

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH**  
**April 10, 2025**  
**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 Moore called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

Mayor 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, March 13, 2025, and the Special Town Council Meeting Minutes, March 19, 2025. The motion was seconded by Mr. Renner and unanimously approved.

**Presentations**

SC Department of Natural Resources Presentation:

- SCDNR Wildlife Biologist Janet Thibault presented information on shorebirds.
- SCDNR Scientist Daniel Sasson presented information on horseshoe crabs.

**Public Comment Period**

No Public Comments were given at this meeting.

**New Business**

**Proclamation 2025-P05: Building Safety Month.** Council was asked to consider and approve Proclamation 2025-P05, recognition of Building Safety Month for May 2025. "Game On!" is the theme for this year's safety month, and we are all encouraged to raise awareness about building safety on a personal, local, and global scale. Mr. Renner made a motion to approve Proclamation 2025-P05, Building Safety Month for May 2025. Mr. Watts seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

**Resolution 2025-R06 Hurricane Preparedness Week for May 4-10, 2025.** Council was asked to consider and approve Resolution 2025-R06, Hurricane Preparedness Week for May 4-10, 2025, for the Town of Edisto Beach as per declaration from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Awareness and preparation are necessary for knowing areas of vulnerability and what actions to take in order to reduce devastating effects. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-R06 Hurricane Preparedness Week for May 4-10, 2025. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**Resolution 2025-R07 Municipal Clerk Week for May 4-11, 2025.** Council was asked to consider and approve Resolution 2025-R07, Municipal Clerk week for May 4-11, 2025. 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 2025-R07 Municipal Clerk Week for May 4-11, 2025. Mr. Renner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**Approval of Emergency Purchase: Cantey Foundation/Undermined Sidewalk at Bay Creek Park (\$10,912.16).** Council was asked to consider and approve the Emergency Purchase to repair the undermined sidewalk at Bay Creek Park in the amount of \$10,912.16 and for the work to be completed by Cantey Foundation. This amount will be paid from the Street Improvement and Repairs Fund, which has a balance of \$15,000. Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the Emergency Purchase to repair the undermined sidewalk at Bay Creek Park. Mr. Watts seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**Approval of AirMedCare Network Municipal Site Membership Agreement for Town Residents.** Council was asked to consider and approve the AirMedCare Network Municipal Site Membership Agreement for Town Residents, which provides transport for medical necessities by any AirMedCare network provider. The annual amount for this service is \$2,465, effective June 27, 2025. The Town currently participates in this program. This service is budgeted for under General Fund Maintenance Contracts. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the AirMedCare Network Municipal Site Membership Agreement for Town Residents. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**Approval of AirMedCare Network Group Full Census Membership Agreement for Town Employees.** Council was asked to consider and approve the AirMedCare Network Group Full Census Membership Agreement for Town Employees, which provides transport for medical necessities by AirMedCare. The annual rate for this service is \$55.00 per employee, effective June 27, 2025. This service is budgeted for under General Fund Maintenance Contracts. Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the AirMedCare Network Group Full Census Membership Agreement for Town Employees. Mr. Watts seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**Approval to Advertise: Municipal Electons Commission (one vacancy) and Planning Commission (two vacancies).** Council was asked to consider and approve to advertise the following committee vacancies:

1. Municipal Elections Commission: one (1) vacancy due to the term of Linda Perkins expiring on May 31, 2025.
2. Planning Commission: two vacancies due to the terms of George Kostell and Patti Smyer expiring on May 31, 2025.

Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve to advertise one vacancy on the Municipal Elections Commission, and two vacancies on the Planning Commission. Mr. Renner seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

### **Special Event Applications**

Chamber of Commerce: TurtleFest and Turtle Tide Art Reveal, May 31, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Civic Center. Council was asked to consider the special event application for the TurtleFest and Turtle Tide Art Reveal to be held on May 31, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Civic Center. Approximately 150 individuals are expected to attend. Mr. Watts made a motion to approve the Chamber of Commerce TurtleFest and Turtle Tide Art Reveal, May 31, 2025. Mr. Bagwell seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Chamber of Commerce: 2025 Movies in the Park. Council was asked to consider the special event application for the 2025 Movies in the Park as follows:

- June 18, June 25, July 9, July 23 at Bay Creek Park from 5:00p.m. to 10:00 p.m.: and
- August 13, August 27, at Civic Center from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the Chamber of Commerce 2025 Movies in the Park. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Victoria McGowen-Wedding Reception: September 12, 2025, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Bay Creek Park. Council was asked to consider the special event application for the Victoria McGowen Wedding Reception to be held at Bay Creek Park on September 12, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Approximately 125 individuals are expected to attend. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the Victoria McGowen-Wedding Reception, September 12, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Chamber of Commerce Turtle Tide Art Auction & Fall Festival, October 11, 2025, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Jungle Road Plaza. Council was asked to consider the special event application for the Chamber of Commerce Turtle Art Auction & Fall Festival to be held October 11, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Jungle Road Plaza. Approximately 350+ individuals are expected to attend. Jungle Road closure also requested from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from the end of McConkey's parking lot to the end of Jungle Road Plaza. Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the Chamber of Commerce Turtle Tide Art Auction & Fall Festival, October 11, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mr. Renner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Chamber of Commerce: 2025 Edisto Beach Road Race, November 22, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Council was asked to consider the special event application for the Chamber of Commerce 2025 Edisto Beach Road Race to be held November 22, 2025, from 8:00 a.m.

