

MINUTES
NOVEMBER 21, 2011
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
10:00 A.M.

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

Present: Burley L. Lyons, Mayor, Susan Hornsby, Mayor Pro Tempore, Pete Anderson, Larry "Babe" Hutto and Tommy Mann, 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 Mayor Lyons.

Old Business

Approved: *Second Reading of Ordinance #2011-32 to Amend Section 66-8(c) of the Town's Code Relating to Solid Waste Fee.* During the September 8, 2011, Town Council meeting, Council requested Administration look into curbside recycling prior to making a decision on the solid waste rates. Additional direction included that Council wanted to continue to offer residents the option to use the convenience station rather than closing the site.

Republic Services can provide every other week curbside recycling service via a 95 gallon cart at a blended rate of \$4.90/home/month or \$58.80 annually. Republic would provide every other week curbside recycling service during the off-season and every week curbside recycling during the season. This option would also be available for commercial entities within the corporate limits. All recyclables would be placed together in the cart.

This does not address the projected shortfall in revenues for the current solid waste operations. It is projected that expenditures will exceed the budgeted revenues by \$30,000. This in part is due to fuel surcharges that have been higher than anticipated and condominiums converting to curbside waste service.

According to our contract, \$147.60 per unit (house) is charged annually for curbside service. This fee includes municipal solid waste (household garbage), yard trash, white goods and bulky items. Additional units (cans) are billed at half the cost for household garbage collection or \$56.00. In addition, a fuel surcharge is added per month.

The Town's solid waste rate for all units (houses, condos, etc.) is \$137.00. This is a difference of -\$10.60. This rate was maintained in 2010 because 400 condominium units were not receiving curbside service, but were provided access to the convenience station. Over the past 6 months these units have been converting to curbside service.

Currently, the convenience station has:

- 1- 30 yard compactor for household waste @ \$250 monthly rental
 - 1- 40 yard container for yard waste @ \$60 monthly rental
 - 1- 30 yard container for yard waste/construction and demolition @ \$60 monthly rental
 - 1- 40 yard container for cardboard @\$60 monthly rental
 - 1- 20 yard container for metal @ \$40 monthly rental
 - 2- 30 yard containers for recyclables (glass/plastic) (paper) @ \$140 monthly rental
- Oil recycling (free)
- 8 yard overflow containers for household waste at no charge
- Each haul is charged at \$130.00 plus fuel.

In 2010, it cost \$49,817 to operate the convenience station.

Administration met with Republic and are seeking options to scale down the operational costs of the convenience station. According to the finance department, to continue to operate at the same level of service the adjusted rate should be \$162.71 annually (\$13.56 monthly fee) or \$81.35 semi-annually. The difference between the current rate and adjusted rate every six months is \$12.85.

If the public desires to add curbside recycling, the cost would be adjusted to add \$4.90 per month for a new total of \$221.51 (\$18.50/month or \$110.76 semi-annually). The difference between the current rate and total rate every six months is \$42.26. With the Town's online payment, we can offer the public the option to pay monthly.

In the November 10, 2011 Regular Council Meeting, Council unanimously passed the first reading of Ordinance #2011-32. Councilwoman Hornsby moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance #2011-32 to amend Section 66-8(c) of the Town's Code relating to Solid Waste Fees. Councilman Mann seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approved. *Second Reading of Ordinance #2011-36 to Repeal, Rescind and Cancel Ordinance #2011-28 Related to Sewer Moratorium.* Ordinance #2011-28 was adopted to halt any new or additional connections to the sewer system that flows through Lift Station B until problems and deficiencies could be evaluated and corrected. This ordinance repeals, rescinds and cancels Ordinance #2011-28, and terminates the sewer moratorium. The Utilities Department has re-evaluated Lift Station B to see how much sand has accumulated since the previous vacuuming and there was only a small accumulation of sand indicating that infiltration is not in sufficient amounts to impact the pumps. The Department will proceed with checking the pipes and the work is going to be performed in-house. In the November 10, 2011 Regular Council meeting, Council unanimously passed the first reading of Ordinance #2011-36. Councilman Mann moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance #2011-36 to Repeal, Rescind and Cancel Ordinance #2011-28 Related to Sewer Moratorium. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Committees and Mayoral Appointments. Mayor Lyons stated that some time ago the Town Administrator came to him about dissolving Mayoral liaison appointments to specific

departments or areas of responsibility, such as: Water and Sewer, Finance, Fire, Police, Building, etc. Now, the Mayor feels that these appointments may not be as necessary as he once thought. He stated that if you have good department heads and a good Town Administrator, you should allow them run their departments and have the Town Administrator brief Council. Councilman Mann agreed because he is concerned that anytime one member of Council has certain area of responsibility, it can lead to possessiveness and the fulfillment of a personal agenda. If we are going to have Mayoral appointments, Councilman Mann thinks there should be at least two Council members on them, but the Town has good employees, so it would be fine to dissolve these appointed liaisons. Councilman Hutto agreed. Councilwoman Hornsby stated that she supports dissolving committees, but she thinks it would be taking oversight away from public and placing too much power with the Town Administrator, which could be good or bad. She thinks doing away with them is a good thing. Councilman Anderson also agrees with the dissolution of the Mayoral appointments. Mayor Lyons stated that this issue would be on the December Regular Council Agenda.

Public Comment Period

Jimmy King: Mr. King gave Council a petition signed by business owners from the beach and the island. This petition will be published in the Press and Standard. This is one of the worst seasons we have had in a while. Businesses have no representation in any of the welcome centers in South Carolina. Mr. King discussed different means of promoting local businesses. Councilman Mann stated that he wanted to do whatever he could on the beach because the beach funds the Chamber, but Accommodations Tax funds were not there to support the businesses on the island.

Mayor Lyons informed Council and the audience that this year, we will have C.E. Williams, Jr. Band playing in the Christmas Parade. Mr. Dan Carter requested that he be allowed to serve food to the band members after the parade at Bay Creek Park. Council agreed that this was fine.

Councilman Hutto moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Mann seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and place of the Council Meeting on Friday, November 15, 2011.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL



Meagan Chaplin, Municipal Clerk
December 8, 2011