

MINUTES
August 14, 2014
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M.

Town of Edisto Beach
Town Hall
2414 Murray Street
Edisto Beach, SC 29438

Present: Burley L. Lyons, Mayor, Jane S. Darby, Mayor Pro Tempore, Pete Anderson, Susan Hornsby and Patti Smyer, Council Members; *Quorum of Council Present.*

Mayor Lyons welcomed guests and thanked all who served the Town of Edisto Beach.

Council Session opened with a word of prayer by Councilwoman Smyer, who also led those present in the *Pledge of Allegiance.*

Approval of Minutes

Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2014. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2014. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Proclamations and Presentations

A. Starfish Awards – Mayor Lyons presented Starfish Awards to Polly McIntosh and Charlie Boozer for their service on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Old Business

A. Second reading of Ordinance 2014-18 to Amend Section 86-135 to Establish “public parks” as a Permitted Use in the R-1 District and Repeal Ordinance No 09-04 to Eliminate from Article IV of Division 2 of Chapter 86 “Governmental Owned or Operated Parks and Open Air Markets Situated Thereon and Government Owned or Operated Open Space” as Permitted Uses in All Districts – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2014-18. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Rescind the approval on July 9, 2014 for funding of \$5,000 for the Edisto Beach Shag Festival from the General Fund Contingency and request approval for the \$5,000 expenditure from the Alcohol Permitting Fund – Councilwoman Darby moved to approve rescinding the approval of funding from the General Fund and approve the \$5,000 expenditure

from the Alcohol Permitting Fund. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

New Business/Appearances

A. Award of RFP 2014-03 Vehicular Repeaters at a cost of \$33,986.97 – Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the award of RFP 2014-03 to Carter Electronics Services for a cost of \$33,986.97. The amount of \$40,150 was budgeted in the FY2014-15 budget under appropriated prior year capital improvement. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Request from Animal Lovers of Edisto for Compensation to Provide Services to Edisto Beach – Councilwoman Smyer moved to postpone action until September, to give Council more time to discuss options concerning ALOE's request. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. FY2014-15 Legislative Agenda – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the issues deemed most important by Council to discuss at the Municipal Association's Regional Legislative Advocacy meeting on September 30, 2014. Issues include: Funding the local government fund at 100%, establishing a state capital improvement plan for beach maintenance, local control of ATAX funds with annual accounting, repealing the Biggert-Waters Act, local management of SC Department of Transportation grants, local jurisdiction over golf cart laws, the use of UTVs and ATVs by local law enforcement and utilities departments, and enacting legislation to protect the elderly against financial fraud. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

D. Sewer Certificates Scott Creek/Docksite Road – Councilman Anderson moved to approve the request of Dr. Warren Smith enabling him to sell or transfer two of his three sewer certificates and tap into the system, and donate the third back to the Town as a tax write-off. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Councilwoman Darby moved to authorize the Utilities Department to refrain from issuing any new sewer certificates until assessment on the current sewer system in the Scott Creek/Docksite Road area can be completed. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

E. Special Event Application Music and Shag Fest – Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the special event application for the Music and Shag Fest to be held Labor Day weekend, August 29 – 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Bay Creek Park. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

F. Edisto Golf Holding Pond Maintenance – Mr. Leland Vaughan has submitted a request for assistance from the Town of Edisto Beach in addressing repetitive algae blooms in the holding pond owned by Edisto Golf LLC. The Town met with Mr. Vaughan on August 3, 2014 to

