

MINUTES
TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
April 11, 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, and Joey Bagwell *Quorum of Council Present.*

Absent: Jay Watts

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kizer moved to approve the Town Council Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2024, and the Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bagwell and unanimously approved.

Public Comment Period

- Tonya McIntyre, Director of Community Outreach for the Charleston County School District invited everyone to the D23 Literacy Festival this Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. There will be food trucks and activities.
- Rich Barreto and Cameron Andrews from the Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Department (EBVFD) announced that Edisto Beach Fire Department received the “Fire Safe South Carolina Community” designation. The fire department and the volunteers worked together on this project. The Mayor offered his congratulations on their hard work and dedication and noted they will be honored at the May 9, 2024, Town Council Meeting.
- Kim Moredock, Edisto Beach resident, asked Council to again look at safety and speed limits on Jungle Shores Drive.

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.

New Business

Resolution 2024-R07 Hurricane Preparedness Week, May 5-11, 2024. Council was asked to consider and approve Resolution 2024-R07, declaring May 5-11, 2024, as Hurricane Preparedness Week. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-R07, declaring May 5-11, 2024, as Hurricane Preparedness Week. Mr. Kizer seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

Approval to Reschedule Town Council Work Session from Tuesday, June 11, 2024, to Monday June 10, 2024. Council was asked to consider and approve rescheduling the June 11, 2024, Work Session at 10:00 a.m. to June 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., due to Colleton County Primary Election. Voting will be held in Town Hall at Council Chambers on June 11, 2024. Mr. Renner made a motion to approve rescheduling the June 11, 2024, Work Session at 10:00 a.m. to June 10, 2024, at 10:00. Mr. Bagwell seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Approval of AirMedCare Network Municipal Site Membership Agreement for Town Residents. Council was asked to consider and approve the AirMedCare Network Municipal Site Membership Agreement for Town Residents, which provides transport for medical necessity by any AirMedCare network provider. The annual amount for this service is \$2,465, effective June 27, 2024. The Town currently participates in this program. This service will be paid from the General Fund Contingency, which has a balance of \$188,627. Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the AirMedCare Network Municipal Site Membership Agreement for Town Residents for an annual fee of \$2,465. Mr. Renner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Approval of AirMedCare Network Group Full Census Membership Agreement for Town Employees. Council was asked to consider and approve the AirMedCare Network Group Full Census Membership Agreement for Town Employees, which provides transport for medical necessity by AirMedCare. The annual rate for this service is \$55 per employee, effective June 23, 2024. The Town currently participates in this program. This service will be paid from the General Fund Contingency, which has a balance of \$188,627. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the AirMedCare Network Group Full Census Membership Agreement for Town Employees for an annual rate of \$55 per employee. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Approval of Reappointment of Municipal Judge R. Morrison M. Payne. Council was asked to consider and approve the reappointment of Municipal Judge R. Morrison M. Payne, effective March 29, 2024. Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the reappointment of Municipal Judge R. Morrison M. Payne. Mr. Bagwell seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Approval of Appointment to Planning Commission. Eight applications were received for one vacancy on the Planning Commission. Council voted by ballot appointing Mr. Barry A. Stephens with the majority of votes. This vacancy is due to the term of Janet P. Oakley's term expiring on May 31, 2024. Mr. Kizer made a motion to appoint Mr. Barry A. Stephens to the Planning Commission. Mr. Renner seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

Special Event Application: Chamber of Commerce, 2024 Movies in the Park/June 12, July 10, August 14, September 18, and December 13, 2024. Council was asked to consider and approve

the special event application for the Chamber of Commerce, 2024 Movies in the Park events for June 12, July 10, August 14, September 18, December 13, 2024. The events will be held at Bay Creek Park from 5:00–10:00 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the Chamber requests the use of the Civic Center if available. Approximately 100-300 participants are expected. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the special event application for the Chamber of Commerce, 2024 Movies in the Park. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Special Event Application: Chamber of Commerce, 2024 Fall Festival & Turtle Tide Art Auction/October 12, 2024. Council was asked to consider and approve the special event application for the Chamber of Commerce 2024 Fall Festival and Turtle Tide Art Auction on October 12, 2024, from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on Jungle Road (in front of Jungle Road Plaza and the Town lot). Approximately 300 participants are expected for this event. Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the special event application for the 2024 Fall Festival and Turtle Tide Art Auction on October 12, 2024, from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Special Event Application: Chamber of Commerce, 2024 Edisto Beach Road Race/November 23, 2024. Council was asked to consider and approve the special event application for the Chamber of Commerce, 2024 Edisto Beach Road Race, a 5K run and 1 mile walk, on November 23, 2024, from 8:00-11:00 a.m. The starting and ending point will be the Wyndham Recreation Center. Approximately 125 individuals are expected to participate. Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the special event application for the Chamber of Commerce, 2024 Edisto Beach Road Race on November 23, 2024, from 8:00-11:00 a.m. Mr. Renner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Special Event Application: Chamber of Commerce, 34th Annual Edisto Beach Christmas Parade/December 14, 2024. Council was asked to consider and approve the special event application for the Chamber of Commerce, 34th Annual Edisto Beach Christmas Parade on December 14, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. The parade will run from the 500 block of Palmetto Boulevard to the EnMarket Convenience Store. Approximately 300 participants are expected. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the special event application for the 34th Annual Edisto Beach Christmas Parade on December 14, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Council Time

