

MINUTES
TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
October 10, 2024
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. Renner led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kizer moved to approve the Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes, September 12, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. Renner and unanimously approved.

Proclamations and Presentations

Starfish Awards

Town Council was pleased to recognize the following individuals with a Starfish Award for their work on the ATAX Board:

- Matthew Kizer for his work as a member of the ATAX Board from March 2014 to August 2024. His work as a committee member and his commitment to our community are unparalleled, and his service is commendable.
- Rick Moore for his work as a member of the ATAX Board from August 2021 to August 2024. Mr. Moore's involvement and work as a member of the ATAX Board has been invaluable, and his knowledge has been a benefit to the Board.

Ceremonial Swearing-In

The Mayor led the ceremonial swearing-in of Eric Duvall, who joined the Edisto Beach Police Department in March 2024 as a recruit and recently completed his training at the SC Criminal Justice Academy.

Presentation

At the Town Council Work Session on October 8, Janet Thibault, SCDNR Wildlife Biologist, presented information on the importance of Edisto Beach to shorebirds.

Public Comment Period

No public comments were offered during this meeting.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 2021-13 Temporary Moratorium to be reviewed every 30 days until resolved. Construction of Pump Station B and A is complete.

Second Reading of Ordinance 2024-12 to Terminate the Temporary Moratorium as established by Ordinance No. 2021-13. Council was asked to consider and approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-12 to Terminate the Temporary Moratorium as established by Ordinance No. 2021-13, which placed a temporary moratorium on the issuance and approval of new or additional connections for properties situated inside the municipal boundaries to the Town sewer system that flow through Lift Stations A, B, and C and for additions to existing structures that access the Town sewer system which flow through Lift Stations A, B, and C. Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2024-12 to Terminate the Temporary Moratorium as established by Ordinance No. 2021-13. Mr. Watts seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

New Business

Approval of Change Order #1/Clean Marine. Bay Creek Park Dock Repair Project (\$27,500). Council was asked to consider and approve Change Order #1 for Clean Marine for the Bay Creek Park Dock Repair. This change order is necessary due to damage found to three (3) piles, which will need to be replaced, and the floating dock will need to be removed from its present location. Once the three piles are installed, the floating dock will need to be removed from its present location. Once the three piles are installed, the floating dock will be relocated and anchored with two (2) new piles in the original location. The cost of this change order is \$27,500 and will be paid from the Hospitality Fund which has a current balance of \$679,305. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve Change Order #1 for Clean Marine for Bay Creek Park Dock Repair in the amount of \$27,500. Mr. Watts seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

Approval of Award RFB #2024-05 Jungle Road Bathroom Janitorial and Cleaning Services. Council was asked to consider and approve the awarding of RFB #2024-05 for Jungle Road Bathroom Janitorial and Cleaning Services to Phoenix Home Care in the amount of \$55.00 per individual cleaning. This amount will be paid from the Hospitality Fund. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve to award RFB #2024-05 for Jungle Road Bathroom Janitorial and Cleaning Services to Pheonix Home Care in the amount of \$55.00 per individual cleaning. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Renewal of Contract with Ashley Hudson-Scott for Representation of Indigent Clients. Council was asked to consider and approve the contract extension with Ashley Hudson-Scott, Esquire, to June 30, 2026, to provide legal representation for indigent defendants appearing before the Town's summary court. State and Federal Law require that prior to the imposition of a jail sentence for

any crime, the defendant charged must be advised of their right to counsel, and this must be provided free of charge to the defendant. For services rendered, the Town agrees to pay a flat fee of \$200 per case. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the renewal of the contract with Ashley Hudson-Scott for representation of indigent clients at a flat fee of \$200 per case. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Approval of Town Committee Appointments. Council was asked to consider and approve appointments to the Construction Board of Appeals (one vacancy); Zoning Board of Appeals (two vacancies); and ATAX Board (hospitality seat/one vacancy). Following a vote by paper ballot, the following individuals were approved by a motion from Mr. Renner, seconded by Mr. Kizer, with Council approving unanimously:

- Gerald T. Raines appointed to the Construction Board of Appeals, with a term appointment to September 1, 2027.
- William Davies and Pat Kostell appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals, with a term appointment to September 1, 2028.
- Tommy Sandel appointed to the ATAX Board (hospitality seat) with a term appointment to August 1, 2027.

Approval to Advertise TIDE Committee Vacancies (three vacancies). Council was asked to consider and approve the advertisement of three vacancies on the TIDE Committee since the terms of Lynne Grout, Camile Lemon, and Clark McClary end on November 1, 2024. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the advertisement of these three vacancies. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kizer and approved unanimously.

