

MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 10, 2021  
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
6:00 P.M.

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

Present: Mayor Crawford Moore, Jerome Kizer, and Robert Renner, Council Members. *Quorum of Council Present.*

**Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

Councilman Renner led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and an Invocation.

**Approval of Minutes**

- A. Regular Council Meeting Minutes, October 14, 2021-** Councilman Kizer moved to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2021, regular Town Council meeting, seconded by Councilman Renner and unanimously approved.

**Public Comment** – There were no comments from the audience. Mayor Moore informed the audience that Mr. Jay Watts was elected for one of the Town Council seats during the November general election and that he would be sworn in on November 30, 2021, at 3:00 PM. Mayor Moore also mentioned that Councilwoman Patti Smyer's last meeting on Town Council was held at the Work Session on November 8, 2021. Mayor Moore informed the audience that the Town recognized Ms. Smyer for all her hard work and dedication in serving the Town of Edisto Beach. Mayor Moore stated that Ms. Smyer was a phenomenal Council member and that she would be missed.

**Presentations and Proclamations**

**A. Starfish Award**

1. **Mr. Patrick Clemens, Police Officer** – Mayor Moore presented Officer Clemens with a Starfish Award for his quick response and actions in successfully suppressing a fire at a residence while the homeowners were asleep inside.
2. **Ms. Patricia Kostell, TIDE Committee** – Mayor Moore presented Ms. Kostell with a Starfish Award for serving two terms on the TIDE Committee for the Town of Edisto Beach.
3. **Ms. Sally Altman, Zoning Board of Appeals** – Mayor Moore informed the audience that Ms. Altman is being recognized with a Starfish Award for serving one term on the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of Edisto Beach. Ms. Altman was not present during the meeting and will receive her award by mail.
4. **Ms. Susan Pratt, Zoning Board of Appeals** – Mayor Moore presented Ms. Pratt with a Starfish Award for serving one term on the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of Edisto Beach.
5. **Mr. Everett Smith, Planning Commission** – Mayor Moore presented Mr. Smith with a Starfish Award for serving two terms on the Planning Commission for the Town of Edisto Beach.

6. **Mr. Paul Oakley, State Accommodations Tax Advisory Board** – Mayor Moore presented Mr. Oakley with a Starfish Award for serving two terms on the State Accommodations Tax Advisory Board for the Town of Edisto Beach.

#### Old Business

- A. **Ordinance No. 2021-13 Temporary Moratorium to be reviewed every 30 days until resolved.**  
– Mayor Moore updated the audience on the SC Rural Infrastructure Authority Grant that the Town applied for in September 2021 and discussed completion of design and bidding dates. There was no action taken.
- B. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-26 Providing for Abatement of Public Nuisances; Procedures for Enforcement and Hearings; and Penalty for Violation** – Councilman Renner moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2021-26 Providing for Abatement of Public Nuisances; Procedures for Enforcement and Hearings; and Penalty for Violation. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- C. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-31 to Amend Section 2-211 of the Town’s Code of Ordinances** – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2021-31 to amend section 2-211 of the Town’s Code of Ordinances. Councilman Renner seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- D. **Town Hall Complex-Capital Project Sales Tax** – Mayor Moore updated the audience on the current preliminary design and cost of the Town Hall Complex. There was no action taken.

