

MINUTES  
MARCH 14, 2019  
REGULAR TOWN 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.*

Mayor Pro Tem Moore led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation.

**Approval of Minutes**

**A. Regular Council Meeting, February 14, 2019** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the regular Council meeting minutes of February 14, 2019, seconded by Councilwoman Hornsby and unanimously approved.

**Proclamations and Presentations**

**A. Starfish Award - Redfearn Family Trust** – The TIDE Committee recommended the Redfearn Family Trust receive a Starfish Award for the installation of a fence around the back of BiLo fronting Jungle Road. The fence has greatly enhanced the view from Jungle Road Park and is much appreciated by the TIDE Committee and the Town.

Mayor Darby recognized Town Attorney Bert Duffie's upcoming birthday.

**Old Business**

**A. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2018 – 14 to Establish the Standards for the Placement of Small Wireless Facilities in Covered Areas in the Town of Edisto Beach, South Carolina** – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2018-14 to establish the standards for the placement of small wireless facilities in covered areas in the Town of Edisto Beach, South Carolina. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**B. Award of RFP No. 2018-15 Edisto Beach Pump House Rehab 81 Gun Bluff** – Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve awarding RFP No. 2018-15 to Smithco for a cost not to exceed \$8,200. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**C. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2019-02 Prohibiting the Use and Distribution of Single-Use Plastic Bags, Plastic Straws, Polystyrene Coolers, Polystyrene Food Containers or Polystyrene Cups by Any Business Establishment in the Town of Edisto Beach, or Any Property of the Town of Edisto Beach** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2019-02 with the adjustment that the words "carry out" be stricken from Section 38-130 – Purpose. The motion failed from lack of a second. Councilwoman Hornsby moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2019-02 as written, seconded by Councilwoman Smyer and approved unanimously.

**New Business**

**A. Special Event Application – Kings Daughters and Sons – Kings Daughters Edisto Bazaar –** Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the application from the Kings Daughters and Sons to hold the Kings Daughters Edisto Bazaar on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Edisto Lion’s Club, 2907 Myrtle Street. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**B. Agreement with ESP for Special Inspections and Materials Testing Services –** Councilman Kizer moved to approve the Agreement with ESP for special inspections and materials testing services for the Water Improvement Project to be funded out of Water R&R, subject to amendments submitted by the Town. Water R&R has a balance of \$532,435 and the cost of the testing is \$28,975. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**C. Resolution No. 2019-R03 Designating April 2019 as Fair Housing Month –** Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-R03 designating April 2019 as Fair Housing Month. The Resolution reads, in part, “The town of Edisto Beach is committed to addressing discrimination in our community, to support programs that will educate the public about the right to equal housing opportunities and to plan partnership efforts with other organizations to help assure every citizen of their right to fair housing.” Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**D. Award of RFP No. 2019-02 Edisto Beach Tennis Court Repair –** Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the award of RFP No. 2019 -02 Edisto Beach Tennis Court Repair to Carolina Sport Surfaces for a price not to exceed \$13,600 which includes a base bid of \$12,500 to be funded from emergency repairs. Alternates include replacing the net and hardware (\$500) and add pickle ball striping (\$600) to be transferred from Contingency (4900.9999) to CIP Miscellaneous (4110.6500) and authorize the Town Administrator to execute said agreement. Carolina Sport Surfaces was the overall low responsible bidder. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilwoman Smyer asked that after the project is completed, the Town consider purchasing a pickleball net.

**E. Volunteer Fire Department I & I Budget –** Councilman Kizer moved to approve the Volunteer Fire Department I & I Budget, seconded by Councilwoman Smyer and unanimously approved.

**F. Easement with South Carolina Electric & Gas (SCE&G) for Line Relocation –** Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve SCE&G easement #898707 at 2516 Holmes Street, Edisto Beach, and portions of Lee and Loring Streets. This easement is necessary for the construction of the Water Improvement Project. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**G. On Scene Training Associates, LLC –** Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve the proposal of On Scene Training Associates LLC to provide firefighter testing at a cost not to exceed \$3,200 and approve a transfer of \$3,200 from General Fund Contingency (4900.9999) to Fire Department Meetings and Trainings (4400.3120). Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**H. Work Authorization No. 10 with American Engineering for a Water and Sewer Rate Study –** Councilman Kizer moved to approve Work Authorization No. 10 with American Engineering for a Water and Sewer Rate Study at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 to be paid out of Water R & R. The Town is scheduled to increase the water rates by 15% in June. This study will determine if the increased percentage needs to be adjusted. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**I. Award of RFP No. 2018-17 Rebuild/Refurbish Town E-One Ladder Truck –** Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve award of RFP No. 2018-17, Rebuild/Refurbish Town E-One Ladder Truck to Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus at a cost of \$279,143 to be funded from the General Fund Vehicle/Equipment Replacement Fund. This vehicle is a 1999 ladder truck that has 30,000 miles. The majority of the cost is

associated with replacing the pump and the ladder. According to staff research, this is the most economical solution. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**J. Filter Assembly for Pump Station at 81 Gun Bluff** – Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve the installation of a filter system by Abdella on the pump station at 81 Gun Bluff to reduce odors at a cost of \$7,000 to be paid from Sewer R & R. The balance of the Sewer R & R fund is \$255,679. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**K. Recurring Special Event Form, Marina at Edisto Beach, Dolphin Slam** – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the application from the Marina at Edisto Beach to hold the Dolphin Slam on May 4, 2019 from 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was approved 4 – 0 with Mayor Darby recused.

