

TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
Regular Monthly Town Council Meeting
June 12, 2025
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

The 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. Mr. Moore conveyed his condolences to Mr. Kizer following the loss of his father, Mr. Wilbur Kenneth Kizer, earlier today. Mr. Moore noted that Mr. Kizer was an esteemed figure of Edisto Beach for generations. Mr. Moore extended prayers for the Kizer family.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kizer moved to approve the Town Council Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2025, and the Town Council Special Meeting Minutes of May 30, 2025. The motion was seconded by Mr. Renner and approved unanimously.

Presentations

Starfish Awards

- Robbie and Hollace Savage, owners of Edisto Essentials, are recognized for their generous support during the April 25th Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Town's new Emergency Operations Center and Town Hall. Robbie and Hollace donated the use of two Low-Speed Vehicles for transporting guests from the parking area to the ceremony. Their steadfast support of our community is always appreciated.
- Bryan Herring, Edisto Beach resident, was nominated for this award by Police Chief Daniel Seyle. Bryan helped solve a most unusual predicament here on Edisto Beach. On May 14th, a spider monkey made a daring escape from its owners, and numerous attempts to

recapture the monkey had failed. Bryan stepped in and befriended the monkey, who then made its way to Bryan's outstretched arms. Captain Bryan Herring saved the day by reeling in the wayward spider monkey.

- George Kostell, Edisto Beach resident, is a long-standing member of the Planning Commission. Mr. Kostell served two terms on the Commission, including time spent as chairman. His contributions to the Planning Commission, and the Town of Edisto Beach, have been invaluable. George has worked tirelessly to create a better Edisto Beach for all, and we are grateful for his commitment and dedication to the residents of our community. Mayor Crawford Moore praised Mr. Kostell for his work on the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Edisto Beach during his tenure as Chairman of the Planning Commission, as well as his role in suggesting Golf Cart Safety and Education Month. Mr. Kostell thanked Patrick Brown and the Building Department staff for their support.
- Paul Otte, Town of Edisto Beach Utilities Department, was nominated for this award by Edisto Beach resident Dr. Bill Gallman for his polite, efficient, and professional manner while dealing with a pipe rupture on May 18. Dr. Gallman noted that Paul was on-site in less than 30 minutes, completed the necessary repair, and had water back on for the neighborhood in less than an hour. We appreciate Dr. Gallman's nomination of Paul for the Starfish Award, and we thank Paul for his great work and professionalism.

Public Comment Period

There were no comments made by the public during this meeting.

Old Business

Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-09 to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. A Public Hearing was held today, June 12, 2025, at 5:55 p.m., prior to this Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-09. Council was asked to consider and approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-09 to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-09 to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. Mr. Watts seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

New Business

Agreement with SCDOT for the Transportation Alternatives Program Bike Path Improvement Project, Phase I (FPA-14-25) (\$600,000). Council was asked to consider and approve Phase I of the project, the widening of the existing bike paths along Dock Site Road, Yacht Club Road, Edisto Street, and Lee Street, and the construction of approximately 150 linear feet of new path on Lee Street. Mayor Moore indicated the total cost of Phase I of this project is \$750,000. The project has been approved for \$600,000 in federal-aid funds. The required match for SCDOT's funding is \$150,000 and will be provided by the Town of Edisto Beach.

Following discussion, Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the agreement with SCDOT for the Transportation Alternatives Program Bike Path Improvement Project, Phase I (FPA-14-15). Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Approval of RFP #2025-03 Bid for Jungle Shores Bike Path Repaving Project (136,712.42).

Council was asked to consider and approve the Jungle Shores Bike Repaving Project RFP #2025-03. It was recommended that Council approve the low bid from Truluck Roadway Services in the

amount of \$136,712.42. This project addresses the repaving of the bike path along Jungle Shores Drive to Dawhoo Street and along Dawhoo Street from Jungles Shores Drive to Jungle Road. After discussion, Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve Truluck Roadway Services as the contractor for the Jungle Shores Bike Path Repaving Project (RFP #2025-03) in the amount of \$136,712.42. Mr. Renner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Appointment to the Municipal Election Commission (one vacancy). Council was asked to consider and approve one appointment to the Municipal Election Commission, with a six-year term appointment to end May 31, 2031. Mr. Renner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Watts, to approve the appointment of Charles Ned Kuntz to the Municipal Election Commission for a six-year term. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- Hackett Family 4th of July Parade, July 4, 2025, from Mikell to Neptune Streets along Myrtle Street, with set up at 9:00 a.m. and parade to start at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Bagwell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Renner, to approve the Hackett Family 4th of July Parade. The motion passed unanimously.
- Edisto Beach Shag Festival, August 29-30, 2025, Bay Creek Park, from 12 noon to 10:00 p.m. daily, with approximately 2500 attendees projected. Edisto Beach Life, LLC also requests the Town of Edisto Beach to be a Premier Sponsor at the \$10,000 level. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the special event application for the Edisto Beach Shag Festival to be held at Bay Creek Park August 29-30, 2025, and for the Town to continue as a Premier Sponsor at \$10,000. Mr. Renner seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.
- South Carolina Triathlon Series, November 1, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The bike and running events will take place at Bay Creek Park and on Edisto Beach roadways. The swimming event will start at the Live Oak Boat Landing and end at the marina adjacent to Bay Creek Park. Approximately 300 participants are expected. Mr. Bagwell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Renner, to approve the South Carolina Triathlon Series. The motion passed unanimously.

