

MINUTES
February 13, 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 Hornsby, who also led those present in the *Pledge of Allegiance.*

Approval of Minutes

Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2014. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Proclamations and Presentations

A. Service Awards – At the Council Worksession on February 11, 2014, Mayor Lyons presented Walter Hutchinson from the Public Works Department with a fifteen year service award. Iris Hill, Town Administrator, was presented with a five year service award.

B. Starfish Awards – Mayor Lyons presented the following Starfish Awards: to Kyle Cahill for bidding and ordering supplies for the Fire Department and the Volunteer Fire Department; Linda Hoff for streamlining the Fire Department's duplicate efforts; Trae Wright for implementing phone texting for fire calls and Billy Callahan for preparation for the Christmas Parade.

Old Business

A. Second Reading of Ordinance 2014-03 to Suspend Section 82-1(b) of the Code of Ordinances with Regard to the Current Water and Sewer Bill Due from Plantation Grille to Allow for a Repayment Agreement – Mr. Leland Vaughan has asked for special consideration for the current water and sewer charges for the Plantation Grille. He would like to pay the bill over the first six months of 2014 with equal payments. Councilman Anderson moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2014-03, seconded by Councilwoman Smyer. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Progressive Design Build Procurement for Water Supply and Quality – On September 12, 2013, Council directed “staff to issue a request for qualifications to solicit those who might be able to qualify to do a comprehensive study that can be stopped at any point in the process to look at water supply, water quality and water delivery systems”. Staff completed the draft and asked the Water and Sewer Committee for input regarding the scope of work from the Engineer. The Water and Sewer Committee asked staff to seek direction from the new Council prior to proceeding. Councilwoman Darby moved to ask the Water and Sewer Committee to meet with Mr. Doub prior to the March 13, 2014 Council Meeting to prioritize those steps which need to be looked at long-range and give Council more direction to narrow the scope of the RFQ. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion. Councilwoman Smyer cited the referendum this past June, in which half of those voting voted not to proceed in this direction, indicating the need to pursue different options. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

A. Six Month Budget Adjustments – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2013-14 approved budget. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Special Event Application for the Edisto Beach Road Race – The Edisto Chamber of Commerce submitted an application for the Edisto Beach Road Race to be held on March 15, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Councilwoman Darby made a motion to approve the Chamber’s application. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

C. Special Event Application for the Edisto Marina Governor’s Cup Billfishing Tournament – The tournament will be held July 23 – 26 from 12:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. (11:00 p.m. on weekends). Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the application but exclude the waiving of park fees requested by the applicant. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Councilwoman Darby recused herself on this issue due to conflict of interest.

D. Special Event Application for the 4th Annual Edisto Eats Festival and Ultimate Chef Competition – Edisto United submitted an application for the 4th Annual Edisto Eats Festival and Ultimate Chef Competition to be held on March 15, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the McConkey’s parking lot. Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the application, seconded by Councilwoman Hornsby. The motion passed unanimously.

E. RFQ 2013-04 Beach Stabilization – Request for Qualifications 2013-04 Beach Stabilization was issued on August 1, 2013 and received on October 1, 2013. Two proposals were received: Applied Technologies and Management, Inc. and Coastal Science and Engineering, Inc. (CSE). On January 15, 2014, the Beachfront Management Committee heard presentations from the two firms and selected CSE as the most qualified to perform the permitting and management oversight for the proposed beach stabilization project in 2016. Councilwoman Darby moved to

approve to award the project to CSE and authorize the Town Administrator to negotiate an agreement and the Mayor to execute the agreement. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion. Councilwoman Smyer noted her support of the timeliness of the motion since the permitting process will be lengthy. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Resolution 2014-R04 to support the suspension of Agricultural Surface Water Withdrawal Registration #021R025 from the Edisto River – Mayor Lyons informed those in attendance that a Michigan-based agricultural firm (Walther Farms) is currently drawing 9.6 million gallons of water from the Edisto River. Councilwoman Darby moved to approve Resolution 2014-R04. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Planning Commission

A. 140 Jungle Road – Island Bikes and Outfitters – Storage Room Addition – Mr. Edward C. Carson, III of Slo-Boat Construction, on behalf of Island Bikes and Outfitters, submitted an application to construct a storage room addition located in the C-3 district. The application was reviewed by the building department and is in order. The item was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission. Councilwoman Smyer moved to accept the application. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Accommodations Tax Advisory Board

A. Town of Edisto Beach Police Department – Beach Patrol 2014 - \$20,000 – The ATAX Board unanimously approved the funding request of \$20,000 for the 2014 Beach Patrol. Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Councilwoman Smyer requested that a conversation take place between Council and the Police Department about Beach Patrol. Councilwoman Hornsby voiced concern on the number of wheels on the beach. Police Chief Bill Coffey stated that Beach Patrol is on the agenda for the upcoming Council retreat on February 20, 2014. The motion to approve \$20,000 in ATAX funds for the 2014 Beach Patrol passed unanimously.

