

MINUTES
TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
March 14, 2024
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 p.m.

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

This Regular Town Council Meeting was properly advertised and posted and met all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act.

Present: Mayor Crawford Moore, and Council Members Jerome Kizer, Robert Renner, Jay Watts, and Joey Bagwell *Quorum of Council Present.*

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Mr. Watts led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kizer moved to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. Renner and unanimously approved.

Mr. Watts moved to approve the Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kizer and unanimously approved.

Proclamations and Presentations

Starfish Award

Ken Sallenger, Assistant Fire Chief, was presented with a Starfish Award. Mrs. Iddy Andrews nominated Mr. Sallenger for his assistance at her home. Mrs. Andrews noted Ken is a great representative for the Town of Edisto Beach.

May 2024 Building Safety Month Proclamation

Council was asked to consider and approve Proclamation 2024-P06 to declare May 2024 Building Safety Month in the Town of Edisto Beach. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve Proclamation 2024-P06 to declare May 2024 Building Safety Month. Mr. Kizer seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

Public Comment Period

- Tonya McIntyre, Director of Community Outreach for the Charleston County School District, on behalf of Jane Edwards School Principal Jarmalar Logan, thanked Mayor Moore for attending the recent celebration honoring Ms. Jane

Edwards.

- Bill Reeside, Edisto Beach resident, commented on recent applications for building permits and his dissatisfaction with the Building Department and its procedures.
- Johnquetta Mungin and Tiffany Deas-Small, representatives from the St. Paul's District Education & Community Committee, presented their newly formed organization and their mission of bridging communities together.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 2021-13 Temporary Moratorium to be reviewed every 30 days until resolved. Construction of Pump Station B is complete. Notice to proceed for Pump Station A construction has been provided to Babcock Construction, LLC.

Second Reading of Ordinance 2024-02 to Amend the Business License Ordinance of the Town of Edisto Beach to Update the Class Schedule as Required by Act 176 of 2020. Council was asked to consider and approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2024-02 to Amend the Business License Ordinance of the Town of Edisto Beach to update the Class Schedule as Required by Act 176 of 2020. A public hearing for this matter was held earlier in the evening. Mr. Kiser made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2024-02 to Amend the Business License Ordinance of the Town of Edisto Beach to Update the Class Schedule as Required by Act 176 of 2020. Mr. Renner seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

New Business

Resolution 2024-R05 Town of Edisto Beach Safety Policy Resolution. Council was asked to consider and approve Resolution 2024-R05, Town of Edisto Beach Safety Policy Resolution, which recognizes that the prevention of accidental losses affecting employees, property, and the public will enhance the operating efficiency of the Town of Edisto Beach. All Town employees will receive a copy of Safety Resolution 2024-R05 upon approval by Town Council. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-R05 Town of Edisto Beach Safety Policy Resolution. Mr. Kizer seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

Approval of Bid from Clean Marine Solutions for Bay Creek Park Dock Repairs RFP 2024-01. Council was asked to consider and approve the bid received from Clean Marine Solutions in the amount of \$270,950 as per RFP #2024-01, Bay Creek Park Dock Repairs, contingent upon grant funds received. This bid is proposed to be paid as follows: \$253,799 upon the approval of a DNR grant by the Colleton County Legislative Delegation, and \$17,151 from the Hospitality Fund. Depending on the amount of DNR grant funds received, \$150,000 has been budgeted for this project under the Hospitality Fund. Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the Bid from Clean Marine Solutions in the amount of \$270,950 as per RFP #2024-01, Bay Creek Park Dock repairs, contingent upon grant funds received and the use of additional funds from the Hospital Fund as needed. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Contract Change Order Request – Cinderella Partners, Inc. Council was asked to consider and approve a change order request for Cinderella Partners, Inc., for the Jungle Road Bathroom Project in the amount of an \$8,410 credit for removing the remaining electrical work and water fountain.

Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the change order request for Cinderella Partners, Inc., for the Jungle Road Bathroom Project in the amount of an \$8,410 credit. Mr. Bagwell seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Approval of Estimate for Electrical Service-H&H Electrical Service, LLC. Council was asked to consider and approve an estimate to provide electrical service by H&H Electrical Service for the Jungle Road Bathroom Project for \$11,000. This will be paid from the \$8,410 credit received from Cinderella Partners and the balance of \$2,590 will be paid from the project contingency budget, which has a balance of \$39,500. Mr. Renner made a motion to approve an estimate to provide electrical service by H&H Electrical Service for the Jungle Road Bathroom Project for \$11,000, to be paid from the \$8,410 credit received from Cinderella Partners and \$2,590 from the project contingency budget. Mr. Bagwell seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Planning Commission Vacancy-Approval to Advertise. Council was asked to consider and approve to advertise for a vacancy on the Planning Commission due to an expired term. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the advertisement of this vacancy on the Planning Commission. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Approval of the Keep Edisto Beautiful Board of Directors. Council was asked to consider and approve the following individuals to serve on the Keep Edisto Beautiful Board of Directors, effective immediately and until December 31, 2024:

- Caroline Matheny – affiliated with her private business, Caroline Matheny Photography
- Mindy Friddle - affiliated with local organization FRESpace
- Claire Ducet - affiliated with local group Middleton Plantation Homeowners
- Krystal Parsons – affiliated with the Edisto Island Open Land Trust
- Beverly Sandifer- affiliated with local group Edisto Beach Property Owners Association

Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the individuals as requested to serve on the Keep Edisto Beautiful Board of Directors, effective immediately and until December 31, 2024. Mr. Bagwell seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Special Event Application: Chamber of Commerce, Chamber After Hours, May 16, 2024. Council was asked to consider and approve the special event application for the Chamber of Commerce and Andy Cook CPA for a “Chamber after Hours” event on May 15, 2024, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Bay Creek Park. Approximately 150 participants are expected. Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the special event application for the Chamber of Commerce and Andy Cook CPA for a “Chamber after Hours” event on May 15, 2024, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Bay Creek Park. Mr. Watts seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Special Event Application: Animal Lovers of Edisto “Paddle for the Pups,” June 8, 2024. Council was asked to consider and approve the special event application for the Animal Lovers of Edisto Canine Rescue (ALOE) to hold the 2nd Annual “Paddle for the Pups” fundraiser on June 8, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Bay Creek Park. Approximately 150-200 participants are expected. ALOE also requests that Town Council waive the rental fee for Bay Creek Park for this fundraiser. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the special event application for the Animal Lovers of Edisto Canine Rescue (ALOE) to hold the 2nd Annual “Paddle for the Pups” fundraiser on June 8,

2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Bay Creek Park and to waive the fee for Bay Creek Park. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Special Event Application: “#Who you Whit” Benefit, September 27-28, 2024. Council was asked to consider and approve the special event application for the #Who You Whit Benefit on September 27-28, 2024. At the Edisto Marina from 6:00–10:00 p.m. on September 27, and 2:00–10:00 p.m. on September 28. Approximately 100 participants are expected. Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the special event application for the #Who You Whit Benefit on September 27-28, 2024, at the Edisto Marina from 6:00–10:00 p.m., on September 27, and 2:00–10:00 p.m. on September 28. Mr. Watts seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Special Event Application: 5th Annual Cookin’ on the Creek BBO Festival, October 11 & 12, 2024. Council was asked to consider and approve the Town’s special event application for the 5th Annual Cookin’ on the Creek BBQ Festival on October 11, 6:00-10:00 p.m., and October 12, 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., at Bay Creek Park. Approximately 1000 participants are anticipated during this two-day event. Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the Town’s special event application for the 5th Annual Cookin’ on the Creek BBQ Festival on October 11, 6:00-10:00 p.m., and October 12, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., at Bay Creek Park. Mr. Bagwell seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Special Event Application: Reynolds – Hopson Wedding, May 4, 2024. Council was asked to consider and approve the special event application for the Reynolds-Hopson Wedding on May 4, 2024, from 5:00-10:00 p.m. at Bay Creek Park. 100-150 participants are expected. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the special event application for the Reynolds-Hopson Wedding on May 4, 2024, from 5:00-10:00 p.m. at Bay Creek Park. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Council Time

- Mayor Moore commented that the “#Who You Whit” benefit raised over \$40,000 in 2023. It is a great event and benefits a worthy cause for mental health awareness.
- Mayor Moore noted the Edisto Art Guild will be presenting the Edisto Players in *MURDER ON THE RERUN* by Fred Carmichael, March 22 and 23.

