

MINUTES
JANUARY 9, 2020
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 and Patti Smyer, Council Members; *Quorum of Council Present*. Absent: Jerome Kizer, Council Member.

Councilman Moore led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation.

Approval of Minutes

Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2019 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Hornsby and approved 4 – 0.

Proclamations and Presentations

Mayor Darby recognized Utilities Director Patrick Zemp for exemplary service in identifying the source of a water billing issue for a customer in Island Cove. Mayor Pro Tem Moore read an email from Carl Nechtman expressing his thanks to Mr. Zemp. Mayor Pro Tem Moore also expressed his thanks to the entire Utilities Department for their hard work in correcting issues that occurred on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and asked Mr. Zemp to relay thanks to his team.

New Business

A. Resolution No. 2020-R01 – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-R01 Jury Box Resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moore and approved 4 – 0.

B. Mutual Aid Agreement Between the Town of Edisto Beach Police Department and the Colleton County Sheriff's Office – Due to recent change in leadership, the Mutual Aid Agreement between the Edisto Beach Police Department and the Colleton County Sheriff's Office has been amended. Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement, seconded by Councilwoman Hornsby and approved 4 – 0.

C. Agreement Between Colleton County Sheriff's Office and the Town of Edisto Beach Police Department to Provide the Town of Edisto Beach with Victim Assistance – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the Victim Assistance agreement between the Colleton County Sheriff's Office and the Town of Edisto Beach Police Department. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion which was approved 4 – 0.

D. Recurring Special Event Application, Edisto Chamber of Commerce, Edisto Road Race – Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve the application from the Edisto Chamber to hold the Edisto Road Race on March 21, 2020 beginning at 8:00 a.m. and starting in Wyndham. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion which was approved 4 – 0.

E. Special Event Application, Animal Lovers of Edisto, Freezin' for a Reason – Polar Puppy Plunge – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the application from the Animal Lovers of Edisto to hold a

fundraiser on February 29, 2020 beginning at 11:00 a.m. in McConkey's parking lot. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved 4 – 0.

F. May 2020 TIDE Committee Meeting Date Change – Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve the date change of the May 2020 TIDE Committee meeting from April 29th to May 6th. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved 4 – 0.

G. Bay Creek Park Rental Equipment Clause Regarding Dumpsters – Councilwoman Hornsby moved to approve the modification of the Bay Creek Park Rental Equipment Clause to include the requirement for lessees of events with a projected attendance of 400 or more attendees to rent a temporary trash receptacle and/or dumpster. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion, which was approved 4 – 0.

H. Edisto Art Guild Arts in the Park 2020 – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the request from the Edisto Art Guild to use Bay Creek Park on June 14, July 12 and August 9 and the Civic Center as an alternate location in case of inclement weather for their 2020 Arts in the Park program, and authorized Administrator Hill and Special Projects Coordinator Kelly Moore to act on the Town's behalf in the process. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion which was approved 4 – 0.

Committee Vacancies

A. Planning Commission – 1 vacancy – Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve the advertising of the vacancy on the Planning Commission created by the resignation of William Hackett. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved 4 – 0.

Departmental Reports and Committee Updates

Administration

Town Administrator Iris Hill gave the financial, Facebook and FOIA report for December 2019.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	30.04%	50.89%
Water Fund	3.56%	35.13%
Wastewater Fund	2.98%	41.44%

There was one Freedom of Information Act request in the month of December 2019 from Hollace Savage. The Facebook page has 17,115 followers. The Town's website has a tab for residents and visitors to report issues. In 2019 there were a total of 23 reports made.

Building

Kelly Moore gave the Building Department report for the month ending December 31, 2019.

	December-18	December - 19	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$2,934.00	\$1,888.00	\$27,585.88
New Construction Permits	2	2	6
Other Permits	24	21	142
Permit Fees	\$6,089.00	\$6,371.50	\$30,803.50
Inspections	45	29	272

Special Projects Coordinator

Kelly Moore, Special Projects Coordinator gave the report for December 2019. For Keep Edisto Beautiful, there were 13 events with 227 volunteers and 925 volunteer hours. During the 2019 calendar year the activities held at both Bay Creek Park and the Civic Center doubled.

