

MINUTES
TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
June 8, 2023
6:00 p.m.

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

This Regular Monthly Town Council meeting was properly advertised and posted, and all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act were satisfied.

Present

Mayor Crawford Moore, and Council Members Jerome Kizer, Robert Renner, Jay Watts, and Joey Bagwell were present at this meeting. *Quorum of Council Present.*

Call to Order

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Mr. Watts led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance, and he also gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kizer moved to approve the minutes as follows:

- Special Town Council Meeting Minutes, May 9, 2023
- Public Hearing Meeting Minutes, May 11, 2023
- Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes, May 11, 2023

Mr. Renner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Commander Jim Phelps, American Legion

Commander Jim Phelps from the American Legion presented an update to Town Council regarding a new mental health program for veterans in the area, which will be held in Hollywood, SC. This program will provide weekly and/or monthly meetings depending on attendance. This program is open to anyone with a DD214.

Proclamations and Presentations

Starfish Awards

Mayor Crawford recognized Police Chief Daniel Seyle, and Edisto Beach firefighters Scott Epps and Bryan Henderson for their work on April 6, 2023, at which time the Edisto Beach Police Department and the Edisto Beach Fire Department received a call for a water rescue in St. Helena Sound. A boat had run aground with a crew of two, and one individual was stuck in the mud. Chief Seyle, Mr. Henderson, and Mr. Epps, along with several other agencies were able to rescue the individual and they were returned safely back to Bennett's Point landing, which is where they

launched their boat. This was a multi-agency rescue which was successful due to interoperability between agencies.

Public Comment Period

No one signed up to speak.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 2021-13 Temporary Moratorium to be reviewed every 30 days until resolved. Construction of Pump Station B is complete. Pump Station A bid specifications are being prepared. The Town received \$8,904,385 in SCIP grant funding as well as \$500,000 from RIA grant funding to be used as matching funds for the SCIP grant. The amount of grant funds received will be sufficient to allow the town to make the necessary upgrades to the Wastewater System which will allow the Town to lift the sewer moratorium. American Engineering is currently preparing bid specifications for Pump Station A.

Second Reading of Ordinance 2023-08 to Amend Section 86-145 of the Town's Code of Ordinances Related to Beach Management Overlay Zoning District. Request Council consideration and approval of the Second Reading of Ordinance 2023-08 to Amend Section 86-145 of the Town's Code of Ordinances regarding beach management overlay zoning district. This amendment allows for the Town to consider issuing conditional use construction permits within property setback areas provided they satisfy certain criteria. Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2023-08 to amend Section 86-145 of the Town's Code of Ordinances related to Beach Management Overlay Zoning District. Mr. Renner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Second Reading of Ordinance 2023-10 to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget. Request Council consideration and approval of the Second Reading of Ordinance 2023-10 to adopt the budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2023-10 to adopt the budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024. Mr. Watts seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

New Business

First Reading of Ordinance 2023-11 to Amend Section 82-127 of the Town's Code of Ordinances Related to Tie-on of Existing Sewer System Exceptions. Request Council consideration and approval of the first reading of Ordinance 2023-11 to amend subsection 82-127 of the Town's Code. The amendment would shift the burden of determining a septic system failure from the Town to a SCDHEC certified inspector. Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2023-11 to Amend Section 87-127 of the Town's Code of Ordinances related to tie-on of existing sewer system exceptions. Mr. Watts seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Work Authorization No. 2 Under Continuing Master Services Agreement with American Engineering Consultants, Inc. Request Council consideration and approval of Work Authorization No. 2 under continuing Master Services Agreement with American Engineering Consultants, Inc., for the Wastewater System Upgrades project and engineering services as part of the SCIP grant, in the amount of \$1,078,655, which will be paid from the Water R&R fund. Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve Work Authorization No. 2 Under Continuing Master Services Agreement with