- Mayor Moore congratulated the Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Department again for receiving the “Fire Safe South Carolina Community” designation.
- Mayor Moore reminded everyone to check the Chamber of Commerce website for the many upcoming events and activities.
- Mayor Moore thanked Ms. Sue Keith for attending the meeting and thanked Tonya McIntyre for her service to the community.
- Mr. Bagwell was notified by a resident of a need for additional trash receptacles on Beach Access # 30 and he commended Mr. Aakhus for his response in getting them placed so quickly.

Department Reports

The following reports were presented to Council:

Building

	March 2023	March 2024	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$33,062.65	\$53,092.92	\$122,700.45
New Construction Permits	0	6	20
Other Permits	64	49	375
Permit Fees	\$6,518.50	\$30,945.50	\$137,841.50
Inspections	147	92	842

- Mr. Brown stated there are approximately 270 vacant lots still available for building.

Fire

	March 2023	March 2024	YTD
Medical	18	22	193
Fire-Related	0	2	18
EMS/Misc (includes alarms, hazmat, public assist, water rescue, etc.)	12	11	109
Public Service (includes fire inspections, beach wheelchair loan, welfare checks)	6	31	283

- Chief Conley reported physicals have been completed for Fire Department personnel and staff. CPR recertification is complete for all Fire Department personnel and designated staff.
- Chief Conley reported he and Assistant Chief Sallenger were called to a water rescue for two paddleboards that got too far out and could not get back to shore.

Police

	March 2023	March 2024	YTD
Miles Patrolled	8,954	12,122	96,070
Incidents & Calls for Service	145	121	1,787
Property Checks	592	1,295	13,676
Town Parking Tickets	24	25	486

- Chief Seyle reported the new officer is finishing his 4-week training and will be attending the Police Academy in the next few weeks.
- Chief Seyle has interviewed an applicant for a police officer and conducted a background investigation.
- Beach Patrol started the first of April, and he will be giving reports to Council monthly on the events.

Utilities

MG (Million Gallons)	March 2023	March 2024	YTD
Pumped MG Water	12.1	10.7	130.75
Treated MG Wastewater	3.5	4.2	37.36

Water Line Repairs	5	2	31
Work Order Repairs	42	31	302

- Mr. Zemp reported Paul Otte passed the test for his Water Distribution license.
- The department has a new Utility Operator, and he is doing very well.
- Mr. Zemp reported the new street signage is coming in and the new metal posts and anchors are more tamper resistant as evidenced by the reduction in missing signs after Spring Break.

Fund Information

Fund	Received	Spent
General Fund	78.96%	67.63%
Water Fund	73.11%	73.87%
Wastewater Fund	78.97%	60.31%

Freedom of Information Act Requests (FOIA)

	March 2023	March 2024	YTD
Number of Requests	11	1	88

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.
- Jungle Road Park bathroom is progressing. Furniture and fixtures are being installed.
- Pump Station A shop drawings have been submitted to American Engineering and should be completed by next week.
- Inlet grates have been lowered at the Arc/Billow Street Drainage Project.
- Wastewater System Upgrades final design has an estimated completion date of May 30, 2024, and permitting work will be complete in June. Advertising for bids should begin in July with the project completion in mid-March 2026.
- EOC/Town Hall construction to begin December 2024 or January 2025.
- Colleton County Delegation has approved the grant for Bay Creek Park Dock, and it is on its way to DNR for final approval.
- The Administration received one FOIA request in March from Kim Moredock.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL


 Donna Iskra, Municipal Clerk
 May 9, 2024