

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH**  
**Regular Monthly Town Council Meeting**  
**July 10, 2025**  
**6:00 p.m.**

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.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Kizer moved to approve the Town Council Public Hearing Minutes of June 12, 2025, and the Town Council Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2025. The motion was seconded by Mr. Renner and approved unanimously.

**Presentations**

**Starfish Awards**

- Linda Perkins was recognized by Town Council for her service on the Municipal Election Commission from 2021-2025. Linda's dedication to the committee and its important work in preparing for and conducting municipal elections for the citizens of Edisto Beach is applauded.
- Councilman Renner nominated Sgt. David McWatters and Beach Patrol Officers Joe Stalvey and Noni Sallenger for their rescue of a fawn in May 2025. The fawn was stranded on the beach, Joe Stalvey calmed the anxious deer, holding it close to his chest. Sgt. Watters and Noni Sallenger arrived to assist, and the deer was transported to a rescue center in Ravenel. Follow-up reports note that the little fawn is doing well and adjusting to its new surroundings. Thank you, David, Joe, and Noni, for protecting our Edisto wildlife with such compassion.

### State of the Town Address

Mayor Moore delivered the annual State of Town Address, highlighting accomplishments of the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Mayor Moore noted the Town is in a strong financial position, reviewed the status of the new Emergency Operations Center/Town Hall Complex, and identified key projects and long-range planning efforts. (*State of the Town Address attached to these minutes.*)

### Public Comment Period

Stuart Tyler (708 Jungle Road) presented comments regarding Burley L. Lyons Park and referenced the Town publication, *Update and Background Information on Burley L. Lyons Park Improvement Project*. His comments included: the number of survey respondents to the Recreation Master Plan may not necessarily imply support of the project; the private docks on the lagoon are along the shoreline; his concern that the voices of those opposed to the project in its current form are being overlooked.

### Old Business

There was no Old Business to discuss.

### New Business

**First Reading of Ordinance 2025-10, Golf Cart Regulations.** Council was asked to consider and approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2025-10, regulating the operation and use of golf carts within the town limits of Edisto Beach. Mr. Watts made a motion to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2025-10 regulating the operation and use of golf carts within the town limits of Edisto Beach. Mr. Bagwell seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**Change Order #2 for J.S. Haren Company, SCIIP Grant A-23-C065, Adjustment in Equipment (\$205,247.14).** Council was asked to consider and approve Change Order #2, for J.S. Haren Company for SCIIP Grant A-23-C065, in the amount of \$205,247.14. This work includes retrofitting eleven lift stations to have uniform disconnect boxes and transfers switches so that all lift stations can be operated by a 200-amp generator and meet the current codes. This change order will be funded by the SCIIP Grant. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the Change Order #2 for J.S. Haren Company in the amount of \$205,247.14. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**Approval of Bid for RFP #2502-02, Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) System, to Fortiline Waterworks.** Council was asked to consider and approve the bid from Fortiline Waterworks for RFP 2025-02 for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure System. The base bid is \$1,067,727, with an annual fee of \$8,998. Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the bid from Fortiline Waterworks with a base bid of \$1,067,727 and an annual fee of \$8,998. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**Revisions to Personnel Manual (Five-year Review).** Council was asked to consider and approve suggested changes to the Edisto Beach Personnel Manual. Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the changes to the personnel manual. Mr. Renner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**Award of Contract Extension for Lyons Contracting Garbage Container Rollout/Rollback Service.** Council was asked to consider and approve the one-year contract extension for Lyons Contracting rollout/rollback services. This will be the third extension out of five possible extensions under the current contract. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the one-year contract extension for Lyons Contracting Garbage Container Rollout/Rollback Service. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**Approval to Advertise ATAX Committee Vacancies (2) and Water & Sewer Committee Vacancies (3).** Council was asked to consider and approve the advertisement for the following Town committees' vacancies:

- Two (2) vacancies for the ATAX Committee
- Three (3) vacancies for the Water & Sewer Committee.

Mr. Renner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Watts, to approve the advertisement for the vacancies on the ATAX Committee and the Water & Sewer Committee.

