

MINUTES
January 11, 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.*

Due to Mayor Darby being stuck in traffic on her way back from Columbia, Mayor Pro Tem Crawford Moore called the meeting to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation.

Councilwoman Hornsby moved to amend the agenda to include two items in the Executive Session: b. Legal Advice Regarding Lawsuit involving Property Lot 7 Block UU, Lot 7 Block YY and Lot 8 Block YY[SC Code 30-4-70a(2)] and c. Discussion about contractual negotiations with Wharton Smith related to proposed R/O facility construction [SC Code 30-4-70a(2)]. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was approved 4 – 0. Town Attorney Bert Duffie told those in attendance that no action would be taken on the items added to the agenda. Amended agendas were provided to those in attendance after the vote.

Approval of Minutes

Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2017 Council meeting, seconded by Councilman Kizer and approved 4 – 0.

Proclamations and Presentations

A. Starfish Awards

1. **Bob Doub** – Utilities Director Bob Doub was recognized for his award of System Manager of the Year by the South Carolina Rural Water Association.

2. **George Brothers** – Police Chief Brothers was recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers' Association.

3. **Deborah Hargis** – Municipal Clerk Deborah Hargis was recognized for serving on the Board of Directors for the SC Municipal Human Resources Association.

4. **Iris Hill** – In the December issue of The Colletonian, Town Administrator Hill was recognized for her tireless efforts in the beach renourishment.

5. **Danielle Messer** – Building and Zoning Inspector Danielle Messer was recognized for put together flood information to be included on the Town website.

6. **Kelly Moore** – Kelly was recognized for making The Market and Mingle Christmas event a great success thanks to her quick, decisive action in changing the venue from Bay Creek Park to the Civic Center.

7. **Krystal Parsons** – Clerk of Court Krystal Parsons was recognized for her diligence in drastically reducing the number of outstanding parking tickets.

8. **Patrick Zemp** – Over the Thanksgiving holiday while Utilities Director Doub was out of town, Patrick Zemp pulled samples and took them to Summerville so that the boil water notice that had been issued could be lifted as quickly as possible.

Old Business

A. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2017-34 to Amend Article IV of the Town of Edisto Beach Code of Ordinances to Enact Section 14-117 Related to Severability - Councilman Kizer moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2017-34 to Amend Article IV of the Town of Edisto Beach Code of Ordinances to Enact Section 14-117 Related to Severability. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hornsby and approved 4 – 0.

New Business

A. Resolution No. 2018-R01 Jury Box Resolution - Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve Resolution No. 2018-R01, which reads in part, "...the 2018 Jury Box has been prepared pursuant to the requirement of Act #480 of 1980 and is now ready for use." Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion and it was approved 4 – 0.

B. Jeremy Cay Beach Renourishment Project – The Town received notice from the community of Jeremy Cay at Edingsville Beach, which is in the process of obtaining a permit from DHEC OCRM for emergency beach renourishment. The renourishment work was necessitated as a result of beach and dune damage caused by Hurricane Matthew and Tropical Storm Irma. If all goes to plan, the project is expected to take place between now and March 15, 2018 covering a portion of Edingsville Beach. Jeremy Cay is asking to participate in the Town's Beachfront Management Committee planning/meetings. Since Council is not formally appointing a Committee member, no action is needed on this item.

C. Award of RFP No. 2017-13 Financial Statement Preparation and Audit Services – Councilwoman Smyer moved to award RFP No. 2017-13 to K. Eve McCoy, and authorize the Town Administrator to execute a two-year contract. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved 4 – 0.

D. Agreement Between Colleton County Sheriff's Office and the Town of Edisto Beach Police Department to Provide the Town of Edisto Beach with Victim's Assistance – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the agreement between the Colleton County Sheriff's Office and the Town of Edisto Beach Police Department to Provide the Town of Edisto Beach with Victims' Assistance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem and approved unanimously.

E. TIDE Committee Recommendations – At the November 2017 meeting, the TIDE Committee recommended that Council address the issue on the bike path between 3500 to Sunset Street. The Committee suggests increased drainage or elevating the path, or a combination of both, possibly in conjunction with the upcoming utility work. The TIDE Committee also unanimously recommended Council re-visit the previous recommendation on beach accesses 2, 5, 6, 20 and 29 and establish a timeline of March 15th for the completion of this project. Councilwoman Smyer moved to recommend to the TIDE Committee the following: 1) The TIDE Committee provide a prioritized list of projects to be addressed 2) Look at funding for prioritized projects once the federal projects are completed. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

F. Recurring Special Event Form – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the Recurring Special Event Form, a one-page annual event renewal form for event holders who hold special events for three consecutive years or more at the same location and recurring timeframe. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

G. Resolution No. 2018-R03 to Oppose Seismic Testing and Offshore Drilling Activities – Mayor Darby moved to provisionally approve Resolution No. 2018-R03 to Oppose Seismic Testing and Offshore Drilling Activities, with the stipulation that after the conference call scheduled for Friday, January 12, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. and in the judgement of the Town Attorney, the Town Administrator and the Mayor, if there is any hesitation about any adverse impact to Edisto Beach, the Resolution will be brought back before Council in February. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion. Councilwoman Hornsby expressed her concern with being part of a lawsuit, as did Councilman Kizer. The motion failed, 2 – 3, with Councilwoman Hornsby, Councilman Kizer and Mayor Pro Tem Moore voting against the motion.

