

MINUTES
March 8, 2018
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M.

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

Present: Jane S. Darby, Mayor, Crawford Moore, Mayor Pro Tempore, Susan Hornsby, Jerome Kizer, and Patti Smyer, Council Members; *Quorum of Council Present.*

Councilwoman Smyer led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and an Invocation.

Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Council Meeting Minutes, February 8, 2018 – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the regular Council meeting minutes of February 8, 2018, seconded by Councilwoman Hornsby and unanimously approved.

New Business

A. Resolution No. 2018-R06 Designating April 2018 as Fair Housing Month – Councilman Kizer moved to approve Resolution N. 2018-R06, which states in part, “The Town of Edisto Beach rejects discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability and/or familial status in the sale, rental or provision of other housing services.” Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

B. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2018-07 To Amend Article III of Chapter 78 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Edisto Beach, entitled “Golf Carts” – Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2018-07 to Amend Article III of Chapter 78 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Edisto Beach, entitled “Golf Carts.” This Ordinance amends the previous golf cart ordinance and clarifies some of the language in the previous Ordinance. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

C. State and Subrecipient Public Assistance Funding Agreement, Hurricane Irma (FEMA-4346-DR-SC) – Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve the State and Subrecipient Public Assistance Funding Agreement for Hurricane Irma (FEMA-4346-DR-SC). Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

D. Retreat Pool/Bathroom Variance – Mayor Darby asked those who would speak to the issue of the Retreat Pool/Bathroom Variance to stand. Patrick Brown, Building Code Administrator for the Town of Edisto Beach, and Mark Bailey, President of the Retreat of Edisto Association were administered an oath. The Mayor asked that the record please reflect that all witnesses were properly sworn and placed under oath to tell the truth. Mr. Bailey explained that the Retreat was in the beginning stages of building a new pool facility for the condominium complex located at 126 Jungle Road. The new pool facility will be closer to the buildings. Mr. Bailey explained that the bathrooms would be

built similar to the restrooms at Bay Creek Park, of steel-reinforced concrete blocks, with storm vents that will allow storm surge to pass through. There will be a check valve on the sewer to keep sewage from mixing with storm water. Mayor Darby asked Patrick Brown if the requirements for wet floodproofing had been met by the owners of the Retreat. Mr. Brown stated, "The application as submitted has met the requirements for 14-241 (e) and (f)." Mr. Brown presented the Mayor with a copy of the application from the architect, which is attached to these minutes. Mayor Darby made a motion to approve the variance to allow wet floodproofing instead of dry floodproofing in a pool restroom at the Retreat with the condition, as assured by the Building Official, that all conditions have been met and that the old restrooms be removed as soon as the new restrooms are completed. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Planning Commission

A. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2018-02, An Ordinance to Enact Article IX of the Town's Zoning Ordinance Related to Fences on Private Lots – Councilwoman Hornsby moved to send the revised version of Ordinance No. 2018-02, An Ordinance to Enact Article IX of the Town's Zoning Ordinance Related to Fences on Private Lots to the Planning Commission for review. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Departmental Reports and Committee Updates

Mayor Darby updated those in attendance on the Myrtle Street drainage and paving project. South Carolina Department of Transportation Secretary Christy Hall met with Mayor Darby and Administrator Hill in February. Secretary Hall stated that the project will be let on May 1, 2018 and the Town would not bear additional costs. Mayor Darby also thanked Archie Johnston, Tommy Mann and Senator Cromer for their assistance in moving this project forward.

The lawsuit that has delayed the start of the Reverse Osmosis Plant has been withdrawn, and the project is moving forward.

House Bill #4683 has passed the House. This bill amends the setback jurisdictional line regulation, providing a different procedure for not only measurement but appeal.

Administration

Town Administrator Iris Hill gave the financial, Facebook and FOIA reports. The financial report from January 2018 is as follows:

	Received	Spent
General Fund	73.90%	52.25%
Water Fund	69.43%	91.53%
Wastewater Fund	74.21%	43.40%

The high percentage of expenditures in the water department includes the bond payment.

	January 2018	February 2018
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Facebook likes/followers	10,073	10,118
FOIA requests	5	5

There was one request from each of the following: Tommy Mann, Dale Mann and Darrin Moore. There were two requests from Kevin Cook, one that listed nine separate items.