to 11:00 a.m. Approximately 125 individuals are expected to participate. The race will begin and end at Wyndham Rec Center. Mr. Watts made a motion to approve the Chamber of Commerce 2025 Edisto Beach Road Race to be held November 22, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Mr. Renner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Chamber of Commerce: 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Edisto Beach Christmas Parade, December 13, 2025, 2:00 p.m. Council was asked to consider the special event application for the Chamber of Commerce 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Edisto Beach Christmas Parade to be held on December 13, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. The parade will begin at the 500 block of Palmetto (Atlantic Street) and will end at the EnMarket. Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the Chamber of Commerce 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Edisto Beach Christmas Parade to be held on December 13, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Renner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **Department Reports**

The following reports were presented to Council:

| <u>Building</u>              | <u>March 2024</u> | <u>March 2025</u> | <u>YTD</u>   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Business/Rental License Fees | \$53,092.92       | \$106,112.45      | \$208,294.73 |
| Construction Permits         | 6                 | 2                 | 12           |
| Other Permits                | 49                | 68                | 433          |
| Permit Fees                  | \$30,945.50       | \$36,437.00       | \$131,415.50 |
| Inspections                  | 92                | 113               | 887          |

| <u>Fire</u>      |                   |                   |            |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|
| <u>Calls</u>     | <u>March 2024</u> | <u>March 2025</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
| Medical-Related  | 22                | 15                | 174        |
| Fire-Related     | 2                 | 2                 | 17         |
| EMS/Misc.*       | 11                | 8                 | 156        |
| Public Service** | 31                | 27                | 292        |

(\*includes alarms, hazmat, public assist, water rescue, etc.)

(\*\*includes fire inspections, beach wheelchair loan, welfare checks)

| <u>Police</u>                 | <u>March 2024</u> | <u>March 2025</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Miles Patrolled               | 12,122            | 12,675            | 110,212    |
| Incidents & Calls for Service | 121               | 210               | 1,406      |
| Property Checks               | 1,295             | 1,818             | 13,175     |
| Town Parking Tickets          | 25                | 18                | 266        |

- Beach Patrol training is complete.
- The new Beach Patrol ATV was delivered.

| <u>Utilities</u>      | <u>March 2024</u> | <u>March 2025</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Pumped MG Water       | 10.7              | 11.5              | 129.4      |
| Treated MG Wastewater | 4.2               | 3.3               | 34.4       |
| Waterline Repairs     | 2                 | 7                 | 32         |
| Work Order            | 31                | 32                | 242        |

| <b><u>Fund Information</u></b> | <b><u>Received</u></b> | <b><u>Spent</u></b> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| General Fund                   | 71%                    | 67%                 |
| Water Fund                     | 72%                    | 74%                 |
| Wastewater Fund                | 73%                    | 56%                 |

### **Freedom of Information Act Requests (FOIA)**

| <b><u>March 2024</u></b> | <b><u>March 2025</u></b> | <b><u>YTD</u></b> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 5                        | 11                       | 63                |

### **Administration**

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

- Wastewater Improvement Project
  - Forcemain project is complete.
  - Equipment is on order for the lift station projects, contractor expected to mobilize in July.
- Beach Renourishment Project
  - Awaiting appraisal approval from USACE.
  - 95% design plans are being finalized by USACE.
- HMGP (FEMA) Grants
  - EOC/Town Hall Generator grant application is in progress and due April 30 2025.
  - Grant application for Phase 1 of Lagoon Study recommendations is in progress and due April 30, 2025.
- Beach-Wide and Yacht Club Road Drainage Studies
  - Held a kick-off meeting with Davis & Floyd and preliminary field work was conducted.
- EOC/Town Hall
  - Demolition is complete.
  - Continuing with site work and preparing the building pad.
  - Groundbreaking scheduled for April 25, 2025.
- Bay Creek Park Dock
  - Complete.
- Automated Meters
  - Three bid submittals have been received.
  - Selection committee is meeting next week to review.
- Jungle Shores Bike Path
  - Engineering report has been finalized.
  - RFP was approved by LWCF and advertised this week.
- Administration FOIA Requests for January
  - John Dougherty (1)
  - Lynelle Klein (1)
  - Bonner Altman (1)

**Council Time**

Mayor Moore thanked Sue Keith for attending the meeting and representing Colleton County Legislative Delegation.

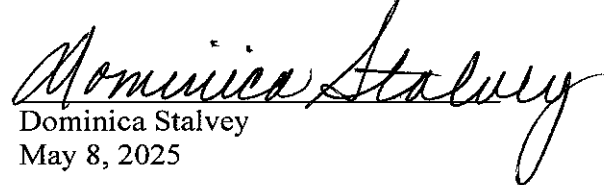
Mr. Kizer encouraged all to get outdoors and enjoy the parks; they are beautiful.

**Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

**APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL**

  
Dominica Stalvey  
May 8, 2025