

MINUTES
September 8, 2016
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, Susan Hornsby, Mayor Pro Tempore, Jerome Kizer, Crawford Moore, and Patti Smyer, Council Members; *Quorum of Council Present.*

Mayor Darby called the meeting to order and Councilman Kizer led those in attendance in an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 11, 2016 seconded by Councilman Kizer. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilman Moore moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on August 17, 2016 seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby. The motion was approved unanimously.

Proclamations and Presentations

A. Five Year Service Award – Alfred Meggett – At the Worksession on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, Mr. Alfred Meggett was recognized for five years of service.

B. Starfish Award – Patrick Brown – Mr. Brown was recognized for the new vents in the restroom at Bay Creek Park, which he had installed at no cost to the Town.

C. National League of Cities Recognition – The Town of Edisto Beach has been recognized by the National League of Cities for winning the 2016 Achievement Award from the Municipal Association of South Carolina. “The presentation of this award...recognizes the Sidewalk Enhancement project as an innovative and exemplary project that demonstrates a strong commitment to improving the quality of life” in our community.

Old Business

A. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2016-18 to Amend Section 58-161(a)(5) of the Town’s Code of Ordinances to Include Provisions for Outdoor Entertainment on Thursday, Sunday and National Holidays Subject to Certain Limitations – Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve Ordinance No. 2016-18 to Amend Section 58-161(a)(5) of the Town’s code of Ordinances to include provisions for outdoor entertainment on Thursday, Sunday and National Holidays subject to certain limitations as amended. This Ordinance extends the time period from 16 weeks to 20 weeks, adds Thursdays and Sundays from 12:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and includes national holidays. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

B. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2016-16, An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Property Exchange Agreement with Park Sterling Bank and Documents Related Thereto; the Transfer of Certain Town of Edisto Beach Real Property; and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of All Documents Related to the Transfer of the Property; and Other Matters Relating Thereto – Councilman Moore moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2016-16, an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Property Authorizing the execution of a property exchange agreement with Park Sterling Bank and documents related thereto; the transfer of certain town of Edisto Beach real property; and authorizing the execution and delivery of all documents related to

the transfer of the property; and other matters relating thereto as amended. Town Attorney Bert Duffie clarified that the Ordinance was amended to include authorization for the Mayor to enter into the contract after she and the Town Attorney had the opportunity to receive additional information including the Title search. Mr. Duffie also added the following sentence: "As it relates to the Town, the parties acknowledge the Town seeks to utilize the property that is being conveyed for operations and improvements to the water and wastewater treatment facility and other municipal purposes..." Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

C. Water System Improvement Funding - A PowerPoint presentation was shown by Administrator Hill, which is attached to these minutes. After the presentation, Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve securing a 20-year revenue bond in the amount of \$7.2 million dollars for the purpose of the construction of water system improvements. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. Mayor Darby stated, "Personally, my preference would've been a hybrid financing because of the interest rates and fairness to everyone...This Council has thoroughly investigated and compared the advantages and disadvantages of hybrid, double barrel, IPRB, GO and Revenue financing. However, with the realization that our water system is deteriorating and is inadequate for our needs, I will not oppose the recommendation of the Water and Sewer Committee and of the other members of this Council. The other thing is, as Ms. Hill mentioned, the price of \$7.2 million is based on the cost of \$6.9 million and \$300,000 contingency fund. This is the optimal situation and depends on the use of our property. At the current moment, we have a legal action against the Town to prevent the use of Town property for a parking lot, new fire station or reverse osmosis facility. This action has been brought by: Sarah H. McKenzie, Julie H. McLeod, Maxine McLeod Miller, William N. Gasden, Peace M. Gasden, Johnny R. Benson and E.T. Benson. Things may change, depending on the status of us being able to use our property." Councilwoman Smyer added, "There were several of us that really felt like the hybrid, because of lower interest rates, might be a better idea, but there are several reasons why we chose to go, or we are talking about going with the revenue bond. One is out of respect for the hard work that our Water and Sewer Committee has done. They have been working on this for quite a while and they have heartily and unanimously, on two different occasions, recommended the revenue approach. The residents we have heard from have also recommended the revenue approach. The revenue bond would also allow us to move forward faster, toward building the plant. It would, for people who use more water, they would pay more. That is seeming to be more fair. And also, since so many of our property owners also rent, they would be able to write off that portion of their water bills, so it would benefit a large number of our residents. So just a few of the points you might think about, as you think about this decision that Council is discussion, these are some of the things that we considered." Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby added, "We have considered a lot of things and it's time to move on." Mayor Darby called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business/Appeances

A. Storage Container at the Civic Center – Mr. Waylon Cain of True Value Hardware contacted the Town of Edisto Beach about leasing space to place a 20-foot storage container on the Civic Center property. They would be paying a rental charge of \$35.00 a month. If approved the Town will provide a letter to Mr. Cain and True Value would have to obtain a zoning permit from Colleton County. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve the request, seconded by Councilwoman Smyer and approved 4 – 0 with Councilman Moore recused.

B. Special Event Application 2016 Shrimp Festival – Councilman Moore moved to approve the application of the Edisto Chamber for the 2016 Shrimp Festival to be held on September 24, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. at Bay Creek Park and \$2,500 in sponsorship funds from the Alcohol Permitting Fund. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved 4 – 0 with Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby recused.