American Engineering Consultants, Inc. Mr. Bagwell seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Approval of Sewer Tap Application. Request Council consideration and approval of the Sewer Tap Application, which was approved and recommended by the Water and Sewer Committee for individuals seeking to tie-on to the Town's sewer system. Mr. Watts made a motion to approve the approval of the Sewer Tap Application. Mr. Renner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Approval of Sewer Connection Decision Flowchart. Request Council consideration and approval of the Sewer Connection Decision Flowchart, which was approved and recommended by the Water and Sewer Committee. This flowchart will be used once a Sewer Tap Application is received in order to determine eligibility to tie on to the system. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the Sewer Connection Decision Flowchart. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Approval of Charleston Metro Marine Patrol Unit Mutual Aid Agreement. Request Council consideration and approval of the Charleston Metro Marine Patrol Unit Mutual Aid Agreement between the Charleston County Sheriff's Office and Edisto Beach Police Department. This agreement will support multi-agency marine public safety units in responding to waterborne issues utilizing assigned marine patrol boat operators, as well as specialized units to patrol the waterways, conduct search and rescue missions, and waterside firefighting as well as other services. Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the Charleston Metro Marine Patrol Unit Mutual Aid Agreement. Mr. Watts seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Town of Edisto Beach Personnel Manual Change. Request Council consideration and approval of the Amendment to the Nepotism Policy, which will be updated in the Employment Policies section of the Town of Edisto Beach Personnel Manual. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the Town of Edisto Beach Personnel Manual change. Mr. Renner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Approval of Special Event Application: Flake Wedding, Bay Creek Park, September 16, 2023. Request Council consideration and approval of the Special Event Application submitted by Richard Flake for a wedding to be held at Bay Creek Park on September 16, 2023, for a full-day rental. Less than 100 individuals are expected to attend the wedding. Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the Special Event Application for the Flake Wedding at Bay Creek Park September 16, 2023. Mr. Renner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Approval of Special Event Application: Cookin' on the Creek BBQ Festival, October 13-14, 2023. Request Council consideration and approval of the Special Event Application for the Cookin' on the Creek BBQ Festival to be held on October 13-14, 2023, at Bay Creek Park. Approximately 800 individuals are expected to attend the festival over this weekend. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the Special Event Application for Cookin' on the Creek BBQ Festival October 13-14, 2023. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

COUNCIL TIME

- Mr. Bagwell noted that summer is here, visitors have arrived, so please be careful.
- Mr. Renner thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers during his recent illness. He also stated that is doing very well.
- Mayor Moore introduced Mr. Phillip Taylor, Colleton County Council Member. He spoke on his initiative to enable all citizens of the Lowcountry the ability to have internet access. Mr. Taylor provided a card with a QR code that has a survey which can be quickly completed. Mr. Renner stated that he recently completed the survey, and it was painless.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The following reports were presented to Council:

Building

	May 2022	May 2023	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$108,769.38	\$173,874.86	\$505,397.82
New Construction Permits	2	1	14
Other Permits	49	48	492
Permit Fees	\$10,830.00	\$7,671.50	\$116,468.70
Inspections	86	136	1212

Fire

	May 2022	May 2023	YTD
Calls			
Medical	14	17	198
Fire-Related	0	2	29
EMS/Misc. (includes alarms, hazmat, public assist, water rescue, etc.)	11	9	250
Public Service (includes fire inspections, beach wheelchair loan, welfare checks)	11	52	268

Chief Denney Conley also reported the Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Department is involved with the state program dealing with fire prevention.

Police

	May 2022	May 2023	YTD
Miles Patrolled	8,428	10,024	99,811
Incidents & Calls for Service	192	169	1,654
Property Checks	880	1194	8,379
Town Parking Tickets	164	64	739

Utilities

MG (Million gallons)	May 2022	May 2023	YTD
Pumped MG Water	18.8	17.5	166.8
Treated MG Wastewater	2.6	4.0	39.5
Water Line Repairs	3	1	35
Work Order Repairs	26	57	434

Fund Information

Fund	Received	Spent
General Fund	95.39%	88.6%
Water Fund	80.56%	77.40%
Wastewater Fund	198.46%	71.84%

Freedom of Information Act Requests (FOIA)

	May 2022	May 2023	YTD
Number of Requests	11	4*	32

- *3 Building Requests; *1 Police Request

Administration

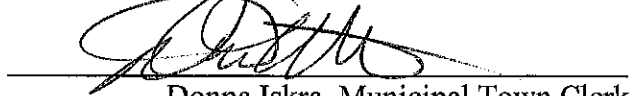
Town Administrator, Mark Aakhus noted the following:

- Mr. Aakhus and Mrs. Stalvey attended the SCIIP Grant workshop in Columbia on May 30.
- Pump Station A is already designed, and an RFP is being prepared.
- Jungle Road Bathroom is out to bid, and bids are due on July 16, 2023.
- Estimated pipe delivery for the Arc/Billow Street project is August 1, 2023.
- Lagoon Study is in progress.
- Town Hall Project:
 - Sprinkler Project – goes out for bid at the end of next month.
 - Initial floor plan schematics due within the next 30 days.
- US Army Corps of Engineers Project:
 - Submitted all documentation to receive in-kind credit for the groin improvements which is anticipated around \$3.1 million.
 - Planning to reach out to appraisers and surveyors
 - Surveyors should have the beach access point marked to 15 feet by early next week.
- Budget
 - Revenues have exceeded expenditures so far this year.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Renner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kiser seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

APPROVED BY EDISTO BEACH COUNCIL



Donna Iskra, Municipal Town Clerk

July 13, 2023