### **Department Reports**

The following reports were presented to Town Council:

<u>Building Dept.</u>	<u>June 2024</u>	<u>June 2025</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Business/Rental License Fees	\$49,031.31	\$46,523.95	\$594,294.24
Construction Permits	1	0	13
Other Permits	50	40	566
Permit Fees	\$9,547.00	\$6,658.00	\$158,643.50
Inspections	81	120	1259

- Building Code Administrator Mr. Patrick Brown attended the June meeting of the International Code Council (ICC) Region VIII, Board of Directors, where he was appointed to represent South Carolina as the Second Vice President.

### **Fire Dept.**

<u>Calls</u>	<u>June 2024</u>	<u>June 2025</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Medical-Related	28	38	259
Fire-Related	0	1	21
EMS/Misc.*	27	24	219
Public Service**	81	40	397

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

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

- Chief Conley attended the SC Firefighter Conference where he accepted the Community Risk Reduction (CRR) Fire Safe Community recognition on behalf of the Edisto Beach Fire Department and Town of Edisto Beach. This is the second consecutive year EBFD received this recognition.
- Received and programmed new radio inventory.
- Firefighters completed 51 total hours of training.

<u>Police Dept.</u>	<u>June 2024</u>	<u>June 2025</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Miles Patrolled	12,566	13,622	150,290
Incidents & Calls for Service	195	316	2,237
Property Checks	1,052	1,880	18,741
Town Parking Tickets	166	268	811

- Updated license plate cameras.
- Officer Larry Myers completed academy training and began his FTO period.
- Coplogic eCitation training continues.
- RMS implementation continues.

<u>Utilities Dept.</u>	<u>June 2024</u>	<u>June 2025</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Pumped MG Water	23.0	23.3	187.5
Treated MG Wastewater	5.1	4.9	46.9
Waterline Repairs	5	1	44
Work Orders	49	38	337

- Summer mowing and sweeping schedule continues.
- The Consumer Confidence Report has been posted; there are no issues with the Town's water quality.

<u>Fund Information for June 2025</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Spent</u>
General Fund	101%	82%
Water Fund	99%	84%
Wastewater Fund	94%	74%

### Administration

Mark Aakhus presented the following updates to Council:

- Project Updates:
  - Wastewater Improvement Project
    - Equipment is on order for the lift station projects.
    - Bid documents to be advertised soon for the Wastewater Treatment Plant portion of the project.
  - Army Corps Project
    - Easement preparation continues; appraisal approval still outstanding.
  - Town Hall/EOC
    - Remains on budget.
    - One reported rain day delay.
    - Piles and pile caps have been installed; grade beams were poured in place on top of those and the blocking for the foundation wall is currently being installed.
  - McConkey Square Erosion Control Project
    - Completed.
  - Beach Access 32 Redecking Walkover

- Completed.
- Jungle Shores Bike Path
  - Contract is signed and the pre-construction meeting is scheduled.
- Bay Creek Park Pier
  - Inspected by SCDNR and approved for agreed upon grant amount of \$253,799.
- Financial Updates
  - Regarding local taxes:
    - The Town has received 107% of the projected budgeted revenue from the 2% local accommodations tax.
    - The Town has received 97% of the projected budgeted revenue from the 2% hospitality tax.
- FOIA Updates
  - Administration-related FOIA Requests for the month of June:
    - 1 – Kevin Cook
    - 1 – Tammy Trenholm
    - 1 – Lynda Sullivan
    - 1 – Nicky Swanson

### **Council Time**

Mr. Bagwell noted that business owners reported this July 4<sup>th</sup> week as their busiest ever. While he takes pride in our community's popularity, he emphasized we must have the foresight to prepare for it.

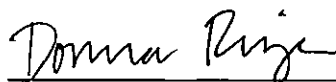
Mr. Watts expressed his gratitude to Mr. Carlton Lyons for the efficient rollout/rollback of the trash containers on the busy holiday weekend.

Mayor Moore praised the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration and fireworks at Bay Creek Park and thanked Phyllis McElveen and her team. Mayor Moore also thanked Sue Keith, Director, Colleton County Legislative Delegation, present at the meeting today, for her continued support.

