

MINUTES
TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
June 13, 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. Moore led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

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

Proclamations and Presentations

Starfish Award: Janet Oakley, Planning Commission

Janet Oakley was presented with the Starfish Award for her work as a member of the Planning Commission, having served from May 31, 2020, to May 31, 2024. Janet's contributions to this Committee have been invaluable, and she has given her time, expertise, and energy for the betterment of Edisto Beach. Her diligence and participation are commendable, and we are very proud to recognize Janet's work, and we thank her for her years of service.

Public Comment Period

Ms. Sue Keith, Colleton County Legislative Delegation office, commented on the current openings for Colleton County Boards and Commissions. She provided the list of openings as well as applications. The Colleton County Legislative Delegation will meet on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Colleton County Memorial Library.

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.

Second Reading of Ordinance 2024-09 to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget. Council was asked to consider and approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2024-09 to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-09 to adopt the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget. Mr. Watts seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

New Business

First Reading of Ordinance 2024-11 to Continue Participation in the State Insurance Benefits Program Regarding County/Municipality Councilmember Coverage. Council was asked to consider and approve Ordinance 2024-11 to enable Councilmembers to continue to participate in the State Health Insurance benefits program regarding County/Municipality Councilmember coverage. Mr. Renner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-11 to continue participation in the State Health Insurance benefits program. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Town of Edisto Beach Emergency Operations Plan (Revised). Council was asked to consider and approve the Town of Edisto Beach Emergency Operations Plan, as revised effective June 2024. Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the Town of Edisto Beach Emergency Operations Plan, as revised effective June 2024. Mr. Renner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Memorandum of Understanding with SC Law Enforcement Division (SLED) for Access to the Automated License Plate Reader System. Council was asked to consider and approve the Memorandum of Understanding with SC Law Enforcement Division (SLED) for access to the automated license plate reader system operated by SLED. It is the intent of this MOU to share and leverage information for the benefit of the citizens of South Carolina by better enforcing criminal laws through a cooperative approach to law enforcement. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with (SLED) for access to the Automated License Plate Reader System. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Emergency Procurement for Lift Station Pump/100 Block. Council was asked to consider and approve the emergency procurement in the amount of \$7,150 from Pete Duty & Associates, Inc., for a new pump for the 100 block lift station. The bearings on the old pump were no longer working properly. Ensuring two working pumps at each lift station is a DHEC requirement; therefore, this emergency procurement was necessary. This purchase will be paid from the General Fund Contingency, which has a current balance of \$463,055. Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the emergency procurement in the amount of \$7,150 for a new pump for the 100 block lift station. Mr. Bagwell seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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

- Edisto Invitational Billfish Tournament, July 17-21, 2024. Council was asked to consider and approve the Special Event application from the Edisto Marina Association for the Edisto Invitational Billfish Tournament to be held on July 17-21, 2024, at the Marina at Edisto Beach and Bay Creek Park from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Also, the Edisto Marina Association requests the Town support this event in the amount of \$10,000, waive the Bay Creek Park rental fee, and additional law enforcement patrols.

Mr. Moore and Mr. Bagwell recused themselves from the motion (*recusal forms on file*). Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the special event application from the Edisto Marina Association for the Edisto Billfish Tournament to be held on July 17-21, 2024, at the Marina at Edisto Beach and Bay Creek Park and support the event as requested. Mr. Watts seconded the motion.

Yeas: 3

Nays: 0

Abstained: Mr. Moore and Mr. Bagwell (2)

Department Reports

The following reports were presented to Council:

Building

	May 2023	May 2024	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$173,874.86	\$87,171.85	\$485,618.59
New Construction Permits	1	2	24
Other Permits	48	38	476
Permit Fees	\$7,671.50	\$11,392.00	\$165,751.00
Inspections	136	168	1130

Fire

	May 2023	May 2024	YTD
Medical	17	25	245
Fire-Related	2	2	21
EMS/Misc. (includes alarms, hazmat, public assist, water rescue, etc.)	9	14	138
Public Service (includes fire inspections, beach wheelchair loan, welfare checks)	52	43	384

- Chief Conley reported they participated in the Hollywood Fire Department 75th Anniversary event at which he was the keynote speaker.
- Fire Department has completed the Lithium Battery training.

Police

	May 2023	May 2024	YTD
Miles Patrolled	10,024	13,763	122,892
Incidents & Calls for Service	169	232	2226
Property Checks	1194	1,072	15,894
Town Parking Tickets	64	175	525

- Assistant Chief Herring reported they have solicited and picked up give-a-ways from local businesses for Golf Cart Safety Awareness Month.
- Assistant Chief Herring and Officer McWaters attended Specific Skills Instructor class.
- Officer Nix passed all Academy testing and is now certified.
- Assistant Chief Herring also gave a Beach Patrol update.

Utilities

MG (Million gallons)	May 2023	May 2024	YTD
Pumped MG Water	17.5	16.8	160.9
Treated MG Wastewater	4.0	5.0	47.1
Water Line Repairs	5	3	39
Work Order Repairs	29	33	365

- Mr. Zemp reported two rounds of mosquito spraying has been completed and they will continue to spray twice a month until October.
- The Utilities Department is working to have two trash receptacles at each beach access.

Fund Information

Fund	Received	Spent
General Fund	93.35%	82.38%
Water Fund	87.06%	82.26%
Wastewater Fund	93.37%	73.60%

Freedom of Information Act Requests (FOIA)

	April 2023	May 2024	YTD
Number of Requests	4	7	98

Administration

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

- Edisto Beach Coastal Storm Risk Management Project with Army Corps of Engineers: Beachfront Management Committee held their monthly meeting. Mark Messersmith, the new Army Corp Project Manager, attended the meeting. Discussion focused on:
 - Project timeline
 - 95% design
 - Project update to be posted on our website
- Jungle Road Park Bathroom Project:
 - Contractor has agreed to the punch list items. Once these items are completed, the contractor will receive final payment
- Emergency Operations Center/Town Hall Project:
 - Bid opening for the construction project manager will be held on June 19
- Hurricane Preparedness Workshop, June 7, 2024
 - Approximately 40 individuals attended this workshop, including our Town Council members.

- FOIA Requests:
 - For the month of May 2024, Administration coordinated responses to 7 FOIA requests received from Marty Roberson, Arthur Suggs, McLeod Law Firm, Kim Moredock, Rikard Law Firm, Bryan Herring, and Jeanine Rhodes.

Council Time

Council presented the following items for information:

- Mr. Bagwell commented that it is apparent that summer is here.
- Mr. Watts noted there were a couple of turtles hit by boats and several more caught by fishing lines. He shared the DNR phone number 1-800-922-5431 for emergencies. He would like to see if there is a better way to disseminate information to our visitors regarding what to do if you catch a turtle and other beach rules, i.e. golf cart rules, flashlights on the beach, etc.
- Mayor Moore acknowledged Town staff for the successful Hurricane Preparedness Workshop held recently and noted it was very useful information and very well received.
- Ms. Phyllis McElveen gave an update on the upcoming 4th of July Picnic in the Park. There will be games, karaoke, and fireworks will start at 9:00 p.m.
- Mr. Bagwell noted the recent Chamber event of Movies in the Park at Bay Creek Park, sponsored by the Edisto Chamber, is hugely popular with residents and visitors.

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


Dee Stalvey, Assistant Town Administrator
July 11, 2024