the Planning Commission and the Water and Sewer Committee for the Town of Edisto Beach. Mr. Sandifer's widow, Beverly Sandifer, accepted on his behalf.

#### Old Business

- A. **Ordinance No. 2021-13 Temporary Moratorium to be reviewed every 30 days until resolved.** – Councilman Renner moved to approve Ordinance No. 2021-13 temporary moratorium to be reviewed every 30 days until resolved. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

#### New Business

- A. **Extrication Equipment**-Councilman Kizer moved to approve the purchase of extrication equipment at a cost of \$8,003.25 from Victory Steel to be paid from the general fund equipment vehicle replacement fund. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- B. **American Rescue Plan Funds**-Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve that the anticipated American Rescue Plan funds be used for the Arc/Willow project. Councilman Kizer seconded motion which was unanimously approved.
- C. **Recurring Special Event 31st Annual Edisto Christmas Parade**- Councilman Kizer moved to approve the recurring special event for the 31<sup>st</sup> annual Edisto Christmas parade to be held December 11, 2021. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- D. **Recurring Special Event 2021 Fall Festival**- Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the recurring special event for the 2021 Fall Festival to be held October 16, 2021, seconded by Councilman Kizer. Councilwoman Smyer asked Chelsea Harrison, Executive Director of the Edisto Chamber of Commerce, if she had reached out to homeowners to make them aware of the festival location. Ms. Harrison informed the Council that she had contacted some homeowners but not all. The motion was unanimously approved.
- E. **Recurring Special Event 2021 Edisto Road Race**- Councilman Renner moved to approve the recurring special event for 2021 Edisto Road Race to be held November 13, 2021. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- F. **Recurring Special Event Trick or Treat at the Creek**- Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the recurring special event for Trick or Treat at the Creek to be held October 27, 2021. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- G. **Recurring Special Event Form, Edisto Chamber of Commerce, Movies in the Park** – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the additional dates for Movies in the Park. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- H. **South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Recommendations on Adopted Policies for Municipalities** – Councilwoman Smyer informed the audience of the new number of COVID-19/Delta Variant cases, number of deaths, as well as confirmed and probable cases. Ms. Smyer also discussed hospital overflow, short staffing and a the new Lamda Variant. Councilwoman Smyer encouraged everyone to get vaccinated if they were able and to wear a mask inside buildings. Mayor Pro Tem Moore also stated that he would like everyone to follow the best practices given by the CDC.
- I. **Consideration of Resolution to Authorize An Election to Fill the Unexpired Term** – Mayor Pro Tem Moore informed the audience that this Resolution was to approve the Special Election for the unexpired term of Mayor. Councilman Kizer moved the approve Resolution 2021-R22 to authorize an election to fill the unexpired term of Mayor. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

#### Committee Vacancies

- A. **Municipal Election Commission – 3 vacancies**- Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the applications of Mr. Bill Andrews to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Anne Bond, Ms. Linda Perkins to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Sharon Moore, and Mr. Tom McElroy to fill the unexpired term of Anne Luckadoo. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- B. **Water and Sewer Committee – 2 vacancies** – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the applications of Mr. Bill Reeside and Mr. James Harvey. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- C. **Town Hall Complex Design Committee – 1 vacancy** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the application of Ms. Katherine Kuntz. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

- D. **Planning Commission – 1 vacancy** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the advertising of the Planning Commission vacancy. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- E. **Zoning Board of Appeals – 3 vacancies** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the advertising of the Zoning Board of Appeals vacancies. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- F. **Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals – 4 vacancies** – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the advertising of the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals vacancies. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Smyer thanked the applicants for signing up to be a part of the Town of Edisto Beach and encouraged others to apply. Mayor Pro Tem Moore informed the audience how important these positions were to the Town of Edisto Beach and urged the audience to reach out to people they thought would qualify for the vacancies.

**Planning Commission –**

- A. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-14 To Amend Section 86-3 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Edisto Beach to Include the Definition of “Recreational Vehicle” and to Repeal and Replace Section 86-183 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Edisto Beach.** – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2021-14 to amend Section 86-3 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Edisto Beach to include the definition of “Recreational Vehicle” and to repeal and replace Section 86-183 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Edisto Beach. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

**Accommodations Tax Advisory Board**

- A. **Edisto Chamber of Commerce, Off-Season Market & Advertising, \$50,000** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the \$50,000 Edisto Chamber of Commerce, Off-Season Market & Advertising request. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

**Administration**

	Received	Spent
General Fund	7.03 %	9.52%
Water Fund	6.18%	13.34%
Wastewater Fund	6.39%	7.52%

**Freedom of Information Act Requests**

During the month of July 2021, the Town of Edisto Beach received nine (9) Freedom of Information Act requests. All requests were for the Building Department.

