

MINUTES
TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
December 12, 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 Jay Watts. *Quorum of Council Present.*

Absent: Joey Bagwell

Call to Order

Mayor 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 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes, November 14, 2024, and the Special Town Council Meeting Minutes, November 26, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. Renner and unanimously approved.

Proclamations and Presentations

Starfish Award

Mayor Moore recognized Sue Johnson with a Starfish Award for her work on the Planning Commission. Ms. Johnson was a member of the Planning Commission since May 2018. Her dedication to the Town and its residents was unparalleled, and her knowledge and tenacity made her a valuable member of the Commission. She was esteemed by her colleagues and as Vice Chair she helped drive many decisions making Edisto Beach a better place to live. Sue died on November 21, 2024, so we presented this award posthumously and will share with Sue's family. The Mayor also sends condolences to the family and noted Sue will be greatly missed.

Public Comment Period

1. Ms. Sue Keith, Colleton County Legislative Delegation Representative, thanked the mayor, Council, and Town staff for their responsiveness and cooperation. She represents many towns, large and small, and always appreciates the work the Town of Edisto does.

Old Business

(no items)

New Business

Additional Twice-Weekly Trash Collection Schedule. Council was asked to consider and approve the 2025 Additional Twice-Weekly Trash Collection Schedule. This is not for additional service; we must identify annually these twelve additional weeks for twice-weekly pick-up. The suggested weeks are eight(8) weeks from March 30 through May 24, 2025; three (3) weeks from September 7 through September 27, 2025; and the week of December 21 through December 27, 2025. Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the 2025 Additional Twice-Weekly Trash Collection Schedule. Mr. Watts seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

2025 Town Holiday and Meeting Schedules. Council was asked to consider and approve the 2025 Town Holiday Schedule and the 2025 Council and Committees Meeting Schedule. Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the 2025 Town Holiday Schedule and the 2025 Council and Committees Meeting Schedule. Mr. Renner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Appointment and Re-appointment of Keep Edisto Beautiful (KEB) Board Members. Council was asked to consider and approve the following Keep Edisto Beautiful appointments and re-appointments, effective for one-year terms beginning December 2024:

Appointment:

- Lisa Cumming
- Bess Kellett

Reappointment:

- Caroline Eynon
- Mindy Friddle
- Krystal Parsons
- Kristi Outland, Director

Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the Keep Edisto Beautiful appointments and re-appointments, effective for one-year terms beginning December 2024. Mr. Watts seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Approval of Appointments: Tide Committee. Three (3) Vacancies. Council was asked to consider and approve appointments to the TIDE Committee (three vacancies). Following a vote by paper ballot, the following individuals were appointed by a motion from Mr. Renner, seconded by Mr. Watts, with Council approving unanimously:

- Lynne Grout, with a term appointment to November 1, 2027.
- Ron Johnson, with a term appointment to November 1, 2027.
- Camille Lemon, with a term appointment to November 1, 2027.

Department Reports

The following reports were presented to Council:

<u>Building</u>	<u>November 2023</u>	<u>November 2024</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Business/Rental License Fees	\$6,336.18	\$5,070.30	\$73,058.75
New Construction Permits	0	1	8
Other Permits	31	45	232
Permit Fees	\$5,099.00	\$9,804.00	\$66,773.50
Inspections	79	113	536

Fire

<u>Calls</u>	<u>November 2023</u>	<u>November 2024</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Medical-Related	9	14	124
Fire-Related	0	3	8
EMS/Misc.*	8	16	113
Public Service**	24	18	191

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

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

- Chief Conley reported 10 fire hydrants have been painted.
- Medical-related calls are up 33% from last year.

<u>Police</u>	<u>November 2023</u>	<u>November 2024</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Miles Patrolled	10,137	13,188	60,589
Incidents & Calls for Service	287	157	729
Property Checks	1,541	1,319	6,321
Town Parking Tickets	21	13	232

- Recruit Golden in Week 5 of her training at the Police Academy.
- Recruit Richards will begin training at the Police Academy, January 5, 2025.
- Certified Police Officer Glosser is training with Sergeant Poole.
- Property Fraud has been reported regarding listing and sales of properties, particularly properties that are owned free and clear. The Police Department is working closely with local realtors, and a notice will be forwarded to residents.

<u>Utilities</u>	<u>November 2023</u>	<u>November 2024</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Pumped MG Water	11.7	113.1	189.01
Treated MG Wastewater	3.1	3.21	21.3
Waterline Repairs	7	3	15
Work Order Repairs	27	31	133

- Christmas decoration installations are complete.

<u>Fund Information</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Spent</u>
General Fund	41.32%	41.51%
Water Fund	53.38%	50.52%
Wastewater Fund	36.30%	31.29%

Freedom of Information Act Requests (FOIA)

<u>November 2023</u>	<u>November 2024</u>	<u>YTD</u>
6	8	34

Administrative

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

- Wastewater Improvement Project
 - Forcemain project was approved at the Special Council meeting and is currently undergoing Rural Infrastructure Authority approval. Bid was under budget and the project must be completed by mid-March per agreement with Plantation Course.
- SCDOT TAP Grant Project.
 - Colleton Transportation Committee approved \$175,000 in matching funds. SCDOT approved \$600,000 in design/engineering (Phase 1) and has committed to funding the construction portion.
- Beach Renourishment Project.
 - Surveys, appraisals and title work have been completed. The easement language has been approved; we are waiting for USACE approval to move forward in preparing easement agreements.
- Jungle Road Park Boardwalk
 - Boardwalk is substantially complete. Contractor to install handrails.
 - Lines on the ADA space will be painted once the concrete is fully cured.
- Jungle Shores Bike Path
 - The agreement with the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism has been signed, and we are finalizing the bid documents.
- Jungle Road Park
 - Bathrooms are scheduled to be open December 13, 2024.
- Burley L. Lyons Park Boardwalk.
 - Waiting on permitting and construction drawings.
- FEMA
 - Two open FEMA applications seeking reimbursements from Tropical Storm Debby and Hurricane Helene.
 - Submitted two pre-applications for Hazard Mitigation Grants through

FEMA/SCEMD for Town Hall generator and to fund the recommendations from the Lagoon Study.

- Town Hall/EOC.
 - Planning to place project to bid in early January 2025.
- Administration FOIA requests for November:
Kim Moredock (2)

Council Time

Mayor Moore announced the Town received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award by the Government Finance Officers Association. This speaks highly of our staff, and this reflects our commitment to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting.

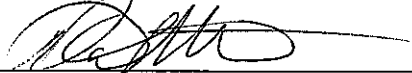
Mayor and Council wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

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 6:34 p.m.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL



Donna Iskra, Municipal Clerk
January 9, 2025