

MINUTES
TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
February 9, 2023
6:00 p.m.

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

Present: Mayor Crawford Moore, Jerome Kizer, Robert Renner, Jay Watts, Joey Bagwell (via telephone conference call), Council Members. *Quorum of Council Present.*

Call to Order

Mayor Crawford Moore called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

At this time, Mayor Moore also noted Mark Aakhus is now the Town Administrator, effective February 1, 2023. He noted Mr. Aakhus' prior experience, as well as his work as Assistant Town Administrator over the past few years. He welcomed Mr. Aakhus and noted his appreciation of his work for the Town of Edisto Beach and our residents.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Councilman Renner led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance, and he also gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes, January 12, 2023: Mr. Kizer moved to approve the Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Renner and unanimously approved.

Annual Town Council Goal-Setting Retreat Minutes, January 18, 2023: Mr. Watts moved to approve the Annual Town Council Goal-Setting Retreat Minutes. Mr. Renner seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

Proclamations and Presentations

Starfish Awards

Mr. Ron Scroggy was recognized for his dedicated work as a member of the TIDE Committee from January 2018 to December 2022. Mr. Scroggy's contributions as a member of this committee have been invaluable, and he has given his time, energy, and expertise to creating a better Edisto Beach for all of us. Council thanked Mr. Scroggy for his years of service and his dedication and commitment to the Town of Edisto Beach and our residents.

Mr. Paul Otte, Utilities Operator, was recognized by Council for his assistance – during off-hours – in getting the Civic Center ready for Iris Hill's retirement party. Paul volunteered to assist with tasks such as stringing outside lights, moving tables, and helping to ready the auditorium, and his

helpful and cheerful manner was very much appreciated. Council expressed gratitude to Paul on his willingness to step in and offer to provide help when it was needed.

Ms. Phyllis McElveen, Special Projects Coordinator, was recognized for planning, organizing, and executing the retirement party for former Town Administrator Iris Hill. Ms. McElveen went above and beyond to ensure Ms. Hill received a great send-off in honor of her 14 years of dedicated service to Edisto Beach. As with other Town events Ms. McElveen has organized over the past few months, her attention to detail and careful planning have produced special events that our residents and employees have enjoyed. Council expressed gratitude for Phyllis' work in executing a wonderful send-off for Ms. Hill.

Coastal Science and Engineering Annual Beach Monitoring Report Presentation. Mr. Steven Traynum, Project Manager, Coastal Science and Engineering, presented this annual report at the February 6 Work Session.

Public Comment Period – *Each speaker limited to three minutes.*
There were no public comments offered at this meeting.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 2021-13 Temporary Moratorium to be reviewed every 30 days until resolved. Construction of Pump Station B has commenced and is scheduled to be complete by April. The SCIIP grant application award timeframe is the first quarter of 2023. The Town applied for an additional Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) grant in the amount of \$500,000 to be applied towards the Town's match of the SCIIP grant. Until both pumps are upgraded, the moratorium will remain in effect.

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-01 to Amend Sections 82-31 and 82-32 of the Town's Code of Ordinances Providing for Non-Transient and Transient Hydrant Use. Council was asked to consider and approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-01 to amend sections 82-31 and 82-32 which provides temporary water use from hydrants while preventing unauthorized use and maintains system integrity and water quality. Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-01 to amend Sections 82-31 and 82-32. Mr. Kizer seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-02 to Amend Subsection 82-87(b) of Division III – Cross Connection Control of the Town's Code of Ordinances to Provide Backflow Prevention Certification to be Submitted Annually to Obtain a Business License. Council was asked to consider and approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-02 to amend section 82-87(b) of Division III which provides that a backflow prevention certificate be submitted annually to obtain a town business license. Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-02 to amend Section 82-87(b) of Division III which provides a backflow prevention certificate be submitted annually to obtain a town business license. Mr. Watts seconded the motion, which was approved

Yeas: Moore, Kizer, Renner Watts

Nays: None

Recusal: Bagwell

New Business

Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Calendar. Council was asked to consider and approve the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Preparation Calendar as presented. Mr. Renner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kizer, to approve the 2023-2024 Budget Preparation Calendar as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Adjustments. Council was asked to consider and approve the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Adjustments as presented. Mr. Watts made a motion to approved the 2022-2023 Budget Adjustments as presented. Mr. Renner seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