#### New Business

- A. **2022 Meetings and Holidays Schedule**- Councilman Renner moved to approve the 2022 meetings and Holidays Schedule. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- B. **2022 Council Goal Setting Retreat** – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the 2022 Council goal setting retreat with a facilitator, scheduled for January 25, 2022, beginning at 10:00 AM. Councilman Renner seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- C. **Recurring Special Event, 3rd Annual ALOE Puppy Plunge** – Councilman Renner moved to approve the 3rd Annual ALOE Puppy Plunge to be held on February 26, 2022, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the parking lot of McConkey’s Jungle Shack. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- D. **Amendment #1 for Architectural Services-\$6,908**- Councilman Kizer moved to approve Amendment #1 for Architectural Services by Rosenblum Coe Architects not to exceed \$6,908. Councilman Renner seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- E. **Comprehensive Plan 2020** – Councilman Renner moved to approve the Comprehensive Plan of 2020 and to enter into an agreement with Lowcountry Council of Government at a cost of \$18,000 to be transferred from general fund contingency (10-4900.999) to professional fees (10-4100.3260). Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- F. **Award of RFP 2021-11 Town Apartment Exterior Stair Rebuild** – Councilman Kizer moved to award RFP 2021-11 Town apartment exterior stair rebuild to Delta Constructors for \$8,500 and to transfer funds from General Fund Contingency (10-4900.9999) to CIP Misc. (10-4110.6500). Councilman Renner seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- G. **Rental Agreement Edisto Island Yacht Club-Christmas Party**- Councilman Renner moved to approve the rental agreement with the Edisto Island Yacht Club to hold the Town of Edisto Beach annual Christmas Party on December 1, 2021, from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

- H. **Janitorial Services-DMs Cleaning Agreement-** Councilman Kizer moved to approve the Janitorial Services-DMs Cleaning agreement. Councilman Renner seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- I. **Resolution No. 2021-R32 Committing the Town of Edisto Beach to Providing a Local Match for a South Carolina Parks and Recreation Development (PARD) Grant and Following its Procurement Policy When Securing Services and Products with Grant Funds.** – Councilman Renner moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-R32 committing the Town of Edisto Beach to providing a local match for a South Carolina Parks and Recreation Development (PARD) Grant in the amount of \$9,658 and following its procurement policy when securing services and products with grant funds. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- J. **Resolution No. 2021-R33 Capital Project Sales Tax Resolution Town Hall and Emergency Operations Center Design and Construction.** – Councilman Kizer moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-R33 Capital Project Sales Tax Resolution Town Hall and Emergency Operations Center design and construction. Councilman Renner seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- K. **Special Council Meeting-** Councilman Renner moved to approve the special Council meeting on November 30, 2021, at 3:00 PM to swear in new Council member, Jay Watts. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- L. **Town Welcome Sign Quote Award-** Councilman Kizer moved to award the Town Welcome Sign bid to Fastsigns Charleston for a price of \$10,952.00 to be funded from local accommodations funds. Councilman Renner seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- M. **Consideration of Resolution No. 2021-34 to Authorize a Special Election to Fill the Unexpired Term of Town Council Seat.** – Councilman Renner moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-34 to authorize a special election on February 1, 2022, to fill the unexpired term of Town Council seat. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

#### Committee Vacancies

- A. **Planning Commission-2 vacancies-**The Town will continue to advertise for the two vacancies on the Planning Commission as no applications were received.
- B. **Water and Sewer Committee – 1 vacancy** – Councilman Kizer moved to approve advertising for one vacancy on the Water and Sewer Committee. Councilman Renner seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- C. **State Accommodations Tax Board-2 vacancies** – Councilman Renner moved to approve the application of Mr. Rick Moore for the At-Large position on the State Accommodations Tax Board and the application of Mr. Matthew Kizer for the Hospitality/Lodging position on the State Accommodations Tax Board. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- D. **The Image and Design of Edisto (TIDE) Committee-1 vacancy** – Councilman Kizer moved to approve advertising for the one vacancy on the Image and Design of Edisto (TIDE) Committee. Councilman Renner seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- E. **Beachfront Management Committee – 1 vacancy** – Councilman Renner moved to approve advertising for the one vacancy on the Beachfront Management Committee. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- F. **Construction Board of Appeals – 1 vacancy** – The Town will continue to advertise for the one vacancy on the Construction Board of Appeals.

## **State Accommodations Tax Advisory Board**

- A. Town of Edisto Beach Police Department – Beach Patrol 2021-2022 - \$27,720.00** – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the State Accommodations Tax request made by the Edisto Beach Police department in the amended amount of \$20,598. Councilman Renner seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

## **Council Time**

Councilman Renner thanked the audience and the Town citizens for participating in the November general election. Mayor Moore also thanked the audience and Town citizens for their support during the election.