	December-18	December-19
Edisto Civic Center	\$2,561.10	\$3,059.00
Bay Creek Park	\$1,682.00	\$1,366.00

Fire

Fire Chief Denney Conley gave the report for the month of December 2019.

Calls	December-18	December -19	YTD
Medical	9	14	121
Fire-related	8	6	79
EMS/Misc	38	9	213
Beach Wheel Chairs	1	0	65
Water Rescue	0	0	6
Welfare Checks	32	8	

Police

George Brothers, Police Chief, gave the report for the month ending December 31, 2019.

	December-18	December - 19	YTD
Miles Patrolled	10,015	9,113	53,713
Incidents & Calls for Service	40	48	674
Property Checks		984	5,099
Town Parking Tickets	964	3	308

Utilities

Utilities Director Patrick Zemp gave the report for the month of December 2019. Harn R/O and Dorsett will be on site in the coming weeks to train Mr. Zemp and his employees on the equipment in the Water Treatment Plan.

	December-18	December-19	YTD
Pumped MG Water	9.22	10.33	68.54
Treated MG Wastewater	5.21	3.45	13.75
Water Line Repairs	4	4	23
Work Order Repairs	45	33	156

Public Works

The report for the Public Works Department was given by Patrick Zemp for the month of December 2019. The Public Works Department has been busy performing routine maintenance of all town roads, right of ways, sidewalks, bike paths and parks. They removed overgrown vegetation along the sidewalk of Palmetto Boulevard and dead trees from Beach Access 36 and Jungle Road Park. They repaired the fence at Burley L. Lyons Park and regular trash can work orders.

Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Director Lisa Harrell gave the report for the month of December 2019.

- The Edisto Museum will have a meeting on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
- On Monday, January 13 the Art Guild will sponsor a presentation by the Pat Conroy Literary Center at the Civic Center at 6:30.
- On Saturday, January 18th, the 12th Annual Chili Cook Off will be held at Whaley's from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. There is a \$20.00 admission fee.
- On January 21, 2020 the Edisto Community Blood Drive will be held at the Civic Center from 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- On February 10, 2020 the Art Guild will sponsor Professor Carolyn Matalene's presentation on Martin Luther King Jr. and his genius as a writer and orator, focusing on his "Letter from Birmingham Jail."
- The 4th Annual Edisto Grits Cook-Off will be held on February 15th at Pressley's at the Marina starting at 4:00. This event will be a benefit to refurbish the "Old Magistrate's Building" on Indigo Hill Road for use as an afterschool program, senior center and community center.

Mayor Darby recognized Al Jenkins from Representative Tim Scott's office and Sue Keith, representing the Legislative Delegation.

Public Comment

No one was signed into speak

Executive Session

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to go into executive session to discuss the following item:

- A. Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline or release of an employee in the Administration Department, Payroll Error. S C. Code §30-4-70(a)(1).**

Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was approved 4 – 0.

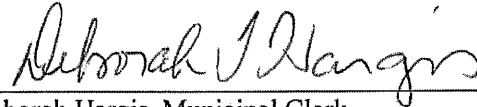
Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to exit executive session, seconded by Councilwoman Hornsby and approved 4 – 0. Mayor Darby stated, "During the time of February budget adjustment, there was a box on InCode that was inadvertently not unchecked after the figures, so Administrator Hill caught the fact that she was inadvertently getting more money in each paycheck than she was actually due." As a means of settling this, since it is recognized that leave is the same as wages as far contractual matters, she is forfeiting 73.92 hours of Executive leave which equals to 9.24 days and this will settle the matter with the approval of Council. "That is my motion." Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved 4 – 0.

Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Hornsby and approved 4 – 0.

The media/public was notified of the date, place and time of the meeting on Friday, January 3, 2020.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Deborah Hargis", written over a horizontal line.

Deborah Hargis, Municipal Clerk
February 13, 2020

