

MINUTES
OCTOBER 14, 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. *Quorum of Council Present.*

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Councilman Kizer led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and an Invocation.

Approval of Minutes

- A. **Public Hearing Meeting Minutes, September 9, 2021**- Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2021, Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Renner and unanimously approved.
- B. **Regular Council Meeting Minutes, September 9, 2021**- Councilman Kizer moved to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2021, regular Town Council meeting, seconded by Councilman Renner and unanimously approved.
- C. **Special Council Meeting Minutes, September 27, 2021** – Councilman Renner moved to approve the minutes from the September 27, 2021, special Town Council meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Smyer and unanimously approved.

Public Comment – There were no comments from the audience. Mayor Pro Tem Moore informed the audience that the Town of Edisto Beach had a new Police Officer. Officer Matthew Nichols was sworn in by Mayor Pro-Tem Moore and Chief of Police Steve Miano before the Town Council meeting.

Presentations and Proclamations

American Legion - Commander Jim Phelps and Mr. Charles Tupper from the St. Paul's American Legion Post 145 made a presentation to Town Council. Commander Phelps discussed the significance and origin of the red poppy, a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars. Commander Phelps read two poems (included for reference) and encouraged the audience to reach out to Post 145, if they knew of American Veterans, their families, and military in the area that needed any assistance. Mr. Charles Tupper encouraged those in attendance to reach out to Post 145 if they knew of Veterans that needed help navigating the Veterans Affairs (VA) system. Mayor Pro-Tem Moore stated that the American Legion Post 145 would be placing a box outside of the Edisto Beach Civic Center for the proper disposal of unserviceable American and State flags.

Starfish Awards – Water Rescue- Firefighter Patrick Moses and Police Lieutenant Daniel Seyle – Councilman Renner read the memorandum (included for reference) that was written by Police Chief Miano asking Town Council to recognize Firefighter Patrick Moses and Police Lieutenant Daniel Seyle for their quick response and actions that saved the lives of three kayakers who had capsized. Town Council thanked both recipients for their hard work and dedication.

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. According to the Rural Infrastructure Authority, they are scheduled to meet November 1, 2021, to review grant applications and will be notifying those with successful applications the following week. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- B. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-27 to Repeal and Replace Article II of Chapter 18 and Appendices A and B of Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Edisto Beach, South Carolina-** Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2021-27 to repeal and replace article II of chapter 18 and appendices A and B of Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Edisto Beach, South Carolina as amended. These changes are mandated due to the passage of the SC Business License Standardization Act (Act 176) in September 2020 to streamline the business license process, creating the same process for taxing jurisdictions across the State. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- C. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-28 Providing for Mobile Vending and Regulations Governing Mobile Vending-**Councilman Kizer moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2021-28 providing for mobile vending and regulations governing mobile vending. This moves mobile vending to Article I in Chapter 18. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- D. **Memorials-** Councilwoman Smyer moved to authorize Town of Edisto Beach staff to collect information needed to move forward with the memorial brick process. Councilman Renner seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

New Business

- A. **Resolution No. 2021-R30 Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement between the Colleton County Sheriff's Office and the Town of Edisto Beach and the Charleston County Sheriff's Office and the Town of Edisto Beach** – Councilman Kizer moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-R30 Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement between the Colleton County Sheriff's Office and the Town of Edisto Beach and the Charleston County Sheriff's Office and the Town of Edisto Beach. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- B. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-26 Providing for Abatement of Public Nuisances; Procedures for Enforcement and Hearings; and Penalty for Violation-** Councilman Renner moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2021-26 providing for abatement of public nuisances; procedures for enforcement and hearings; and penalty for violation. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- C. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-31 to Amend Section 2-211 of the Town's Code of Ordinances-** Councilman Kizer moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2021-31 to amend section 2-211 of the Town's Code of Ordinances dealing with professional services procurement. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- D. **Beach Mats-** Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the purchase of beach mats for beach accesses 16, 22, and 37 at a cost of \$8,405.00, to be paid from hospitality funds. Councilman Renner seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