## **Departmental Reports**

### **Administration**

Town Administrator Iris Hill congratulated Mayor Moore and Councilman Renner on their election. Ms. Hill thanked former Councilwoman Patti Smyer for her service and dedication to the Town of Edisto Beach. Administrator Hill addressed the beach erosion caused from King Tides. Ms. Hill informed the audience and Council that SCDHEC has issued an emergency order to scrape sand areas where the erosion is twenty feet from structures. Administrator Hill informed the audience and Council that the Town of Edisto Beach received a grant in the amount of \$500,000 from the South Carolina Rural Water Infrastructure Authority to fund the upgrade to life stations A and B which are necessary to lift the moratorium. Ms. Hill discussed grants that the Town is currently applying for to help study the interior lagoons.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	40.75 %	30.32 %
Water Fund	23.59 %	27.60 %
Wastewater Fund	25.28 %	25.64 %

### **Freedom of Information Act Requests**

During the month of October 2021, the Town of Edisto Beach received seventeen Freedom of Information Act requests. Fourteen requests were for the Building Department. Two requests were for the Administration Department, and one request was for the Police and Fire Department.

### **Building**

	October 2020	October 2021	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$18,994.80	\$8,968.57	\$68,500.64
New Construction Permits	0	5	341
Other Permits	18	46	536
Permit Fees	\$1,949.80	\$16,463.50	\$48,805
Inspections	54	115	347

### **Fire**

Calls	October 2020	October 2021	YTD
Medical	18	46	123
Fire-Related	2	4	13
EMS/Misc.	33	19	87
Beach Wheelchairs	7	14	78
Water Rescue	1	0	10

Welfare Checks	6	0	14
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**Police**

	October 2020	October 2021	YTD
Miles Patrolled	9,147	7,530	31,513
Incidents & Calls for Service	101	218	1,016
Property Checks	964	713	1,908
Town Parking Tickets	27	70	415

**Utilities**

MG (Million gallons)	October 2020	October 2021	YTD
Pumped MG Water	17.93	17.03	84.13
Treated MG Wastewater	3.63	2.98	14.28
Water Line Repairs	6	6	15
Work Order Repairs	33	21	120

**Public Works**

During the month of October 2021, the Public Works Department completed 6 street sign work orders and 20 trash can work orders. Public Works completed edging and right of way clearing on Palmetto Blvd. The Public Works Department also removed additional beach access trash cans.

**Special Projects**

	September 2020	September 2021
Edisto Civic Center	\$5,118.05	\$6,063.00
Bay Creek Park	\$4,684.00	\$12,736.00

In the month of October 2021, the Edisto Civic Center had seven events. The Edisto Civic Center Facebook page has a total of 1,209 likes and 1,276 followers.

In the month of October 2021, Bay Creek Park had one event and five Wednesday Markets. The Bay Creek Park Facebook page has a total of 3,881 likes and 4,064 followers.

The Keep Edisto Beautiful Facebook page has a total of 970 likes, and 1,039 followers.

Town Administration Hill stated that Ms. Kelly Moore did a great job coordinating the Edisto Beach Cookin' on the Creek BBQ Festival, despite king tides and inclement weather.

**Executive Session**

Councilman Renner moved to enter into executive session. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

- A. Discussion incidental to contractual negotiations and receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege related to the road terminus at Louise Street S.C. Code §30-4-70 (a) (2)

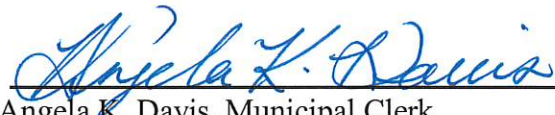
Councilman Kizer moved to exit executive session. Councilman Renner seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Mayor Crawford Moore moved to authorize for the appraisal and to publish a public notice of sale and surplus road terminus at Louise Street. Councilman Renner seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

**Adjournment**

Councilman Kizer moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Renner, and unanimously approved.

**APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL**



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Angela K. Davis, Municipal Clerk

December 8, 2021