Department Reports

The following reports were presented to Council:

Building

| | February 2023 | February 2024 | YTD |
|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Business/Rental License Fees | \$3,268.98 | \$6,259.87 | \$69,607.53 |
| New Construction Permits | 0 | 1 | 14 |
| Other Permits | 67 | 48 | 326 |
| Permit Fees | \$10,526.00 | \$12,148.00 | \$106,896.00 |
| Inspections | 112 | 137 | 750 |

- Mr. Brown stated he was appointed to the SC Code Study Committee, an investigating

committee that reviews and makes recommendations to the Building Code Council.

- The Town's Building Department is exploring new software, which is anticipated to be user-friendly for those seeking building permits.

Fire

| | February 2023 | February 2024 | YTD |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Medical | 13 | 26 | 171 |
| Fire-Related | 3 | 2 | 16 |
| EMS/Misc (includes alarms, hazmat, public assist, water rescue, etc.) | 10 | 11 | 98 |
| Public Service (includes fire inspections, beach wheelchair loan, welfare checks) | 9 | 27 | 252 |

- Assistant Chief Sallenger noted he and Engineer Kizer successfully completed the boat operator search and rescue course.

Police

| | February 2023 | February 2024 | YTD |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Miles Patrolled | 9,039 | 11,356 | 83,948 |
| Incidents & Calls for Service | 145 | 110 | 1,666 |
| Property Checks | 583 | 1,585 | 12,381 |
| Town Parking Tickets | 5 | 7 | 461 |

- Assistant Chief Herring reported the NCIC Audit is complete.
- New police officer recruit, Eric Duvall, began work on March 11.
- There were approximately 1700 lbs. of venison processed and distributed to two local churches.

Utilities

| MG (Million Gallons) | February 2023 | February 2024 | YTD |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Pumped MG Water | 8.4 | 8.2 | 120.03 |
| Treated MG Wastewater | 2.8 | 3.0 | 33.08 |
| Water Line Repairs | 5 | 1 | 29 |
| Work Order Repairs | 37 | 23 | 227 |

- Mr. Zemp reported they began the lead/galvanized pipe inventory on every tap system in the Town, as per EPA mandate.
- The department is experiencing some staffing changes with one employee out on medical leave, one retiring, and one new hire.
- They will begin grading the parking lot at Bay Creek Park in the next few days.

Fund Information

| Fund | Received | Spent |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| General Fund | 74.87% | 61.38% |
| Water Fund | 67.5% | 69.09% |
| Wastewater Fund | 71.94% | 54.09% |

Freedom of Information Act Requests (FOIA)

| | February 2023 | February 2024 | YTD |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|-----|
| Number of Requests | 6 | 4 | 87 |

Administration

Town Administrator Mark Aakhus presented updates to Council on the following items:

- Edisto Beach Coastal Storm Risk Management Project: Survey work is almost completed, and the draft easement is being reviewed. USACE managers attended the March 14, 2024, Beachfront Management meeting to report on the 65% design.
- Jungle Road Park bathroom is progressing. Concrete work is complete and privacy fence posts have been installed.
- A meeting was held with the architects of the new EOC/Town Hall to review exterior design and to receive a project update.
- Budget work for 2024-2025 continued this past month in preparation for the budget workshop in April, followed by the first reading of the budget in May.
- Ms. Stalvey received notification that the Jungle Shores Bike Path grant received approval from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and the application has been advanced to the National Park Service for final approval.
- The Administration received one FOIA request in February from Kim Moredock.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Bagwell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Renner, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL



Donna Iskra, Municipal Clerk
April 11, 2024