

## OUR VISION

Maintain Edisto Beach as a family sanctuary

## OUR MISSION

Enhance and maintain Edisto's reputation as a family-oriented vacation destination



## Town Council Actions 2022-2023

- Accepted the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) 2022 Local Achievement Award
- Appointed new Town Administrator Mark Aakhus following the resignation of Iris Hill
- Appointed new Police Chief Daniel Seyle following the resignation of Steve Miano
- Appointed new Town Attorney Maryann Blake following the resignation of Bert Duffie
- Approved and secured South Carolina Infrastructure Investment Program (SCIIP) Grant in the amount of \$9 million
- Approved Resolution 2022-R22 with the US Army Corps of Engineers Project Partnership Agreement in the amount of \$25 million for the beach renourishment project
- Resolution to join the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance and authorized purchasing of supplies, services, or construction through its cooperative purchasing program
- Approved construction upgrades to Pump Station B
- Approved membership to the AirMedCare Network Municipal Site
- Extended contract for litter removal on Highway 174
- Approved the purchase of Granicus Short-Term Rental Compliance Software
- Approved MOU with the SC Department of Juvenile Justice's Detention Center for secure detention services
- Approved a new deer management study and plan
- Approved new Park and Wayfinding Signage for the Town
- Approved Beach Access Grounds Maintenance award
- Approved the Arc/Billow street drainage project bid
- Held the annual Town Council Budget Retreat to set goals and priorities and approved Resolution 2023-R02 adopting these goals

- Approved Ordinance 2023-01 providing for non-transient and transient hydrant use
- Approved Ordinance 2023-02 providing for backflow prevention certificate to be submitted annually in order to obtain a business license
- Awarded the architectural and engineering services for the new Town Hall/Emergency Operation Center following the approval of the bond for this project
- Approved bid awards for the Bike Path repaving project and the Jenkins Street repaving project
- Approved an emergency purchase order to repair Groin 2
- Approved Ordinance 2023-03 for the Local Comprehensive Plan 2023
- Approved the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities 2021 Program Grant Agreement for the Edisto Beach interior lagoon study
- Approved the SC Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism Legislative/Earmarked Award Agreement for Edisto Beach renourishment
- Approved Resolution 2023-R04 committing the Town to providing a local match for an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
- Approved Proclamation 2023-P05 for May 2023 Building Safety Month
- Approved Ordinance 2023-07 to adjust sewer service rates
- Approved Ordinance 2023-08 to amend the beach management overly zoning district
- Approved Ordinance 2023-09 to adjust the rates for solid waste service
- Approved Ordinance 2023-10 for the 2023-2024 Budget
- Approved the 2023 Emergency Operations Plan
- Approved Ordinance 2023-11 related to tie-on of existing sewer system exceptions
- Approval of new sewer tap application and sewer connection decision flowchart
- Approved the mutual aid agreement between the Charleston Metro Marine Patrol Unit and the Edisto Beach Police Department



## **Council Presentations**

### **Council Recognized Those Who Contribute Their Time and Expertise To Make Edisto Beach Better**

- Recognized the following for committee service: Peter Beck, TIDE Committee; Marie Bost, TIDE Committee; Alex Cone, Planning Commission; Bill Reeside, Water & Sewer Committee; Ron Scroggy, TIDE Committee; Charles Yeomans, TIDE Committee
- Recognized the following for exceptional service: Mark Aakhus, Patrick Brown, Scott Epps, Joe Gillam, Bryan Henderson, Casey Herring, Sheriff “Buddy” Hill, William Houston, Marshall Horstmann, Tammy Lake, Mark Lane, Phyllis McElveen, Matthew Nichols, Paul Otte, Daniel Seyle, Dee Stalvey, Joseph Stalvey, Kristi Summers, Morgan Viars, Patrick Zemp

## MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

2022-2023

### Focus on Town Services, Infrastructure & Facilities, Strategic Plan and Development, Health/Safety/Welfare, Governance, Parks & Recreation

#### Town Services

- Worked with Town Council, local and state officials on the SCIP Grant Application Town of Edisto Beach Local Letter of Commitment for funding the “Wastewater System upgrades of plant, forcemain and pump station” project in the amount of \$10 million
- Following voter approval of the Colleton County Capital Project Sales Tax Referendum, began developing plans with Council and the architectural firm for the proposed Emergency Operations Center/Town Hall facility
- Worked with the South Carolina Department of Transportation through the fiscal year to coordinate patchwork on the Town’s streets as needed
- Signed the grant for the Trailhead and Bathroom Project at Jungle Road For the Jungle Road Park project; Coordinated efforts throughout the fiscal year for the construction of the Jungle Road Park bathroom facility
- As part of the budget process, finalized the digital budget book and published on our website. This user-friendly budget book is a very resourceful web tool that provides a transparent view of the Town’s finances and projects we will be working on during the fiscal year. Residents and other interested parties are able to view the digital budget book at any time
- Worked with all Town Committees to provide information, schedule meetings, and follow-up on actions taken
- Continued to make residents and visitors aware of our website notification system and the CodeRed system in order to be alert on local breaking and important news
- Informed residents and business owners of the laws regarding business licenses, hospitality, and accommodation taxes
- Police Department organized the Residential Property Watch with residents to deter crime and protect property; and the Camera Registration Program aimed at reducing investigation times and increasing likelihood of recovering stolen property
- Police Department assisted the New First Missionary Church and the Presbyterian Church in submitting grants to the Department of Homeland Security for security upgrades.
- Worked to clean-up water and sand from Palmetto Boulevard from Hurricane Nicole
- Shared with residents the importance of Septic Tank Maintenance
- Worked with Granicus, a software company dealing with short-term rental monitoring and compliance, to ensure all rental owners are remitting the correct accommodations taxes to the Stown.
- Held Hurricane Preparedness Workshop for residents and community members
- Hosted the Colleton County Hurricane Tabletop Exercise
- Worked closely with Colleton County Emergency Management Division and the SC Emergency Management Division on any anticipated weather alerts and needs
- Submitted Hurricane Ian reports for reimbursement purposes.
- Prepared documents and submitted the grant application for the Vine Street Bike Path, which was awarded by the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the National Park Service in the amount of \$125,000

- Coordinated efforts to pave Jenkins Street
- Purchased and placed six new beach mats
- Coordinated Covid-19 Booster Clinic for the Town's residents
- Published the Monthly Highlights during the 2022-2023 fiscal year
- Coordinated and ordered the new designs for new signage for our parks
- Coordinated and planned a retirement party for Town Administrator Iris Hill
- Police Department held various training sessions, including the annual Defensive Tactics and Weapons Retention Training in November 2022
- Pre-proposal meetings were held regularly with the architect regarding the new Town Hall/Emergency Operations Center
- Fire Department held fire safety and prevention training programs for our residents as part of the Town's Community Risk Reduction program.
- Wayfinding signs were installed in February 2023
- Emergency Access Decals were issued to Town residents for the 2023 calendar year
- Groin 2 repaving work was completed in February 2023
- Coordinated the Pump Station B construction, which was completed on time
- Police vehicle laptops and docking stations were installed
- Building Department notified business owners of the new backflow prevention ordinance
- Ordered signage as needed during the fiscal year, including groin and street signs
- Coordinated efforts regarding the Arc Billow drainage project
- Provided information and documentation as needed for the 2023-2024 budget process
- Continued efforts to provide a successful Bay Creek Market for the 2023 season
- Coordinated plans for the Interior Lagoon Study
- Coordinated efforts for the construction of Pump Station A