Department Reports

The following reports were presented to Town Council:

<u>Building Dept.</u>	<u>May 2024</u>	<u>May 2025</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Business/Rental License Fees	\$87,171.85	\$94,245.10	\$547,770.29
Construction Permits	2	0	13
Other Permits	38	49	526
Permit Fees	\$11,932.00	\$7,956.00	\$151,985.50
Inspections	168	136	1139

Fire Dept.

<u>Calls</u>	<u>May 2024</u>	<u>May 2025</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Medical-Related	25	30	221
Fire-Related	2	2	20
EMS/Misc.*	14	20	195
Public Service**	43	46	357

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

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

- Chief Conley expressed his sympathies to the Kizer family, highlighting Mr. Wilbur Kizer's long-standing support for our fire department.
- Firefighters completed 40 total hours of training.

Police Dept.

	<u>May 2024</u>	<u>May 2025</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Miles Patrolled	13,763	13,393	136,668
Incidents & Calls for Service	232	301	1,921
Property Checks	1,072	1,969	16,861
Town Parking Tickets	175	199	543

- Department vehicles have received new graphics.
- Officer Larry Myers joined EBPD June 2, 2025.
- Coplogic eCitation training is taking place.

Utilities Dept.

	<u>May 2024</u>	<u>May 2025</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Pumped MG Water	16.8	19.3	164.10
Treated MG Wastewater	5.0	4.1	42
Waterline Repairs	3	7	43
Work Orders	33	30	299

- Meter readings have been completed; billings have been mailed.
- Additional trashcans have been placed at beach accesses for the season.
- New street signs arrived for 59 intersections; installation has begun.

Fund Information for April 2025

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Spent</u>
General Fund	87%	76%
Water Fund	87%	81%
Wastewater Fund	87%	69%

Freedom of Information Act Requests (FOIA)

The Town received a total of four (4) FOIA requests in May 2025; the year-to-date total is 79 requests.

Administration

Dee Stalvey presented the following updates to Council:

- Project Updates:
 - Wastewater Improvement Project
 - Town received credit of \$65,480 for unused materials from the forcemain project at the golf course.
 - Equipment is on order for the lift station projects; the contractor is expected to mobilize in July.
 - American Engineering is expected to submit plans for the Wastewater Treatment Plant project by the end of this month. This is the final SCIIP Grant project.
 - Army Corp Project
 - Easement preparation continues.
 - FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant for Interior Lagoon Study
 - Recommendations for these projects have been submitted as a federal earmark through Senator Graham's office.
 - Beach-Wide and Yacht Club Road Drainage Studies
 - Studies in progress.
 - EOC/Town Hall Project
 - All pilings have been installed, now working on pile caps and beams, and utility tie-ins along Murray and Holmes streets.
 - Construction for this project remains on schedule.
 - McConkey Square Erosion Project
 - Debris has been removed; fabric and riprap are scheduled to begin next week.
 - Automated Meter Readers
 - The selection committee will provide its recommendation for the Automated Meter Readers project at the July Town Council meeting.
 - Jungle Shores Bike Path
 - Council approved the bid this evening, so the project will commence soon.
 - The project has a 60-day contract period of performance.
- Financial Updates
 - Regarding local taxes:
 - The Town has received 97% of the projected budgeted revenue from the 2% local accommodations tax.
 - The Town has received 86% of the projected budgeted revenue from the 2% hospitality tax.
- FOIA Updates
 - Administration-related FOIA Requests for the month of April:
 - 1 – Zack Mangum
 - 1 – Lydia Kite
 - 1 – Kim Fengler
 - 1 – Anna Harris

Council Time

Mr. Bagwell noted that summer is upon us, and he and Mayor Moore reminded all to be safe during these 101 Critical Days of Summer.

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 adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL



Donna Rizer, Municipal Clerk
July 10, 2025