### **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 adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

**APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL**




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Donna Rizer, Municipal Clerk  
August 14, 2025



## **STATE OF THE TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH**

**Mayor Crawford Moore**

**July 10, 2025**

Along with my fellow Town Council members, I am proud of the dedication and commitment of our Town Administrator, department heads, and Town staff. Jerome Kizer, Bob Renner, Jay Watts, Joey Bagwell and I are focused on continuing to work diligently to protect our beach, serve our residents, and provide needed services. We continue our work on several projects important to our future.

We have accomplished a great deal over the 2024-2025 fiscal year, and the Town is in very good shape financially. For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the Town did not raise the millage tax. As well, we did not increase user fees for water, sewer, and garbage.

We are working diligently with the US Army Corps of Engineers to accomplish tasks for the Edisto Beach Coastal Storm Risk Management Project, particularly as it relates to the complex real estate requirements. This much-needed \$30 million renourishment and 50-year protection plan for our beach is critical to protecting beachfront homes and protecting our beach, and we are doing all we can to ensure this project moves along quickly.

The new Emergency Operations Center/Town Hall complex, which is funded by the Colleton County Penny Tax, is currently under construction by Monteith Construction. The bid amount of \$6,818,409 was approved by Council in February 2025 coming in under budget. The total project budget is \$10,000,000 million as approved by the voter referendum. This complex will provide much-needed space, primarily for our emergency response needs. The Town held the groundbreaking ceremony for this new facility on April 25, 2025, and we anticipate the building to be completed by April 2026.

As part of the Town's Wastewater Improvement Project, funded by the SCIIP grant in the amount of \$8,904,385 and an additional \$500,000 from the Rural Infrastructure Authority, both Pump Stations A and B have been updated and constructed, and both are operational. Both pump stations were installed with larger pumps, along with new variable frequency drives, and controls at both pump stations. Southern Fiber Construction Company installed an 8" forcemain on the golf course as part of this SCIIP project work. This month, J.S. Haren Company will begin work on eleven (11) wastewater pump stations. The refurbishment of the Wastewater Treatment Plant is the final project approved under the SCIIP grant and will be undertaken in the coming months.

Additional accomplishments, projects, and actions as follows:

- Auditors Brittingham Group, LLP issued the Town an "unqualified opinion" for year ended June 30, 2024, signifying the Town's financial statements are free from any material misstatements. The full report is posted on the Town website.

- For the first time ever, the Town received the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award reflecting the commitment of the governing body and staff in meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting.
- Also for the first time ever, the Town published and printed a user-friendly Annual Report. Please pick up a copy of the 2024 Annual Report in the lobby.
- Approved Town Council 2025-2026 goals following a goal-setting session in January 2025
- Approved bid award for design-build services at Burley L. Lyons Park to Destination Dock in the amount of \$97,000
- Approved bid award for construction services at Jungle Road Park to Blutide Marine Construction in the amount of \$76,510 for the new boardwalk
- Submitted Hazard Mitigation Grant Project application in the amount of \$617,095 for localized flood reduction projects, which were recommendations from the Interior Lagoon Study
- Submitted Hazard Mitigation Grant Project application in the amount of \$164,133 for a backup generator for the new Emergency Operations Center/Town Hall
- Approved Mutual Aid Agreement with the Charleston Metro Marine Patrol Unit
- Received a 12-foot Zodiac rescue boat, which was donated by Zodiac Boats
- Approved Town-wide planning strategy with Davis & Floyd for stormwater improvements to include the development of an approach for inventorying and studying the Town's drainage systems by identifying and prioritizing individual study areas that can be used over a period of time to address draining issues across the Town
- Updated the Emergency Operations Plan for the 2025 Hurricane Season
- Approved and completed improvements to McConkey Square Outfall due to erosion
- Secured \$1 million in funding for automated meter readers through the SC legislative earmarks
- Jungle Road Park Bathrooms opened for use on December 14
- Along with SC DNR and spearheaded by an active, local volunteer group, the Town supported a wildlife initiative in order to educate others about our wildlife here on Edisto Beach. (Thank you to those volunteers: Ken Tingman, Bess Kellett, Bess Watson, and Lisa Cumming)
- Bay Creek Park Dock repairs, funded by SCDNR Water Recreational Resources Fund, completed in March 2025
- Upon the TIDE Committee's suggestion, the Town sponsored Shred Day on April 26, with 5,270 pounds of paper shredded
- Conducted the annual deer survey
- Received \$290,000 grant approved through the Land and Water Conservation Fund for Jungle Shores Bike Path repaving project
- Purchased three (3) new beach mats
- Installed 50 new beach access and park signs
- Approved AirMedCare Network Municipal Site Membership Agreement for Town Residents
- Signed the agreement for the SCDOT Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) funding for the Lybrand Street, Docksite Road, Yacht Club Road, Edisto Street, and Lee Street Bike Paths whereby SCDOT is funding \$600,000 to be used for design and engineering along with a commitment to fund the construction; also received