- E. **Award of RFP No. 2021-09 100 KW Engine Emergency Generator System-** Councilman Kizer moved to approve award of RFP No. 2021-09 to LC's Electric for \$66,415, to be funded by the Utility Equipment Vehicle Replacement Fund and to authorize the Town Administrator to execute said agreement. Councilman Renner seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- F. **Edisto Beach Entrance Sign-** Mayor Pro Tem Moore informed the audience that Council reviewed the sign at the Town Council Work Session on October 12, 2021, and that Assistant Town Administrator Mark Aakhus was doing a great job with the project.
- G. **Recurring Special Event Holiday Market, Mingle & Movie-** Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the recurring special event Holiday Market, Mingle & Movie to be held December 10, 2021 from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm. Councilman Renner seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Committee Vacancies

- A. **Planning Commission-2 vacancies** The Town will continue to advertise for the two vacancies on the Planning Commission as no applications were received.
- B. **Zoning Board of Appeals – 2 vacancies** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve applications of Mr. Ron Scroggy and Ms. Heather Johnson for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Councilman Renner seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- C. **State Accommodations Tax Board-3 vacancies** – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the application of Ms. Judy Blancett for the State Accommodations Tax Board. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. Two vacancies remain.
- D. **The Image and Design of Edisto (TIDE) Committee-1 vacancy-** Councilman Renner moved to approve the application of Ms. Camille Lemon for the TIDE committee. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Council Time

Councilwoman Smyer encouraged everyone in the audience to get a COVID-19 vaccine.

Departmental Reports

Administration

	Received	Spent
General Fund	22.59 %	24.26 %
Water Fund	17.59 %	23.26 %
Wastewater Fund	19.11 %	19.94 %

Freedom of Information Act Requests

During the month of September 2021, the Town of Edisto Beach received eleven (11) Freedom of Information Act requests. Ten requests were for the Building Department and one request was for the Police Department.

Building

	September 2020	September 2021	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$10,675.63	\$12,484.49	\$59,532.07
New Construction Permits	2	2	36
Other Permits	36	43	490
Permit Fees	\$8,823.50	\$9,809.00	\$32,341.50
Inspections	62	77	232

Fire

Calls	September 2020	September 2021	YTD
Medical	15	25	77
Fire-Related	1	5	9
EMS/Misc.	34	23	68
Beach Wheelchairs	6	20	64
Water Rescue	2	1	10
Welfare Checks	10	2	14

Police

	September 2020	September 2021	YTD
Miles Patrolled	9,250	8,013	23,983
Incidents & Calls for Service	131	218	1,016
Property Checks	891	713	1,908
Town Parking Tickets	50	70	415

Utilities

MG (Million gallons)	September 2020	September 2021	YTD
Pumped MG Water	20.33	18.5	67.1
Treated MG Wastewater	4.5	3.4	11.3
Water Line Repairs	5	3	9
Work Order Repairs	27	32	99

Public Works

During the month of September 2021, the Public Works Department completed 12 street sign work orders and 22 trash can work orders. Public Works completed their quarterly drainage inspections and cleaned the ditches along Billow Street and Fort Street.

Special Projects

	September 2020	September 2021
Edisto Civic Center	No activity reported in August 2020	\$2,602.75
Bay Creek Park	No activity reported in August 2020	\$2,540

In the month of September 2021, the Edisto Civic Center had seven events. The Edisto Civic Center Facebook page has a total of 1,196 likes and 1,258 followers.

In the month of September 2021, Bay Creek Park had one event and five Wednesday Markets. The Bay Creek Park Facebook page has a total of 3,833 likes and 4,005 followers.

The Keep Edisto Beautiful Facebook page has a total of 951 likes, and 1,016 followers. The Edisto Beach Cookin' on the Creek BBQ Festival Facebook page has a total of 1,800 likes and 1,864 followers.

Executive Session

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

- A. Discussion incidental to contractual negotiations and 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 road terminus at Louise Street S.C. Code §30-4-70 (a) (2)

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

No action was taken on the item discussed in executive session.

Adjournment

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

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL



Angela K. Davis, Municipal Clerk

November 10, 2021