B. Town of Edisto Beach Fire Department – Beach Wheel Chair Storage Building Enclosure - \$5,500 – The ATAX Board unanimously approved the funding to enclose the wheel chair storage building in the amount of \$5,500. Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the request made by the Edisto Beach Fire Department. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. Town of Edisto Beach Fire Department – Beach Wheel Chair Parts Storage Locker - \$1,057.30 – The ATAX Board unanimously approved the request for \$1,057.30 for the beach wheel chair parts storage locker. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the request of the Fire Department in the amount of \$1,057.30. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. Edisto Marina Governor’s Cup Billfishing Tournament - \$11,000 plus park fees waived

– The ATAX Board approved funding in the amount of \$3,800 by a vote of 3(White, Watkins and Vincent) to 2 (Andrews, Salley) for the SCDNR Harry Hampton Edisto Marina Governor’s Cup Billfishing Tournament. Councilman Anderson moved to approve \$11,000 in ATAX funds without waiving fees for Bay Creek Park. The motion died due to lack of a second. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve \$10,000 for the Governor’s Cup and that the fees for Bay Creek Park be paid from that amount. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion. Councilwoman Hornsby asked about advertising fees. Becca Jones explained that both amounts Councilwoman Hornsby was asking about were for advertising in different places for the current year’s event. Councilwoman Smyer explained the amount she moved to approve was the same amount that was approved last year (\$7,800) plus Bay Creek Park rental fees (\$2,200). The motion passed 3 -1, with Councilwoman Hornsby dissenting and Councilwoman Darby recusing herself due to conflict of interest.

Committees

A. Accommodations Tax Advisory Board Vacancy – Hospitality/Lodging – Alex Pournelle has resigned from the ATAX Board. Councilwoman Darby moved to request the Town Administrator advertise the vacancy on the ATAX Board. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Departmental Reports and Committee Updates

Administration

Town Administrator Iris Hill presented the finance report for January 2014.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	64.31%	59.40%
Water Fund	79.23%	61.18%
Wastewater Fund	75.50%	53.03%

Building Department

Codes Administrator Patrick Brown gave the report for January 2014.

	January -13	January - 14	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$17,572.89	\$15,696.77	\$33,597.97
New Construction Permits	0	0	7
Other Permits	30	19	135
Permit Fees	\$3,226.50	\$3,253.00	\$32,826.00
Inspections	70	67	363
Bay Creek Park	0	0.00	\$5,800.00

Mr. Brown reported that there are currently eleven houses under construction, and one under review.

Fire Department

Chief Conley gave the Fire Department report for January 2014.

Calls	January - 13	January - 14	YTD
Medical	14	3	190
Fire-related	1	6	39
Public Assistance/Miscellaneous	10	51	319
Beach Wheel Chairs	2	2	79

Councilman Anderson asked Chief Conley if those in Jeremy Cay could use the wheel chairs, and Chief Conley said they could. The Fire Department's Fire Truck Board has narrowed the choices to two trucks and will make their final decision in the near future. New uniforms, emblems and badges have been delivered.

Police Department

The January 2014 report was given by Police Chief Bill Coffey.

	January - 13	January - 14	YTD
Citations	17	9	267
Speeding	11	8	228
Warnings	32	33	539
Alarm Calls	7	20	132
Calls for 2 or More Officers	3	9	85
Miles Patrolled	4,072	7,745	56,401
Assaults	0	0	4
Larcenies	0	1	38
Burglaries	0	0	3
Incidents & Calls for Service	58	87	642
Golf Cart Violations	1	0	2
Domestic Violence Calls	0	0	0
Property Checks	1,826	2,274	14,295
Open Container	0	0	1
D.U.I.	11	0	0
CDV Arrest	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	1	7
Animal Control Call	0	4	16

Two officers have completed Standardized Field Sobriety testing and are now certified.

Utilities Department

Patrick Brown gave the Utilities Department Report for January 2014

	January - 13	January - 14	YTD
Pumped MG Water	8.82	10.11	117.84
Treated MG Wastewater	2.669	2.63	32.08
Water Line Repairs	4	2	22
Work Orders	127	196	793

Roto-Rooter vacuumed and pressure washed the Town's thirteen lift stations. Joe Rafalowski and Patrick Zemp attended Basic Water Distribution class and passed their "D" level exams.

Public Works Department

Patrick Brown gave the report from the Public Works Department for the month of January 2014.

	January - 13	January - 14	YTD
Mowed Acres	29	0	332
Cleaned Ditches	1	7551ft	44,493
Roll Carts Delivered	36	5	53

Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber report was given by Dan Carter, Chamber Director.

- On February 11th at Pressley's, the first preliminary round of the Ultimate Chef Competition was held. Chef Ryan Bouknight of Grover's was the winner.
- The second preliminary will be held February 25th.
- The winner of the second preliminary will meet Chef Ryan in the finals on March 15, 2014.
- The Edisto Beach Road Race is March 15, 2014.
- The Ducks Unlimited Banquet will be held March 8, 2014 at the Pavilion.

Public Comment Period

Mr. Tom Mann addressed Council with his concerns about Comcast. He first thanked Town Administrator Hill for her attention to the matter. Mr. Mann has filed an official complaint with the FCC about Comcast. He urged Council to consider the many problems with Comcast service when Council looks at franchising. One of Mr. Mann's main concerns is that when phone service is interrupted, there is no 911 service available. Administrator Hill has reviewed the Comcast Franchise Agreement and found it to be very vague. There are regulations through the State Code on cable companies, including maintaining a list of complaints and how those complaints are addressed. Administrator Hill asked the audience to submit complaints to Town Hall so they could be addressed.


Adjournment

Councilwoman Smyer moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Councilman Anderson moved to exit Executive Session. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which was approved 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 meeting on Friday, February 7, 2014.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL



Deborah Hargis
March 13, 2014