

MINUTES
TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
January 9, 2025
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 Moore called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Mr. Bagwell 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, December 12, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. Renner and unanimously approved.

Proclamations and Presentations

Resolution #2025-R01, Dr. Joe Flowers, Lifetime of Service and Dedication

Resolution #2025-R01 was presented in honor of Dr. Joe Flowers, Colleton County Council Member from 1999 through December 31, 2024, for his selfless service and dedication to his community, profession, and country; with particular gratitude for his support of the Town of Edisto Beach. Mr. Renner moved to approve Resolution #2025-R01, Dr. Flowers, Lifetime of Service and Dedication. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kizer and unanimously approved.

Public Comment Period

George Costell, 1805 Mitchell Street, recommended to Council to provide more communication regarding EOC/Town Hall project.

Old Business

(No Items)

New Business

SKIIP Grant No. A-23-C065. Wastewater Pump Stations & 8” Forcemain. Bid for Wastewater Pump Stations. (\$2,910,000). Council was asked to consider and approve the bid for wastewater pump stations in the amount of \$2,910,000 from J.S. Haren Company as part of the SCIIP Project, Grant No. A-23-C065 for Wastewater Pump Stations & 8” Forcemain. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the bid for wastewater pump stations in the amount of \$2,910,000 from J.S. Haren Company as part of the SCIIP Project, Grant No. A-23-C065. Mr. Watts seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

Contract for Deer Management Services (\$21,600). Council was asked to consider and approve the contract for deer management services to Lowcountry Wildlife Specialists, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$13,600. As a term of this contract, the Town would also agree to pay for deer processing in an amount not to exceed \$8,000. \$20,000 has been budgeted from prior year funding, and the balance will be paid from the Contingency Fund. Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the contract for deer management services to Lowcountry Wildlife Specialists, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$13,600 and for deer processing in an amount not to exceed \$8,000. Mr. Renner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Budget Calendar for 2025-2026. Council was asked to consider and approve the Budget Calendar for 2025-2026 fiscal year. Mr. Watts made a motion to approve the Budget Calendar for 2025-2026 fiscal year. Mr. Renner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Approval to Advertise Planning Commission Vacancy. Council was asked to consider and approve the advertisement of one (1) vacancy on the Planning Commission for an unexpired term to May 2026. Mr. Renner made a motion to approve to advertise for one (1) vacancy on the Planning Commission for an unexpired term. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Special Event Application: Whaley’s Chili Cook-off. January 18, 2025. Council was asked to consider and approve the Special Event Application from Whaley’s Restaurant for their annual Chili Cook-off to be held on January 18, 2025, from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Live music will be played from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in Whaley’s parking lot. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the Special Event Application from Whaley’s Restaurant for their annual Chili Cook-off to be held on January 18, 2025, from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Department Reports

The following reports were presented to Council:

<u>Building</u>	<u>December 2023</u>	<u>December 2024</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Business/Rental License Fees	\$4,529.74	\$10,509.21	\$83,567.96
New Construction Permits	1	2	10
Other Permits	33	32	264
Permit Fees	\$8,683.00	\$13,017.50	\$79,791.00
Inspections	82	70	606

- Mr. Brown noted Morgan Viars has completed her International Code Council Certification for Commercial Plumbing and Commercial Mechanical. Congratulations Morgan!

Fire

<u>Calls</u>	<u>December 2023</u>	<u>December 2024</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Medical-Related	14	12	136
Fire-Related	1	2	10
EMS/Misc.*	9	8	121
Public Service**	16	32	223

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

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

- Chief Conley reported the EPFD delivered to areas of North Carolina over 13,000 pounds of food, jackets, generators, and an additional 3,000 – 5,000 pounds of toys for disaster relief.
- The EBVFD has raised \$50,000 to date in response to the donation letters.

Police

	<u>December 2023</u>	<u>December 2024</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Miles Patrolled	10,592	12,192	72,781
Incidents & Calls for Service	173	134	836
Property Checks	1,679	1,626	7,947
Town Parking Tickets	5	8	240

- Chief Seyle reported he has completed the Taser Instructor Recertification.
- Chief Seyle noted the EBPD provided support for the Christmas Parade which was the largest one to date.
- Recruit Richards is scheduled to begin his training at the Police Academy on January 5, 2025.
- Recruit Golden is in Week 7 of 8 at the Police Academy.
- Chief Seyle noted vehicle vandalism has occurred over the past few weeks, and he reminded everyone to keep their car doors locked.

Utilities

	<u>December 2023</u>	<u>December 2024</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Pumped MG Water	10.2	10.8	
Treated MG Wastewater	4.1	3.0	
Waterline Repairs	7	2	
Work Order Repairs	27	26	

- Mr. Zemp reported Paul Otte passed the Water Distribution Exam and has been promoted to Operations Manager.

Fund Information

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Spent</u>
General Fund	46.00%	47.00%
Water Fund	53.00%	56.00%
Wastewater Fund	58.00%	36.00%

Freedom of Information Act Requests (FOIA)

	<u>December 2023</u>	<u>December 2024</u>	<u>YTD</u>
	4	6	40

Administration

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

- Wastewater Improvement Project
 - Pump Station A is complete.
 - Forcemain project is underway.
 - Wastewater Treatment Plant project is being scheduled.
- Jungle Road Paving/SCDOT
 - Attended pre-construction meeting and requested that work occur between spring break and summer or after summer. SCDOT noted paving could not be done prior to spring break.
- SCDOT
 - Culvert cleaning along the side streets throughout the interior lagoon system has begun.
- Beach Renourishment Project
 - Surveys, appraisals, and title work have been completed.
 - Easement language is approved and waiting for USACE approval to move forward in preparing easements.
- Jungle Shores Bike Path
 - Davis and Floyd are preparing Scope of Work regarding elevations and material quantities for the bid process.
- Two (2) Open FEMA applications
 - Submitted reimbursement documentation for Tropical Storm Debby and Hurricane Helene.
- Working on Hazard Mitigation Grant (FEMA) for the generator for the new EOC/Town Hall.
- Town Hall/EOC
 - Bid is scheduled to be advertised January 15, 2025.
- Bay Creek Park Dock
 - Contractor is planning to pour concrete inside the pile jackets the week of January 13, 2025. Once completed, composite decking and handrailing will be installed.
- Administration FOIA requests for December:
 - Kim Moredock (1)
 - Kevin Cook (1)

Council Time

Mayor and Council wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss. Mr. Kizer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bagwell, 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
February 13, 2025