

MINUTES
TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
May 9, 2024
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING 6:00 p.m.

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

This Regular Town Council Meeting was properly advertised and posted and met all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act.

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

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Mr. Renner led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kizer moved to approve the Special Town Council Meeting Minutes, April 9, 2024, the Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes, April 11, 2024, and the Special Town Council Meeting Minutes, April 18, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. Renner and unanimously approved.

Proclamations and Presentations

Starfish Award: SC Fire Safe Community Award

Cameron Andrews, Rich Baretto, Denny Conley, Thad Daise, Kate Hall, Cindy Lenz, Ken Sallenger, and Bess Watson were each presented with a Starfish Award. Mayor Moore read directly from the state press release entitled, "154 S.C. Fire Departments Receive 'Fire Safe South Carolina' Community Designation," (attached) and commended each of them for their tremendous amount of work. Mayor Moore noted their loyalty and enthusiasm is outstanding, noting particularly the work of the volunteer firefighters, which is accomplished without compensation.

Proclamation 2024-P10, Golf Cart Safety and Education Month

Council was asked to consider and approve Proclamation 2024-P10 to declare June 2024, Golf Cart Safety and Education Month. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve Proclamation 2024-P10 to declare June 2024, Golf Cart Safety and Education Month. Mr. Kizer seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

Public Comment Period

No public comments were offered during this meeting.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 2021-13 Temporary Moratorium to be reviewed every 30 days until resolved. Construction of Pump Station B is complete. Notice to proceed for Pump Station A construction has been provided to Babcock Construction, LLC. Materials and equipment have been ordered and the contractor expects to mobilize in mid-June once the materials are delivered.

New Business

First Reading of Ordinance 2024-09 to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget. Council was asked to consider and approve Ordinance 2024-09 to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget. Mr. Renner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-09 to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget. Mr. Watts seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously. Mayor Moore noted a public hearing will be held on June 13, 2024, at 5:55 p.m., which will be advertised by public notice in the Press & Standard at least 15 days prior to the meeting.

Resolution 2024-R08. Municipal Clerk's Week, May 12-19, 2024. Council was asked to consider and approve Resolution 2024-R08, which proclaims Municipal Clerk's Week as May 12-19, 2024. Mrs. Donna Iskra, Municipal Clerk, is recognized in this resolution for her commitment, dedication, and valuable contributions to the Town of Edisto Beach. Mr. Watts made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-R08, which proclaims Municipal Clerk's Week as May 12-19, 2024. Mr. Renner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Change in Use from Residential to Commercial per Town Ordinance 86-141(i), 132 Jungle Road, Lot 0, Block 2, Located within the C-3 District. On April 16, 2024, the Planning Commission voted to approve the proposal for Change in Use from Residential to Commercial, as per Town Ordinance 86-14(i), for 132 Jungle Road, Lot 0, Block 2, located within the C-3 District. Council was asked to consider and approve this change in use for 132 Jungle Road from Residential to Commercial. Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the change in use from Residential to Commercial per Town Ordinance 86-141(i), 132 Jungle Road, Lot O, Block 2, located within the C-3 District. Mr. Bagwell seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

SCDNR Water Recreational Resources Fund Contract for the Bay Creek Park. Council was asked to consider and approve the Water Recreational Resources Fund contract with the Town of Edisto Beach for the Bay Creek Park Fishing Pier Repair. This contract provides \$253,799.57 in funding from SCDNR. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the Water Recreational Resources Fund contract with the Town of Edisto Beach for the Bay Creek Park Fishing Pier Repair. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Extension of Contract with Pheonix Homecare for Bay Creek Park and Civic Center Janitorial Servies. Council was asked to consider and approve the extension of the contract with Phoenix Homecare for janitorial service at Bay Creek Park and the Civic Center. Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the extension of the contract with Phoenix Homecare for janitorial service

at Bay Creek Park and the Civic Center. Mr. Watts seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Special Event Applications. Council was asked to consider and approve the following special event applications:

- Hackett Family 4th of July Parade to be held on July 4, 2024, to begin at 9:00 a.m. from Mikell Street to Neptune Street along Myrtle Street.
- Town of Edisto Beach July 4th Family Fun and Fireworks to be held at Bay Creek Park from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on July 4, 2024.

Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the Hackett Family 4th of July Parade to be held on July 4, 2024, and the Town of Edisto Beach July 4th Family Fun and Fireworks to be held at Bay Creek Park on July 4, 2024. Mr. Watts seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ATAX Board Recommendations. Council was asked to consider and approve the following ATAX Board recommendations as approved at the Board's quarterly meeting on May 2, 2024:

- Edisto Art Guild, Edisto Plein Air Paint Out: The Edisto Art Guild requested, and the ATAX Board approved, \$1,150 for the Edisto Plein Air Paint Out event to be held on October 15-19, for costs associated with marketing and promotional materials.
- The Edisto Art Guild, Summer Series 2024 Arts in the Park: The Edisto Art Guild requested, and the ATAX Board approved \$3,200 for the Summer 2024 Series Arts in the Park events to be held on June 2, July 14, and August 11. The funds will be used for marketing and promotional materials.
- 2024 Cookin' on the Creek BBQ Festival: The Town of Edisto Beach Special Events Office requested, and the ATAX Board approved, \$15,000 for the Cookin' on the Creek BBQ Festival to be held on October 11 and 12. The funds will be used for advertising and promotion, monetary awards for BBQ winners and musical entertainment.
- July 4th Family Fun and Fireworks Show: The Town of Edisto Beach requested, and the ATAX Board approved, \$6,800 for the July 4th Family Fun & Fireworks Show. The funds will be used for musical entertainment, fireworks, and promotional materials.

Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the Edisto Art Guild, Plein Air Paint Out event, October 15-19 in the amount of \$1,150, The Edisto Art Guild, Summer Series 2024 Arts in the Park in the amount of \$3,200, the 2024 Cookin' on the Creek BBQ Festival, October 11-12, in the amount of \$15,000, and the July 4th Family Fun and Fireworks Show, July 4, 2024, in the amount of \$6,800. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Department Reports

The following reports were presented to Council:

Building

	April 2023	April 2024	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$212,546.33	\$275,746.29	\$398,446.74
New Construction Permits	3	2	22
Other Permits	56	63	438
Permit Fees	\$18,021.00	\$15,977.50	\$153,819.00
Inspections	124	120	962

Fire

	April 2023	April 2024	YTD
Medical	13	27	220
Fire-Related	1	1	19
EMS/Misc. (includes alarms, hazmat, public assist, water rescue, etc.)	11	15	124
Public Service (includes fire inspections, beach wheelchair loan, welfare checks)	25	58	341

Chief Conley reported they have completed the training on ropes, knots, and rigging as well as ladder and ladder truck training.

Police

	April 2023	April 2024	YTD
Miles Patrolled	9,373	13,059	109,129
Incidents & Calls for Service	210	207	1994
Property Checks	832	1,146	14,822
Town Parking Tickets	66	39	525

Chief Seyle reported the new police officer began online training on May 7, 2024. Officer Duvall completed his second week of in person academy training on May 10, 2024. Chief Seyle also gave an update on Beach Patrol

Utilities

MG (Million gallons)	April 2023	April 2024	YTD
Pumped MG Water	15.2	13.3	144.1
Treated MG Wastewater	4.0	4.7	42.0
Water Line Repairs	1	5	36
Work Order Repairs	57	30	332

Mr. Zemp reported the meter reads are complete and bills will be sent out.

Fund Information

Fund	Received	Spent
General Fund	87.52%	73.11%
Water Fund	78.49%	78.17%
Wastewater Fund	86.34%	66.42%

Freedom of Information Act Requests (FOIA)

	April 2023	April 2024	YTD
Number of Requests	4	8	91

Administration

Assistant Town Administrator Dee Stalvey presented updates to Council on the following items:

- Jungle Road Bathroom project is progressing. We are working on an RFP for construction and replacement of the boardwalk.
- Beach renourishment project with Army Corps: Survey work is almost complete, and review of the draft easement is still currently underway.
- Emergency Operations Center/Town Hall Project: RFP for a construction project manager is being finalized.
- SCDOT Grant: Mr. Aakhus has submitted the SC DOT TAP (Transportation Alternative Program) Grant. This TAP Grant is for Lybrand Street, Docksite Road, Yacht Club Road, Edisto Street, and the Lee Street Bike Paths. As well, grant applications are currently being reviewed by the National Park Service for the SC Land & Water Conservation Fund for the repair and resurfacing of Jungle Shores Road Bike Path.
- Hurricane Preparedness: May 5-11 is designated as Hurricane Preparedness Week and in an effort to provide information to our residents, we featured hurricane preparedness information from Colleton County Emergency Managements Division and FEMA in our May Monthly Highlights released last week. A Hurricane Preparedness Workshop will be held June 7, at 11:00 a.m., at the Civic Center for residents and other interested individuals. Town officials and staff will participate in the annual Hurricane Tabletop Exercise with Colleton County Emergency Management officials. Dr. Greene with Colleton County Emergency Management Division held a webinar presenting information on regulations governing emergency management, operations plans, 2024 hurricane predictions, Emergency Support Functions, and other useful information. FEMA webinars are being offered on emergency procurement, preparing for disaster, etc., and Mr. Aakhus and Mrs. Stalvey have participated in those webinars.

Council Time

Council presented the following items for information:


- Mr. Bagwell commented on the success of the recent fishing tournament which produced a 34 lb. Mahi; over 50 boats were registered.
- Mayor Moore and Mr. Watts attended the Governor’s Annual Coastal Hurricane Tour on May 9.
- Mayor Moore acknowledged Ms. Tonya McIntyre Director of Community Outreach for the Charleston County School District and thanked her for her support. Ms. McIntyre is returning to Charleston County HR Department due to her current position being eliminated.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL



Donna Iskra, Municipal Clerk
June 13, 2024