\$175,000 from the Colleton County Transportation Committee to be used as matching funds for the grant

- Conducted hurricane season tabletop exercises with Colleton County Emergency Management and the Town also held the annual Hurricane Preparedness Workshop for residents
- Approved twenty-five (25) special event applications
- Annual Flow Testing was completed in the fall on approximately 160 fire hydrants, and all were found to be in good working order
- Fire Department received the SC Fire Safe Community Award for the second year in a row
- Chief Conley led a group of volunteer firefighters to towns hit in North Carolina by Tropical Storm Helene; needed items were donated by Edisto Beach residents, businesses, and vacationing visitors
- The Volunteer Fire Department painted 18 fire hydrants this year
- For Summer 2024 and Summer 2025, an additional beach patrol officer was hired, bringing the total to five (5) officers; extensive two-day trainings held with all beach patrol officers prior to the season start; and a third shift was added on the weekends for Summer 2025.
- Awarded the Starfish Award to twenty-four (24) individuals
- Adopted Ordinances, Resolutions, and Proclamations in 2024-25 including:
  - ordinance to terminate the temporary moratorium on sewer hookups, and approved new or additional connections for properties situated inside the municipal boundaries to the Town sewer system
  - resolution for Dr. Joe Flowers, Colleton County Council
  - resolution adopting the 2025-2026 Town Council Goals
  - resolution adopting the annual Town of Edisto Beach Safety Policy
  - resolution for the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement with Charleston County Sheriff's Office
  - resolution naming Hurricane Preparedness Week for May 4-10, 2025
  - resolution recognizing Municipal Clerk Week for May 4-11, 2025
  - proclamation for Building Safety Month for May 2025
  - proclamation naming Golf Cart Safety and Education Month for June 2025
- Approved Accommodations Tax Advisory (ATAX) Funding as follows:
  - \$7,440 to the Edisto Art Guild for the Plein Air Paint Out events
  - \$7,263 to Edisto Beach Police Department for purchase of Zodiac boat motor and trailer
  - \$36,543 to the Town of Edisto Beach for public access signage at beach accesses and Jungle Road Park and parking lot
  - \$50,000 for the annual contribution to the Bell Property Debt Bond
  - \$22,500 to the Town of Edisto Beach for the replacement of ropes and posts at beach access points
  - \$52,946 to the Edisto Beach Fire Department for radio equipment
  - \$168,153 to the Edisto Beach Police Department for two-year funding for the employment of one (1) police officer
  - \$78,600 to the Edisto Beach Police Department Beach Patrol for salaries, cameras, uniforms and equipment, fuel, replacement UTV, and utility trailer
  - \$15,000 to the Town of Edisto Beach 2025 Cookin' on the Creek BBQ Festival



- \$2,125 to the Edisto Art Guild for the Annual Spring Play
- \$3,200 to the Town of Edisto Beach for pickleball nets and bench
- \$35,000 to Ocean Ridge Master Property Owners Association Club Cottage Drainage Project
- \$3,200 to the Edisto Art Guild Summer Series 2025 Arts in the Park events
- \$15,000 to the Town of Edisto Beach for the July 4 Family Fun & Fireworks Show

These items are a few highlights of the Town's accomplishments during the 2024-2025 year. Working together, we will continue to do all we can for our beautiful beach town.