Building

Building Code Administrator Patrick Brown gave the January report for the Building Department.

	February -17	February - 18	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$55,340.00	\$130,097.24	\$181,212.35
New Construction Permits	0	0	5
Other Permits	54	27	159
Permit Fees	\$4,485.00	\$3,085.00	\$32,773.00
Inspections	86	40	
Bay Creek Park	\$560.00	\$0	\$7,552.78

Mr. Brown announced that the Building Department would begin installation of sand fencing in the next week and volunteers are welcome and encouraged to call Danielle Messer to sign up.

Fire

Denney Conley, Fire Chief, gave the report for the Fire Department for the month ending February 28, 2018.

Calls	February - 17	February - 18	YTD
Medical	5	14	135
Fire-related	11	4	73
EMS/Misc	46	40	484
Beach Wheel Chairs	1	0	58
Water Rescue	0	0	3
Welfare Checks	28	28	

Chief Conley is coordinating a lagoon clean up.

Police

Police Chief George Brothers gave the Police Department report for February 2018.

	February - 2017	February - 2018	YTD
Miles Patrolled	6,953	10,865	69,066
Incidents & Calls for Service	105	94	943

Calls for 2 or More Officers	17	14	185
Property Checks	890	926	5,867
Alarm Calls	12		112
Town Parking Tickets	3	2	156
Animal Control	1		24
Assaults	3		7
Larcenies	2		7
Burglaries	1		0
CDV Arrest	0		0

Utilities

Bob Doub, Director of the Utilities Department, gave the report for period ending February 28, 2018.

	February - 17	February -18	YTD
Pumped MG Water	8.47	7.21	90.94
Treated MG Wastewater	2.76	2.82	39.86
Water Line Repairs	3	3	37
Work Order Repairs	76	37	258

Public Works

Public Works Director Bob Doub gave the report for the Public Works Department. In the Public Works Department, they replaced eight trash cans, continue regular maintenance of beach access and parks. They worked at Bay Creek Park to remove dead cypress trees and other vegetation, replaced broken slats on park benches and mowed and trimmed the park. The Public Works Department has been working on the bike path for the Edisto Road Race and cleared a drainage ditch from 3202 Myrtle Street to 3216 Myrtle Street.

An engineer will be coming to assist the Town in taking the water tank off line so repairs can be made.

Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Director Lisa Harrell gave the report for February 2018.

- On March 10th, the Edisto Island History Harvest Festival will be held at the New First Missionary Baptist Church from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Green Boat Liquors will hold their “Mac-a-Palooza” on March 10th at 1:00 p.m.
- The Art Guild play will be March 15 – 18, 2018
- The Edisto Road Race will be held on St. Patrick’s Day, March 17, 2018 starting at 8:30 a.m.
- A fundraising festival will be held at Bay Creek Park following the Edisto Road Race to benefit Edisto United from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- The Great American Cleanup Spring Campaign will be held March 17th, sponsored by Edisto Pride and will start at the Community Center.
- On March 31st, the Annual Spring Show and Sale sponsored by the Edisto Art Guild will be held from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Edistonian.

- On March 31, 2018, the Gator Egg Hunt will take place at the Serpentarium.
- Easter sunrise service will be held on April 1, 2018 in the Pavilion parking lot.
- The Arts and Crafts Market at Bay Creek Park will start on April 4, 2018.

Public Comment Period

Harriett Tindall – Mrs. Tindall was signed in to speak concerning the fence ordinance, but since Council voted to send the ordinance back to the Planning Commission, she chose not to speak.

Executive Session

A. Contractual Negotiations – 3708 Village Court [SC Code 30-4-70 (a)(2)] –

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Kizer and approved unanimously.

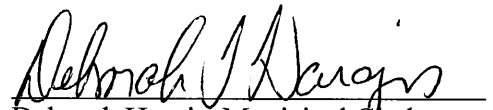
Councilwoman Smyer moved to exit Executive Session, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moore and unanimously approved. No action was taken on the matter.

Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Kizer and unanimously approved.

The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and location of the Council meeting on Friday, March 2, 2018.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL


Deborah Hargis, Municipal Clerk
April 12, 2018