Special Event Application: Morrill/Tyner Wedding, Bay Creek Park, November 9, 2024. Council was asked to consider and approve the special event application submitted by Lindsay Morrill for a wedding to be held at Bay Creek Park on November 9, 2024, from the hours of 4:30 – 10:00 p.m. Approximately 175 individuals are expected to attend. Mr. Kizer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bagwell, to approve the special event application for the Morrill/Tyner wedding on November 9, 2024, at Bay Creek Park. This motion was approved unanimously.

Special Event Application: Town of Edisto Beach Christmas Tree Lighting and Sing-Along, Bay Creek Park, December 1, 2024. Council was asked to consider and approve the special event application for the Town's Christmas Tree Lighting and Sing-Along to be held at Bay Creek Park on December 1, 2024, from 5:00 – 6:15 p.m. Mr. Watts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kizer, to approve the special event application for the Christmas Tree Lighting and Sing-Along at Bay Creek Park on December 1, 2024. This motion was approved unanimously.

Special Event Application: Kemp/Fleming Wedding, 3610 Yacht Club Road, May 17, 2025. Council was asked to consider and approve the special event application submitted by June Kemp for a wedding to be held at a private residence at 3610 Yacht Club Road on May 17, 2025, from 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. A band will perform during this time. Approximately 200 individuals are expected to attend. Mr. Renner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Watts, to approve the special event application for the Kemp/Fleming Wedding to be held on May 17, 2025, at 3610 Yacht Club Road. This motion was approved unanimously.

Department Reports

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The following reports were presented to Council:

<u>Building</u>	<u>September 2023</u>	<u>September 2024</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Business/Rental License Fees	\$6,234.73	\$17,277.71	\$56,591.60
New Construction Permits	4	0	3
Other Permits	31	44	122
Permit Fees	\$20,601.50	\$6,906.50	\$28,263.50
Inspections	80	61	280

Fire

<u>Calls</u>	<u>September 2023</u>	<u>September 2024</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Medical	21	24	94
Fire-Related	1	1	4
EMS/Misc.*	10	28	87
Public Service**	54	49	158

(*includes alarms, hazmat, public assist, water rescue, etc.)

(**includes fire inspections, beach wheelchair loan, welfare checks)

- Chief Conley noted the EPFD has taken possession of the donated Kodiak boat.
- Continued departmental training.

<u>Police</u>	<u>September 2023</u>	<u>September 2024 *</u>	<u>YTD *</u>
Miles Patrolled	9,769	XXXX	X
Incidents & Calls for Service	194	125	X
Property Checks	1,638	1,331	X
Town Parking Tickets	59	22	X

Chief Seyle was not in attendance but provided the following reports:

- Recruit Golden has started and is completing her first 4 weeks of online academy training.
- A conditional offer has been made to applicant Richards.
- Officer Duvall has completed his field training and is working independently.
- Officer Nichols attended a crime scene investigation course.
- Beach Patrol held an end of summer meeting
- Chief Seyle attended the Police Chief's conference.

<u>Utilities</u>	<u>September 2023</u>	<u>September 2024 *</u>	<u>YTD *</u>
Pumped MG Water	17.0	XX	XX
Treated MG Wastewater	4.6	XX	XX
Waterline Repairs	2	XX	XX
Work Order Repairs	39	XX	XX

- Mr. Zemp reported storm clean up continues.

<u>Fund Information</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Spent</u>
General Fund	18.00%	20.50%
Water Fund	15.00%	16.00%
Wastewater Fund	10.50%	25.00%

Freedom of Information Act Requests (FOIA)

<u>September 2023</u>	<u>September 2024</u>	<u>YTD</u>
10	11	24

Administration

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

- Wastewater Improvement Project: Pump Stations A and B are complete.
- CTC approved \$175,000 in matching funds for an SCDOT TAP grant.
- Army Corps Project
 - Survey work is completed and approved by USACE.
 - Appraisal work is complete and being reviewed by USACE.
 - Title work is complete and being reviewed by USACE.
 - Easement documents are actively being prepared.
- Land Water Conservation Fund grant for Jungle Shores bike path has been approved by the National Park Service. Total project cost: \$290,000.
- Jungle Road Park Boardwalk expected to be complete by January 2025.
- Burley L. Lyons Park Boardwalk expected to be complete by January 2025.
- Storm Operations
 - The majority of the debris has been collected
 - SCDOT is monitoring high tides.
- Administration FOIA requests for July:
 - Anna Atherton (1)
 - Sarah Quinn (1)
 - Kim Moredock (1)
 - Molly Duncan (1)

**Indicates numbers not available at time of report.*

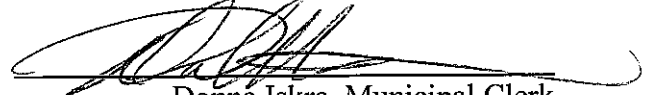
Council Time

No comments from Town Council members.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Mr. Kizer, seconded by Mr. Renner, the Town Council meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m. The motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL



Donna Iskra, Municipal Clerk
Town of Edisto Beach
November 14, 2024