C. Special Event Application Public Safety Day – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the special event application from the Edisto Beach Fire Department to hold Public Safety Day on Friday October 7, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Bay Creek Park. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kizer and unanimously approved.

Committee Vacancies

A. Zoning Board of Appeals – There is one vacancy and no applications have been received.

Departmental Reports and Committee Updates

Administration

Iris Hill, Town Administrator, gave the Financial Report for August 2016.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	10.08%	17.0%
Water Fund	0.69%	11.97%
Wastewater Fund	0.28%	14.01%

There were two Freedom of Information requests from two individuals during the month of August. The Town of Edisto Beach Facebook page has 3,045 likes, and the pictures of the deer that were posted had over 46,000 views.

Building

Building Codes Official Patrick Brown gave the report for the month ending August 31, 2016.

	Aug-15	Aug-16	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$1,745.00	\$4,977.50	\$7,949.35
New Construction Permits	1	0	1
Other Permits	18	27	44
Permit Fees	\$2,400.00	\$3,087.00	\$7,691.00
Inspections	22	51	102
Bay Creek Park	\$1,400.00	\$4,409.00	\$4,684.00

Fire

Fire Chief Denney Conley gave the report for August 2016.

Calls	Aug-15	Aug-16	YTD
Medical	34	31	74
Fire-related	9	4	8
EMS/Misc	65	81	209
Beach Wheel Chairs	5	12	37
Water Rescue	2	7	10
Welfare Checks	31	31	63

Police

Police Chief George Brothers gave the report for August 2016.

	Aug-15	Aug-16	YTD
Warnings	148	70	196
Town Parking Tickets		36	199
Alarm Calls	16	19	28

Calls for 2 or More Officers	11	26	48
Miles Patrolled	7,827	7,937	16,354
Assaults	0	1	2
Larcenies	4	2	5
Burglaries	0	2	4
Incidents & Calls for Service	167	262	447
Animal Control		0	3
Property Checks	1,489	915	1,878
CDV Arrest	0	0	0

There were 27 calls for service during the storm with no injuries. The Police Department Facebook page had a reach of over 20,000 during the storm.

Utilities

Utilities Director Bob Doub gave the report for the month ending August 31, 2016.

	Aug-15	Aug-16	YTD
Pumped MG Water	15.85	21.2	45.40
Treated MG Wastewater	4.09	4.65	10.15
Water Line Repairs	5	1	3
Work Order Repairs	72	52	127

The Utilities Department replaced one 2-horsepower pump, two 4-inch check valves and two 4-inch gate valves at Summerwinds lift station. Repairs were made to pump #2 at lift station B and lift station A. Layne Atlantic pulled well #5 at the wellfield and replaced the pump, motor and 40 feet of well piping. On August 11th, there was a wastewater compliance evaluation and inspection from Penny Cornette with SCDHEC and the Town should receive a satisfactory rating.

Bob Doub, Public Works Director, gave the report for August 2016.

	Aug-15	Aug-16	YTD
Mowed Acres	71.3	32	79
Cleaned Ditches	7,721	6,136ft	13,172ft
Roll Carts Delivered	10	9	34

The Public Works Department removed approximately 200 feet of damaged sand fencing from the beach and cleaned beach accesses, bike paths and parks.

Chamber of Commerce

Lisa Harrell, Director of the Edisto Chamber, gave the report for the month of August 2016.

- On September 10th, there will be a presentation titled “Insects and Pollenators at the State Park Interpretive Center at 10:30 a.m.
- On Monday, September 12th at the Civic Center, the Art Guild is having an “Art Walk” from 5:00 – 7:00 with 18 local artists.
- Business After Hours will be held on Tuesday, September 13th at the Serpentarium.
- On September 15th at 6:30 the Friends of Jane Edwards will have a community forum at Jane Edwards Elementary School.
- On September 17th, the Edisto Beach Sweep starts at 9:00 a.m. in front of Finn’s.
- On September 24th, the Chamber and the Town will sponsor the 6th Annual Edisto Shrimp Fest.

- On September 27th there will be a Blood Drive at Edisto Beach Baptist Church from 10:30 – 5:00 in honor of Tom Tindall.
- On October 7, 2016, Public Safety Day will be held at Bay Creek Park
- October 7 – 16 is American Craft Week. On October 8 the Art Guild Fall show will be held.

Edisto Pride

Ida Tipton announced the Beach Sweep would take place on September 17, 2016.

Mayor Darby announced that Trick or Treat at the Creek would take place on Monday, October 31, 2016 at Bay Creek Park.

Public Comment

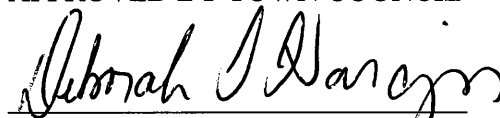
Mr. Charlie Boozer asked when the yard debris would be picked up. Mayor Darby told Mr. Boozer that the garbage contractor was working on getting the smaller piles first and then would be coming back for the larger ones. Mayor Darby said it may take longer.

Adjournment

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

The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and location of the Council Meeting on Friday, September 2, 2016.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL



Deborah Hargis, Municipal Clerk
October 13, 2016