

MINUTES
TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
November 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, Robert Renner, Jay Watts, and Joey Bagwell *Quorum of Council Present.*

Absent: Jerome Kizer

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Mayor Moore led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Renner moved to approve the Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes, October 10, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. Watts and unanimously approved.

Proclamations and Presentations

Draft Lagoon Study Report – Davis & Floyd

- Davis & Floyd presented the Draft Lagoon Study Report during the November 12, 2024, Work Session.

2023-2024 Audited Financial Statements – The Brittingham Group, LLP.

- Bill Hancock with The Brittingham Group, LLP., presented the 2023-2024 Audited Financial Statements. He noted no findings. Mr. Renner moved to approve the 2023-2024 Audited Financial Statements. The motion was seconded by Mr. Watts and unanimously approved.

Public Comment Period

1. Ms. Bonner Altman of Sea Cloud Circle reported on an issue with the homeowners association dues on her residence. She noted the HOA was selling her home due to unpaid fees.
2. Olivia Padgett, Jungle Shores Drive resident, shared her concerns over the encroachment permit application for 711 Jungle Road. She noted the post and rope fencing causes a bottleneck for homeowners and reduces the greenspace used by visitors
3. Kim Moredock, Jungle Shores Drive resident, acknowledged she initiated the complaint regarding 711 Jungle Road due to safety concerns.
4. Doc Moredock, Jungle Shores Drive resident, stated a permit for the fence at 711 Jungle Road should have been obtained prior to installation.
5. Arther Dwight, homeowner on Jungle Shores Drive, noted that 50% of the path is gone at 711 Jungle Road due to the fence and it has created a choke point for bikers, golfers, and walkers. He expressed concern over allowing homeowners to obtain permits after the work has been completed.

Mayor Moore stated these issues will be addressed on a case-by-case basis and can be revisited at any time.

Old Business

New Business

Emergency Purchase: Pinkney Well Drilling & Water Industry for 8 Monitoring Wells (\$24,999.99). Council was asked to consider and approve the emergency purchase of the equipment, chemicals, and service for eight (8) monitoring wells upgrade from Pinkney Well Drilling & Water Industry in the amount of \$24,999.99. This project will bring the eight monitoring wells on the golf course into compliance with the SC Department of Environmental Services regulations. The purchase will be paid from the Water Renewal and Replacement Fund, which has a balance of \$2,206,067. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the emergency purchase of the equipment, chemicals, and service for (8) monitoring wells upgrade in the amount of \$24,999.99. Mr. Watts seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

Convenience Center Attendant Agreement Extension. Council was asked to consider and approve the contract extension with Lyons Contracting Center Attendant Services. This is the fourth and final extension of the current contract. This extension is effective December 1, 2024, through December 1, 2025. Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the contract extension with Lyons Contracting Center Attendant Services, effective December 1, 2024, through December 1, 2025. Mr. Watts seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Encroachment Permit Application: 711 Jungle Road. Council was asked to consider and approve the Encroachment Permit Application for 711 Jungle Road. The temporary encroachment is a post and rope fence located on Jungle Shores Drive behind the residence located at 711 Jungle Road. Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the Encroachment Permit Application for 711 Jungle Road. Mr. Bagwell seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Commercial Sub-Lease Agreement/Civic Center/The Edisto Art Guild. Council was asked to consider and approve the Commercial Sub-Lease Agreement between the County of Colleton, the Town of Edisto Beach, and the Edisto Art Guild. The term of this sub-lease will begin December 1, 2024, and end November 30, 2026, for a term rental of \$4,758.96 for Year One, and \$4,925.52 for Year Two, and additional costs for the annual play performances. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the Commercial Sub-Lease Agreement between the County of Colleton, The Town of Edisto Beach, and the Edisto Art Guild from December 1, 2024, to November 30, 2026. Mr. Renner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RFP #2024-06. Bid for Public Access Signage (\$36,543.53). Council was asked to consider and approve the bid from Vista Signs in the amount of \$36,543.53 for Public Access Signage to purchase 49 public access signs for beach access points and two signs for Jungle Road Park and Parking Lot. This cost will include the installation of high-density urethane (HDU) signage, as well as the removal of old signage and debris clean-up. If approved, this purchase will be paid from ATAX funds. Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the bid from Vista Signs in the amount of \$36,543.53 for public access signage. Mr. Watts seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ATAX Board Recommendations. Council was asked to consider and approve the following ATAX Board recommendations:

- Edisto Beach Police Department: Purchase of a Zodiac Boat Motor and Trailer in the amount of \$7,263. The boat was donated by Zodiac to the Town.
- Town of Edisto Beach: Public access signage for the beach access points and Jungle Road Park and Parking Lot in the amount of \$36,543.53.
- Town of Edisto Beach – Bell Property Annual Debt Bond for the annual contributions to retire a General Obligation Bond authorized through referendum for the purpose of purchasing the Bell Property, also known as Bay Creek Park. \$50,000 is requested for the bond debt service.

Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the Edisto Beach Police Department purchase of a Zodiac Boat Motor and Trailer in the amount of \$7,263., The Town of Edisto Beach public access signage, and the Town of Edisto Beach Bell Property Annual Debt Bond in the amount of \$50,000. Mr. Renner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Special Event Application: ALOE's Paddling for Pups/Bay Creek Park, April 12, 2025. Council was asked to consider and approve the special event application for Animal Lovers of Edisto (ALOE) for the Paddling for Pups event requested at Bay Creek Park on April 12, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Approximately 150-200 participants are expected. Mr. Watts made a motion to approve the special event application for ALOE's Paddling for Pups at Bay Creek Park, April 12, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mr. Renner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Department Reports

The following reports were presented to Council:

<u>Building</u>	<u>October 2023</u>	<u>October 2024</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Business/Rental License Fees	\$6,912.52	\$11,396.85	\$67,988.45
New Construction Permits	1	4	7
Other Permits	54	65	187
Permit Fees	\$16,051.50	\$28,706.00	\$56,969.50
Inspections	72	143	423

Fire

<u>Calls</u>	<u>October 2023</u>	<u>October 2024</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Medical	25	16	110
Fire-Related	2	1	5
EMS/Misc.*	11	10	97
Public Service**	23	15	179

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

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

- Chief Conley reported the EPFD has collected and delivered over 3500 pounds of food, jackets, generators, etc. to the Disaster Relief Effort.
- The EBFD participated in the Trick or Treat on the Creek event, serving 350 hotdog plates to attendees.
- Supported the Edisto Beach Triathlon.

<u>Police</u>	<u>October 2023</u>	<u>October 2024</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Miles Patrolled	11,023	11,323	47,401
Incidents & Calls for Service	283	159	572
Property Checks	1,587	1,242	5,002
Town Parking Tickets	25	20	219

- New recruit Golden attending the Police Academy.
- New recruit Richards is completing his in-house pre-academy training.
- Certified Police Officer Glosser begins field training on November 27.

<u>Utilities</u>	<u>October 2023</u>	<u>October 2024</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Pumped MG Water	15.0	16.8	76.0
Treated MG Wastewater	4.0	3.5	18.1
Waterline Repairs	3	1	12
Work Order Repairs	22	21	102

<u>Fund Information</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Spent</u>
General Fund	30.00%	30.00%
Water Fund	28.00%	27.00%
Wastewater Fund	29.00%	24.00%

Freedom of Information Act Requests (FOIA)

October 2023
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October 2024
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YTD
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Administration

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

- Wastewater Improvement Project
 - Town has secured an easement with the Plantation Course for a new forcemain along fairway one. Bids for the remainder of the projects are due November 20, 2024.
- Colleton Transportation Committee approved \$175,000 as matching funds for and SCDOT TAP grant if approved.
- Beach Renourishment Project.
 - Survey process has been completed and approved by USACE.
 - Appraisal work is complete and being reviewed by USACE.
 - Title work is completed and being reviewed by USACE.
 - Easement documents are actively being prepared.
- Jungle Road Park Boardwalk
 - Expected completion date by January 2025.
 - Demo has occurred and construction is underway.
- Burley L. Lyons Park Boardwalk.
 - Expected completion date by February 2025.
 - Waiting on permitting and construction drawings.
- Town Hall/EOC.
 - Planning to place project to bid in early January 2025.
- Administration FOIA requests for October:
Jimmy King (1)

Council Time


Mayor and Council thanked everyone for a great audit. Mr. Aakhus noted we have strategically placed the Town in a good position for future infrastructure projects.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL


Donna Iskra, Municipal Clerk
December 12, 2024