Planning Commission

A. The Edisto Marina Association – Expansion Request – Councilwoman Hornsby moved to approve the request from the Edisto Marina Association to expand the number of member slips and added transient slips in front of the fuel dock. The parking plan has been updated, as requested by the Planning Commission. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Departmental Reports and Committee Updates

Administration

Town Administrator Iris Hill gave the report for December 2017.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	52.84%	47.61%
Water Fund	27.92%	54.10%
Wastewater Fund	28.63%	35.86%

December water and sewer revenues have not been posted.

	November 2017	December 2017
Facebook likes	9,857	9,980
FOIA requests	7	2

FOIA requests were received from Tommy Mann and Kevin Cook.

Building

Patrick Brown gave the Building report for the month of December 2017.

	December-16	December-17	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$48,424.97	\$12,611.00	\$24,069.05
New Construction Permits	0	0	4
Other Permits	67	18	117
Permit Fees	\$7,729.50	\$1,677.50	\$24,843.50
Inspections	34	43	294
Bay Creek Park	\$20.00	\$420.00	\$7,552.78

Sand fencing has been ordered and the Building Department will be coordinating volunteers to help install it. If anyone would like to be on the list of volunteers, please call the Building Department.

Fire

Fire Chief Denney Conley gave the report for December 2017.

Calls	December-16	December - 17	YTD
Medical	8	7	113
Fire-related	2	2	63
EMS/Misc	36	39	398
Beach Wheel Chairs	2	0	58
Water Rescue	0	0	3
Welfare Checks	28	30	169

Police

Police Chief George Brothers gave the report for December 2017.

	December -16	December -17	YTD
Miles Patrolled	9,586	7,811	48,743
Incidents & Calls for Service	104	77	763
Calls for 2 or More Officers	21	16	149
Property Checks	941	945	4,078
Alarm Calls	14	2	94
Town Parking Tickets	0	5	154
Animal Control	1	1	12
Assaults	0	1	6
Larcenies	3	2	5
Burglaries	1	0	0
CDV Arrest	0	0	0

Utilities

Utilities Director Bob Doub gave the report for the month ending December 31, 2017.

	December-16	December-17	YTD
Pumped MG Water	9.56	7.61	72.84
Treated MG Wastewater	2.26	2.80	34.49
Water Line Repairs	1	4	33
Work Order Repairs	32	20	162

The Utilities Department has been busy with meter reads and re-reads.

Public Works

Bob Doub gave the report for the Public Works Department.

	December-16	December-17	YTD
Mowed Acres			42
Cleaned Ditches		ft	0ft
Roll Carts Delivered	17	9	43

Glover Fence Company recently completed work on the fences at the convenience station and the tennis courts.

Chamber of Commerce

Lisa Harrell, Chamber Director, gave the report for the month of December.

- The Chamber has developed an Instagram account.
- At the end of 2017 the Chamber of Commerce had 201 members, compared to 181 in 2016.
- Dr. Sid Gauthreaux will lead a discussion about the new technology available to study bird migration at the State Park on January 20th at 2:00 p.m.
- On January 20, 2018 there will be a fundraising dinner at Geechie Boy Mill for the Jane Edwards 6th graders who are planning a trip to Washington DC.
- On January 23, 2018, a blood drive will be held at the Civic Center from 10:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- On February 4, 2018, Chamber Music Charleston will perform at 3:00 at the Presbyterian Church.
- Whaley's Chili Cookoff has been postponed until February 17, 2018.

Public Comment Period

No one was signed in to speak.

Executive Session

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

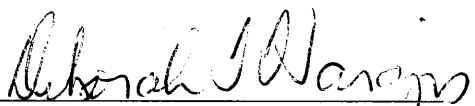
Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to exit Executive Session, seconded by Councilwoman Smyer and unanimously approved. No action was taken on the one item eligible for a vote on the agenda.

Adjournment

Councilman Moore moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Smyer and approved unanimously.

The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and location of the Council Meeting on Friday, January 5, 2018.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL


Deborah Hargis, Municipal Clerk
February 8, 2018