

MINUTES
TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
July 11, 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. Bagwell 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, June 13, 2024, and the Public Hearing Minutes, June 13, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. Renner and unanimously approved.

Proclamations and Presentations

Starfish Award:

- Emma Hart/Edisto Beach Rentals: Ms. Emma Hart, representing Edisto Beach Rentals, was presented with a Starfish Award for the company's generosity in donating a beach wheelchair to the Town. Mayor Moore thanked her for making the Town of Edisto Beach a better place to live, work, and play.
- Jim and Kathy Klopp: Mr. and Mrs. Klopp were recognized for allowing the Edisto Beach Fire Department to conduct live hands-on training prior to the demolition of their house at 3103 Point Street. Mayor Moore thanked them for their willingness to have the training take place on their property.

State of the Town Address

Mayor Crawford Moore delivered the State of the Town for 2023-2024, and he reviewed a few highlights of the fiscal year. Mayor Moore commended Council, our Town Administrator, department heads, and Town staff for their work in protecting our beach, serving our residents, and providing needed services. *(State of the Town Address included with these minutes.)*

Public Comment Period

Ms. Sue Keith, Colleton County Legislative Delegation Office, commented on the current openings for Colleton County boards and commissions. 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 has a tentative mobilization date of July 24, 2024.

Second 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 the second reading of Ordinance 2024-11 to enable Councilmembers to continue to participate in the State Health Insurance Plan on the same terms and conditions as do regular employees of the municipality. Mr. Renner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-11. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

New Business

Memorandum of Understanding with the SC Department of Juvenile Justice Detention Center for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Council was asked to consider and approve the MOU for the provision of secure detention services with the SC Department of Juvenile Justice Detention Center for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The per diem rate is \$50 for each youth housed at the detention facility. Mr. Watts made a motion to approve the MOU for the provision of secure detention services with the SC Department of Juvenile Justice Detention Center for Fiscal Year 2024-25. Mr. Bagwell seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Award of Construction Project Management Services RFP 2024-02 for Emergency Operations Center/Town Hall Project to Cumming Group. Council was asked to consider and approve to award the construction project management services RFP 2024-02 for EOC/Town Hall Project to Cumming Group in the amount of \$230,548, and for the Town Administrator to negotiate this contract as necessary. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the award of RFP 2024-02 for EOC/Town Hall Project to Cumming Group in the amount of \$230,548, and for the Town Administrator to negotiate this contract as necessary. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Award of Contract Extension for Lyons Contracting Garbage Container Rollout Services. Council was asked to consider and approve the contract extension for Lyons Contracting garbage container rollout services for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. There is no increase in the cost of this service. Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve to award the contract extension for Lyons Contracting garbage container rollout services for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. Mr. Watts seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Award of Contract Extension for Yellowstone Landscaping Litter Removal on Highway 174. Council was asked to consider and approve the third extension of the current contract with Yellowstone Landscaping for trash collection services along Highway 174 for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. There is no increase in the cost of this service. Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the third extension of the current contract with Yellowstone Landscaping for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2023. Mr. Bagwell seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Approval of Agreement with CentralSquare Technologies, LLC for Edisto Police Department Mobile Operating Software System. Council was asked to consider and approve the agreement with CentralSquare Technologies, LLC, for consulting, data conversion, project management, technical, and training services in the amount of \$58,200.65. This will be paid from the Capital Improvement Project Fund, which has a balance of \$507,777. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the agreement with CentralSquare Technologies, LLC, in the amount of \$58,200.65. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Approval to Advertise for Vacancies: ATAX Board. Council was asked to consider and approve to advertise the vacancies for the ATAX Board. The terms of Matthew Kizer, Judy Blanchett, and Rick Moore will expire on August 1, 2024. Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve to advertise the vacancies for the ATAX Board. Mr. Renner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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

- Edisto Beach Shag Festival, August 30 – September 1, 2024, at Bay Creek Park. Edisto Beach Life LLC requests the Town continue as a Premier Sponsor at \$10,000.

Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the special event application for the Edisto Beach Shag Festival to be held August 30 – September 1, 2024, at Bay Creek Park, August 30 – September 1, 2024, and for the Town to continue as a Premier Sponsor at \$10,000. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Department Reports

The following reports were presented to Council:

Building

	June 2023	June 2024	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$20,821.89	\$49,031.31	\$534,649.90
New Construction Permits	2	1	25
Other Permits	52	50	526
Permit Fees	\$12,906.00	\$9,547.00	\$175,298.00
Inspections	118	81	1211

Fire

	June 2023	June 2024	YTD
Medical	37	28	273
Fire-Related	5	0	21
EMS/Misc. (includes alarms, hazmat, public assist, water rescue, etc.)	21	27	165
Public Service (includes fire inspections, beach wheelchair loan, welfare checks)	24	81	465

Chief Conley reported station visits have increased. He also thanked the Klopps for allowing the Fire Department to train at their home and Ms. Hart for donating the beach wheelchair.

Police

	June 2023	June 2024	YTD
Miles Patrolled	11,226	13,566	135,458
Incidents & Calls for Service	246	195	2,421
Property Checks	1008	1,052	16,946
Town Parking Tickets	149	166	866

Chief Seyle reported Officer Poole has received his boat operator certification. Golf Cart Safety Month resulted in 60 contacts with golf carts, awarding some and educating others. Chief Seyle also gave an update on Beach Patrol.

Utilities

MG (Million gallons)	June 2023	June 2024	YTD
Pumped MG Water	21.5	23.0	183.9
Treated MG Wastewater	5.8	5.0	52.2
Water Line Repairs	4	5	44
Work Order Repairs	61	49	414

Mr. Zemp reported the meter reads are complete and bills have been mailed. The Consumer Confidence Report has been completed.

Fund Information

Fund	Received	Spent
General Fund	107.35%	89.18%
Water Fund	97.99%	88.75%
Wastewater Fund	106.66%	83.32%

Freedom of Information Act Requests (FOIA)

	June 2023	June 2024	YTD
Number of Requests	17	5	108

Administration

Town Administrator Mark Aakhus presented updates to Council on the following items:

- At the Council Work Session on July 9, Steve Coe, Architect with Rosenblum Coe Architects, Inc., updated Council on the EOC/Town Hall Project, and shared the latest design of the building. Groundbreaking is expected in early Spring 2025. Discussions regarding emergency communication needs for the EOC will be held soon.
- SCDOT TAP grant letter of intent has been accepted, and we are moving forward with the grant application. Continuing to work with Colleton County for matching funds.
- Beach renourishment project with Army Corps: Survey plats are wrapping up and should be completed by July 19, 2024, then will be submitted for approval.
- Hurricane Preparedness: Sand and sandbags are now available. Colleton County supplied evacuation route magnets.
- Town of Edisto Beach finances remain good for the year and revenues exceeded expenses.
- Received 2 FOIAs for June.

Council Time

Council presented the following items for information:

- Mr. Bagwell reminded everyone of the upcoming Billfish Tournament.
- Mr. Kizer asked everyone to be extra careful with the visitors.
- Mr. Renner stated we will continue to investigate the issues regarding septic tanks. He noted the Town has a responsibility to protect residents and will continue to educate on proper maintenance. Once final analysis is complete we will share the conclusions.
- Mayor Moore commented on the huge success of the recent 4th of July event at Bay Creek Park and thanked Phyllis McElveen. He also congratulated Assistant Police Chief Herring on the birth of her baby girl, Riverly.

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 6:50 p.m.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL


Donna Iskra, Municipal Clerk

August 8, 2024