discuss an imminent algae bloom. The proposed solution by South Santee Aquaculture, Inc. from correspondence dated 2010 was approximately \$15,000 and entailed installing microbubblers and ultrasonic algae control. The Town explained the Town's bond covenants prohibit the Town from paying for infrastructure that is not town-owned. At this meeting, the Town offered Mr. Vaughan two aerators that were in surplus in the Utilities Department (1 – 1 hp and 1 – 5 hp). Mr. Vaughan had concerns about the longevity of these items. Administration explained that the aerators could provide enough time to formalize a long-term solution. Blake Electric can install the two aerators the Town has in surplus for around \$5,200. Additional aeration should mitigate some of the low oxygen issues that are causing algae blooms during the hot summer months. Councilwoman Darby moved to offer the two aerators and half the cost to install the aerators (\$2600) to the golf course, provided the golf course realizes this is a one-time event. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion. Mayor Lyons asked if the aerators would solve the problem for Town residents adversely affected by the algae blooms. Bob Doub, Utilities Director, told Council that the aerators would help the problem. Councilwoman Hornsby asked why the aerators were surplus and available. Mr. Doub replied that those particular aerators had been taken out of circulation due to not working at a satisfactory level for the Town's lagoon. They still are operational, just not at a level that is satisfactory for the Town's size pond. Mr. Doub said that he could get a contractor to look at the golf course holding pond and make sure the aerators would function at a satisfactory level before the installation. Mayor Lyons called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

G. Award RFP 2014-04 Bay Creek Park Restroom Cleaning – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the award of RFP 2014-04 to Alpha and Omega Services at a cost of \$80.00 per week cleaning (twice during the tourist season, once during the off season) and \$250.00 for special events. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

H. Award RFP 2014-05 Bay Creek Park Electrical Upgrade – Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the award of RFP 2014-05 to H&H Electrical at a cost of \$62,840. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion. Administrator Hill asked if the upgrades would be sufficient if air conditioning were to be put in the restrooms. Patrick Brown, Building Codes Administrator, said that it would. The motion passed unanimously.

I. Chamber After Hours Request – Aberdeen Catering, a member of the Edisto Chamber of Commerce, would like to cater a Business After Hours event on September 9, 2014 at Bay Creek Park. Aberdeen Catering has asked the Town to co-host the event and waive the park fees. Councilman Anderson moved to approve the request to cohost the event, but not to waive the park fees. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion. Councilwoman Darby asked Dan Carter, Chamber Director, if it was Aberdeen Catering that made the request or if the Chamber was requesting the Town co-host the event. Mr. Carter said it was the Catering, and since they do not have a brick-and-mortar space at Edisto to host the event, they asked the Town to co-host at the Park. Mayor Lyons called for a vote and the motion failed 2 – 3 with Councilwoman Hornsby,

Councilwoman Darby and Councilwoman Smyer opposed. Councilwoman Smyer moved to “provide the park for the After Hours as a co-host” and not charge a fee to Aberdeen Catery. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion. The motion was defeated 2 – 3 with Mayor Lyons, Councilman Anderson and Councilwoman Hornsby opposed. Councilwoman Darby moved to approve Aberdeen Catery’s request that the Town co-host the Business After Hours. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Planning Commission

A. Proposed Lot Line Abandonment – 617 Dolphin Street – Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the Planning Commission’s unanimous recommendation or an application made by Gary Clark to abandon the lot line between property he owns at 617 Dolphin Street and the pond behind his property, currently owned by Edisto Land Development contingent upon successful property transfer to Mr. Clark, who is scheduled to close on the aforementioned property on August 19, 2014. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Committee Vacancies

A. Zoning Board of Appeals – 3 vacancies – There are three vacancies currently on the Zoning Board. Charles Boozer and Polly McIntosh are not eligible to serve another term unless no other applications are received. Both would like to serve additional terms, if no other applicants apply. Mr. Joe Dreher is not interested in serving another term. Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the applications of Mr. Boozer and Mrs. McIntosh to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Accommodations Tax Board