### **Accommodations Tax Advisory Board**

**A. Town of Edisto Beach Police Department, Beach Patrol 2019 (Code Enforcement) \$28,000** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the unanimous recommendation of the ATAX Board to grant the Edisto Beach Police Department’s request for \$28,000 to fund Code Enforcement through the 2019 Beach Patrol. The costs will cover the purchase of a new ATV, maintenance and fuel for the new ATV and salary expenses for one or two Code Enforcement Officials. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**B. Town of Edisto Beach Police Department, Beach Patrol 2019 \$9,500** – Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve the unanimous recommendation of the ATAX Board to grant the request from the Edisto Beach Police Department for \$9,500 to fund salaries and the existing ATV fuel and maintenance. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

### **Committee Vacancies**

**A. Accommodations Tax Advisory Board – 1 vacancy** – Since no applications have been received to date, Councilwoman Hornsby moved to extend the application period, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moore and approved unanimously.

**B. Water and Sewer Committee – 1 vacancy** – Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve the application of Jim Pye for the vacancy on the Water and Sewer Committee. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**C. Municipal Elections Commission – 2 vacancies** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve advertising the two vacancies on the Municipal Elections Commission, seconded by Councilwoman Hornsby and approved unanimously.

**D. Planning Commission – 2 vacancies** – Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve advertising two vacancies on the Planning Commission, seconded by Councilman Kizer and approved unanimously.

### **Departmental Reports and Committee Updates**

Mayor Darby told those in attendance that a representative from Congressman Joe Cunningham’s office would be at Town Hall on March 28<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

There will be a Public Hearing at the Civic Center on March 26, 2019 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. to update those interested in the Kalista-Sanders Oyster Farm proposed at Steamboat Landing.

Administration

Town Administrator Iris Hill gave the financial report for February 2019.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	66.08%	61.18%
Water Fund	77.99%	76.57%
Wastewater Fund	74.43%	66.29%

The Facebook page has 12,348 followers and 2,450 people saw the post on turtle-friendly lighting. There were seven FOIA requests in the month of February including one from Hollace Savage, one from Chris Walters, two from Kevin Cook and three from Tommy Mann.

Building

Building Code Official Patrick Brown gave the report for February 2019.

	February - 18	February - 19	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$130,097.24	\$8,309.60	\$48,373.82
New Construction Permits	0	1	11
Other Permits	27	53	225
Permit Fees	\$3,085.00	\$9,280.00	\$53,266.00
Inspections	40	79	398

Fire

Fire Chief Denney Conley gave the report for February 2019.

Calls	February - 18	February - 19	YTD
Medical	14	5	151
Fire-related	4	20	98
EMS/Misc	40	59	403
Beach Wheel Chairs	0	0	66
Water Rescue	0	0	8
Welfare Checks	28	26	245

Police

Police Chief George Brothers gave the report for February 2019.

	February - 18	February - 19	YTD
Miles Patrolled	10,865	10,246	81,498
Incidents & Calls for Service	94	59	816
Calls for 2 or More Officers	14		
Property Checks	926	909	11,341

Utilities and Public Works

Interim Utilities Director Patrick Zemp gave the report for February 2019.

	February -18	February - 19	YTD
Pumped MG Water	7.21	5.18	96.71
Treated MG Wastewater	2.82	2.82	34.50
Water Line Repairs	3	4	31
Work Order Repairs	37	48	291

Public Works has been busy cleaning beach accesses, getting ready for the Edisto Road Race and maintaining Town parks and properties.

Special Events

Special Events Coordinator Kelly Moore gave the report for February 2019.

	February - 19	YTD
Edisto Civic Center	\$5,020.75	\$51,569.48
Bay Creek Park	\$4,675.00	\$21,981.00

Mrs. Moore has been busy with the upcoming BBQ Festival, which will be held May 31 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. and June 1 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The Heritage Building renovation has been completed. The gables on the restrooms will be done as soon as possible. Mrs. Moore attended a conference for Keep South Carolina Beautiful.

Chamber of Commerce

Director of the Edisto Chamber of Commerce Lisa Harrell gave the report for February 2019.

- The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Edisto Beach Road Race will be held on March 16, 2019 starting in Wyndham at 8:30 a.m.
- The Ducks Unlimited Annual Dinner will be held on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Bay creek Park.
- The Edisto Art Guild Play, “Mama Won’t Fly” will be held March 21- 24 at the Civic Center.
- On March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at First New Baptist Church, there will be a presentation entitled, “If Only I Had Known: Avoiding Beginner Mistakes in Genealogy.”
- The Great American Clean-Up Spring Campaign will be held on March 30, 2019 beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- The Chickenman Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at the Plantation Course at Edisto on April 6, 2019.
- Chamber Music Charleston will be presented at the Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island on April 7, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Angie Conley congratulated the Fire Department for testing at or above the State and National level on recent evaluations.

**Executive Session**

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the following items:

**A. Discussions incidental to contractual negotiations or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege (US Army Corps of Engineers) S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2) –**

**B. Discussions incidental to contractual negotiations or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege (Fire Department) – S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2) –**

**C. Discussion incidental to contractual negotiations or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege (Republic Garbage Contract) S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2) –**

Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Councilwoman Hornsby moved to exit Executive Session, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moore and unanimously approved.

No action was required on items discussed in Executive Session.

**Adjournment**

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

*The public/media was informed of the location, date and time of the meeting on Friday, March 1, 2019.*

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL

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Deborah Hargis, Municipal Clerk  
April 11, 2019