Resolution No. 2023-R02 - Adopting 2023-2024 Town Council Goals. Council was asked to consider and approve Resolution No. 2023-R02 to adopt the Town of Edisto Beach's Town Council Goals for 2023-2024 as discussed and finalized at the January 18, 2023, Goal-Setting Retreat. Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Town Council Goals as presented in Resolution No. 2023-R02. Mr. Renner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Recipient-Subrecipient Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities 2021 Program Grant Agreement for Edisto Beach Interior Lagoon Study. Council was asked to consider and approve the Agreement between the South Carolina Office of the Adjutant General, Emergency Management Division, and the Town of Edisto Beach, in order for the Town to participate in the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant Program, known as the BRIC Grant Program. As part of this agreement, the Town will retain the services of an engineering firm to develop and implement a study of the interior lagoon system on Edisto Beach to identify potential solutions for addressing both rainfall and tidal flooding. The estimated cost of this project is \$105,000, to be cost-shared with \$80,000 in federal funding, and \$25,000 from Town funding. Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the BRIC 2021 Program Grant Agreement for the Edisto Beach Interior Lagoon Study. Mr. Kizer seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

Work Authorization No. 2 Under Continuing Master Services Agreement with Davis and Floyd Inc. for Interior Lagoon Drainage Study. Council was asked to consider and approve Work Authorization No. 2 under the Continuing Master Services Agreement with Davis and Floyd Inc. in the amount of \$100,000 to complete a drainage study and evaluate design alternatives to alleviate flooding and improve long-term resiliency of residents, businesses, and community members located near or potentially affected by the interior lagoon system between Jungle Road and Palmetto Boulevard. As part of the BRIC grant, \$80,000 is reimbursable from federal funds. The Town's share of \$20,000 will be paid from the Capital Improvement Projects fund, which is budgeted under the Fiscal Year 22-23 Budget Adjustments. Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve Work Authorization No. 2 under the continuing Master Services Agreement with Davis and Floyd for an Interior Lagoon Drainage Study in the amount of \$100,000. Mr. Watts seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Legislative/Earmarked Award Agreement for Edisto Beach Renourishment in the amount of \$7,500,000. Council was asked to consider and approve the agreement with the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism in the amount of \$7,500,000 for the purpose of using these funds as a local match to the US Army Corps of Engineers storm reduction funds to nourish the beach at Edisto Beach. Mr. Renner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kizer, to approve the South Carolina Department of

Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Legislative/Earmarked Award Agreement for Edisto Beach renourishment in the amount of \$7,500,000. Mr. Kizer seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

First Extension to Master Consulting Agreement for Stormwater Management Services with American Engineering Consultants, Inc. Council was asked to consider and approve the first extension to the Master Consulting Agreement for stormwater management services with American Engineering Consultants, Inc. for the period beginning February 27, 2023, and ending February 27, 2025. One additional extension period remains. Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the first extension to the Master Consulting Agreement for stormwater management services with American Engineering Consultants, Inc., for the period February 27, 2023, and ending February 27, 2025. Mr. Renner seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

First Extension to Master Consulting Agreement for Stormwater Management Services with Davis and Floyd, Inc. Council was asked to consider and approve the first extension to Master Consulting Agreement for Stormwater Management Services with Davis and Floyd, Inc. for the period beginning March 24, 2023, and ending March 24, 2025. One additional extension period remains. Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the first extension to the Master Consulting Agreement for Stormwater Management Services with Davis and Floyd, Inc., for the period March 24, 2023, and ending March 24, 2025. Mr. Watts seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

Request for Qualification No. 2022-16, Coastal Protection and Restoration Services. Council was asked to consider and approve for the Town Administrator to negotiate a contract with Coastal Science and Engineering (CSE) for coastal protection and restoration services based on CSE's fee schedule and our requirements. CSE was the only bidder for this project. Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve for the Town Administrator to negotiate a contract with Coastal Science and Engineering (CSE) for RFQ No. 2022-16. Mr. Renner seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

Special Event Application: Edisto Art Guild Arts in the Park Series, Summer 2023. Council was asked to consider and approve the Special Event application from the Edisto Art Guild to hold Arts in the Park at Bay Creek Park on June 4, July 9, and August 13, with the Civic Center as a back-up venue in the event of inclement weather, and to waive all fees associated with the rental of venues. Mr. Renner made a motion to accept the Special Event Application for the Edisto Art Guild Arts in the Park Series for Summer 2023. Mr. Kizer seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

ATAX Board Recommendations

Edisto Art Guild, Plein Air Paint Out – At the February 2, 2023, Accommodations Tax Advisory Board meeting, the Board approved the request from the Edisto Art Guild in the amount of \$3,100 for marketing and promotions for the Edisto Plein Air Paint Out event to be held October 11-14, 2023. Request Council consideration and approval to accept this recommendation for the Edisto Art Guild request in the amount of \$3,100. Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the Plein Air Paint Out in the amount of \$3,100 from ATAX funds. Mr. Renner seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