A. Chamber of Commerce – Shrimp Fest 2014 - \$4,000 – Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the ATAX Board’s recommendation to deny funding for this event and ask the Chamber to use carryover funds. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Chamber of Commerce – Fall Festival 2014 - \$3,000 – Councilwoman Hornsby moved to approve the ATAX Board’s recommendation to deny funding for this event and ask the Chamber to use carryover funds. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. Chamber of Commerce – Off Season Marketing and Advertising - \$30,000 – Councilman Anderson moved to approve the ATAX Board’s recommendation for awarding \$12,000 for off season marketing and advertising. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. Chamber of Commerce – Expanded Off-Season Marketing and Advertising - \$105,000 – Councilman Anderson moved to approve the ATAX Board’s recommendation for awarding

\$35,000 for expanded off season marketing. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Departmental Reports and Committee Updates

Administration

Iris Hill, Town Administrator, gave the financial report for the month of July 2014.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	4.06%	5.79%
Water Fund	0.22%	6.52%
Wastewater Fund	0.22%	7.32%

Administrator Hill pointed out the picture of Ray Archibald with the plaque that will be placed on the dock at Bay Creek Park in appreciation of Mr. Archibald's hard work. Mr. Archibald received a round of applause from those in attendance.

Building

Patrick Brown, Building Codes Official, gave the report for the month of July 2014.

	July-13	July-14	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$1,794.70	\$3,700.50	\$3,700.50
New Construction Permits	0	2	2
Other Permits		18	18
Permit Fees	\$3,092.00	\$6,892.00	\$6,982.00
Inspections	21	68	68
Bay Creek Park	\$910.00	\$1,510.00	\$1,510.00

Fire

Fireman Billy Callahan gave the report for July 2014.

Calls	July-13	July-14	YTD
Medical	31	49	49
Fire-related	8	2	2
Public Assistance	26	83	83
Beach Wheel Chairs	20	26	26
Water Rescue		4	4

Mr. Callahan extended birthday wishes to Volunteer Firefighter Iris Hill, who in turn wished Mr. Callahan a happy birthday.

Police

Police Chief Bill Coffey gave the report for July 2014.

	July-13	July-14	YTD
Citations	51	27	27
Speeding	40	9	9
Warnings	82	129	129
Alarm Calls	18	17	17
Calls for 2 or More Officers	14	16	16
Miles Patrolled	8369	8,443	8,443
Assaults	4	4	4
Larcenies	17	13	13
Burglaries	1	1	1
Incidents & Calls for Service	193	189	189
Golf Cart Violations	2	2	2
Domestic Violence Calls	0	0	0
Property Checks	1551	1407	1407
Open Container	1	3	3
D.U.I.	1	1	1
CDV Arrest	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	2	2

Chief Coffey thanked Council for approving the funds for the vehicular repeaters, which will enable officers to communicate more effectively.

Utilities

Bob Doub, Utilities Director, gave the report for July 2014.

	July-13	July-14	YTD
Pumped MG Water	35.54	26.85	26.85
Treated MG Wastewater	7.52	7.91	7.91
Water Line Repairs	5	5	5
Work Order Repairs	95	135	135

Public Works

Public Works Director Bob Doub gave the report for July 2014.

	July -13	July -14	YTD
Mowed Acres	92.59	40	40
Cleaned Ditches	1.17	2,693ft	2,693ft

Roll Carts Delivered		12		14		14	
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Chamber of Commerce

Dan Carter, Chamber Director, gave the Chamber report for the month of July 2014.

- Mr. Carter thanked Council for its support in approving ATAX funds.
- The Edisto Beach Music and Shag Fest will be held Labor Day weekend, August 29 and 30, 2014.
- The Beach and River Sweep will be held September 20, 2014.
- The Shrimp Fest will be held September 27, 2014.

Public Comment Period

No one was signed in to speak.

Adjournment


Councilwoman Darby moved to go into executive session. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Darby moved to exit executive session. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Councilwoman Darby moved to grant a 3.8% raise to Town Administrator Iris Hill for continually going "above and beyond the call of duty." Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Councilman Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and location of the Council meeting on Friday, August 8, 2014.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL



Deborah Hargis, Municipal Clerk
September 11, 2014