**Building**

	July 2020	July 2021	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$18,726.85	\$21,256.65	\$425,242.68
New Construction Permits	6	1	30
Other Permits	34	30	408
Permit Fees	\$17,617.00	\$5,882.00	\$138,261.00
Inspections	54	79	912

**Fire**

	July 2020	July 2021	YTD
Calls			
Medical	38	24	196
Fire-Related	1	3	18
EMS/Misc.	29	21	229
Beach Wheelchairs	20	16	76
Water Rescue	1	8	16
Welfare Checks	5	12	53

**Police**

	July 2020	July 2021	YTD
Miles Patrolled	9,129	7,687	123,016
Incidents & Calls for Service	303	327	3499
Property Checks	810	561	11,304
Town Parking Tickets	184	261	1,077

**Utilities**

MG (Million gallons)	July 2020	July 2021	YTD
Pumped MG Water	28.07	26.9	232.95
Treated MG Wastewater	6.6	4.5	48.26
Water Line Repairs	7	1	45
Work Order Repairs	32	20	427

**Public Works**

During the month of July 2021, the Public Works Department worked on cleaning McConkey Square, Jungle Road Park and Burley Lyons Park. The department completed 20 street sign work orders. Public Works continued their summer mowing schedule and mowed the causeway.

**Special Projects**

	July 2020	July 2021
Edisto Civic Center	No activity reported in July 2020	\$1,536.75
Bay Creek Park	No activity reported in July 2020	\$2,172.86

**Chamber of Commerce**

	July 2020	July 2021	YTD (FY21-22)
Visitor Packets Mailed	190	--	--
Newsletter Subscribers	17	26	52
Website - New Users	2088	7462	11,766

In the month of July 2021, the Edisto Civic Center had 4 events. The Edisto Civic Center Facebook page has a total of 1,172 likes and 1,230 followers.

In the month of July 2021, Bay Creek Park had 3 events. The Bay Creek Park Facebook page has a total of 3,721 likes and 3,879 followers.

The Keep Edisto Beautiful Facebook page has a total of 932 likes, and 994 followers. The Edisto Beach Cookin' on the Creek BBQ Festival Facebook page has a total of 1,665 likes and 1,721 followers.

**Public Comment**

Mayor Pro Tem Moore addressed the audience letting them know that public comment was a time to speak to the Council and to be heard.

George Kostell – 1805 Mitchell Street, Edisto Beach, SC 29438

Mr. Kostell gave a warm-hearted speech about the late Bob Sandifer. He discussed Mr. Sandifer's past accomplishments and positions throughout the Town of Edisto Beach that Mr. Sandifer held including being the President of the Edisto Beach Homeowner's Association, the Treasurer of Edisto Island Preservation Alliance, a member of the Planning Commission, Chairman of the Water and Sewer Committee, and more. Mr. Kostell spoke of Mr. Sandifer's good character and extended his condolences to Mr. Sandifer's widow, Ms. Beverly Sandifer.

Sue Keith – Delegation Office for Colleton County

Ms. Keith introduced herself and informed the audience of the Delegation meeting on September 13, 2021, Monday at 6:00 P.M. at the Colleton County Library. She encouraged the audience to attend the meeting to voice any concerns they may have to all State Senators who would be present at the meeting. Ms. Keith also advocated for adequate precinct representation and asked the audience to take part in advocating for change.

### Council Time

Mayor Pro Tem Moore stated that he would be adding Council Time to all future agendas. Council Time will be a time for all Councilmembers to address any issues they may have or inform the audience of current situations, ongoing projects, upcoming events, etc.

There were no Council comments at this time.

### Executive Session

Councilwoman Smyer moved to enter into executive session. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

- A. 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 Census Count Resolution, 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 Carla DuPre and Jasper Varn, III v. Town of Edisto Beach, Board of Zoning Appeals, S.C. Code §30-4-70 (a)(2).
- C. 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 the Dominion Agreement HID to LED, S.C. Code §30-4-70 (a)(2)
- D. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-01 To Amend Section 86-3 and Sections 86-212 through 86-215 of Article V Entitled “Signs” of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Edisto Beach. Changes include definition changes, measurements and allowable times, S.C. Code §30-4-70 (a)(2)

Councilwoman Smyer was recused from discussion of item B.

Councilwoman Smyer moved to exit executive session. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2021-01 to Amend Section 86-3 and Sections 86-212 through 86-215 of Article V Entitled “Signs” of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Edisto Beach. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

### Adjournment

Councilman Kizer moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Smyer, and unanimously approved.

**APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL**



Angela K. Davis, Municipal Clerk  
September 9, 2021