Beach Patrol ATV Purchase 2023 – At the February 2, 2023, Accommodations Tax Advisory Board meeting, the Board approved the request from the Edisto Beach Police Department in the

amount of \$9,624.84 for the purchase of a 2023 Honda Rancher ATV to replace the current one which has rusted and is not in good condition. Council was asked to consider and approve the recommendation for the purchase of an ATV for the Edisto Beach Patrol in the amount of \$9,624.84. Mr. Watts made a motion to approve the ATV request in the amount of \$9,624.84 from ATAX funds. Mr. Renner seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

Town Committees

Committee Vacancy/TIDE Committee – one vacancy. Council was asked to consider and approve the advertisement of one vacancy on the TIDE Committee due to the resignation of Mr. Charles Yeomans. Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the advertisement of one vacancy on the TIDE Committee. Mr. Renner seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

Council Time

Mr. Kizer noted the new wayfinding signs are all installed. The new signage looks great!

Mr. Watts noted he attended the Municipal Officials Training in Harrisburg earlier in the week, which he found very helpful.

Mr. Bagwell expressed his gratitude for being able to join this meeting via conference call.

Mayor Moore noted the following:

- Senate Bill 282, which provides a trust fund for line item beach nourishment in the amount of \$8m-12m, has a promising chance at passage in the SC Assembly. The Mayor attended the subcommittee meeting, and he testified on behalf of Edisto Beach, and the information was very well-received by the subcommittee. The subcommittee voted to approve this funding, and it now goes before the full committee for consideration.
- HB3930 is a companion bill to SB282, which was supported by the House Speakers. Representative Leber was one of the sponsors of this bill. All our Senate and House representatives have helped with these bills which benefit coastal towns.
- Representative Leber sent to the Mayor the American flag flown over the capital in recognition of Edisto Beach.
- Town Administrator Aakhus was appointed to the South Carolina Beach Advocates Board of Directors.

Department Reports

Administration

Assistant Town Administrator Mark Aakhus noted the following:

- Groin 2 work began on February 6 and is expected to be completed by February 10.
- Pump Station B construction continues and is on schedule.
- The 2023 Achievement Award proposal was submitted to the Municipal Association of South Carolina; we highlighted the Pump Station B construction, as well as the plan to also repair Pump Station A, and the work Council, Town staff, and the Water and Sewer Committee contributions toward this important project.

- A meeting regarding the new Town Hall/Emergency Command Center was held earlier this meeting; the ad hoc committee will be re-established as we go through this planning phase.
- SC Department of Transportation has been cleaning ditches on the 3000-3300 blocks of Palmetto Boulevard and Myrtle Street.

Fund Information

Fund	Received	Spent
General Fund	29.52%	24.37%
Water Fund	54.92%	58.07%
Wastewater Fund	60.71%	47.79%

Freedom of Information Act Requests (FOIA)

	January 2022	January 2023	YTD
Number of Requests	7	7*	65

*6 Building Requests, 1 Police Request

Building

	January 2022	January 2023	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$8,657.25	\$18,666.16	\$82,645.00
New Construction Permits	4	0	10
Other Permits	54	46	257
Permit Fees	\$18,371.00	\$8,443.00	\$73,731.70
Inspections	139	73	693

Fire

	January 2022	January 2023	YTD
Calls			
Medical	21	9	137
Fire-Related	1	0	23
EMS/Misc. (includes alarms, hazmat, public assist, water rescue, etc.)	14	5	208
Public Service (includes fire inspections, beach wheelchair loan, welfare checks)	4	7	176

Police

	January 2022	January 2023	YTD
Miles Patrolled	8,414	8,523	53,598
Incidents & Calls for Service	101	68	914
Property Checks	1089	528	4,645
Town Parking Tickets	13	8	576

Lt. Casey Herring, who was in attendance due to Chief Seyle’s participation in a training course this week, also reported the following:

- Completed ATAX request for a new Beach Patrol ATV
- Completed the MASC Risk Assessment Survey for Law Enforcement
- Received the Department of Public Safety SVS Grant
- Completed budget adjustment forms
- Met with vendors for in-car and body-worn cameras

Utilities

MG (Million gallons)	January 2022	January 2023	YTD
Pumped MG Water	9.7	13.0	104.5
Treated MG Wastewater	1.7	3.0	22.3
Water Line Repairs	5	2	21
Work Order Repairs	22	119	273

Mr. Zemp also reported on the following items:

- Serviced the large-scale Town equipment used by Public Works and Utilities
- Installed wheel stops at Beach Accesses 9 and 10
- Began edging work on sidewalks along Palmetto Boulevard

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Moore asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Kizer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Renner seconded this motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL


 Dominica Stalvey, Municipal Clerk
 March 9, 2023