

TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
Regular Monthly Town Council Meeting
June 11, 2026
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. and welcomed everyone to the first Town Council meeting held in the new Town Hall and Emergency Operations Center. He thanked Town staff and all those involved in bringing the project to completion and noted the building represents an important investment in the community that residents can take pride in for years to come.

Mayor Moore welcomed Sue Keith, Director of the Colleton County Legislative Delegation, and members of the Edisto Island Lions Club, noting that the Lions Club would be recognized later in the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the minutes of the Town Council Public Hearing May 14, 2026, and the Town Council Regular Monthly Meeting on May 14, 2026. The motion was seconded by Mr. Renner and approved unanimously.

Presentations

Recognition of Five-Year Service Award Honoree: Teri Bloomingdale

Mayor Moore noted that Teri Bloomingdale was recognized during the work session for her five years of service with the Town. Utilities Director Patrick Zemp presented her with a service pin and certificate, expressed appreciation for her dedication, and noted her valuable contributions to

the Utilities Department, including her work in support of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) System and related customer service operations.

Public Comment Period

No public comments were received at this meeting.

Old Business

Second Reading of Ordinance 2026-08 to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget

Following the first reading on May 14, 2026, a public hearing on the proposed FY 2026-2027 budget ordinance was held June 11, 2026, immediately preceding this meeting, at which no public comments were received.

The second reading of the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget was presented at tonight's regular meeting for Council consideration.

Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2026-08, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kizer and approved unanimously.

Second Reading of Ordinance 2026-09 to Amend Section 66-8(c) of the Town's Code of Ordinances to Adjust the Fees for Solid Waste Service

Following the first reading on May 14, 2026, a public hearing on the proposed amendments to section 66-8(c) of the Town's Code of Ordinances was held June 11, 2026, immediately preceding this meeting, at which no public comments were received.

The second reading of Ordinance 2026-09 was presented at tonight's regular meeting for Council consideration.

Mr. Renner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Watts, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2026-09 to Amend Section 66-8(c) of the Town's Code of Ordinances, establishing solid waste service rates at \$347.11 annually for the first container and \$237.34 annually for each additional container. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business

Proclamation 2026-P11: Edisto Island Lions Club Day, June 12, 2026

Council was asked to consider and approve Proclamation 2026-P11, declaring June 12, 2026, as "Edisto Island Lions Club Day" in the Town of Edisto Beach, in recognition and celebration of seventy-five years of dedicated service to the residents of Edisto Beach and the surrounding community.

Mayor Moore recognized the Edisto Island Lions Club's legacy of service to the community over the years and thanked both current and former members for their dedication. He then asked Council Member Jerome Kizer to read the proclamation aloud in its entirety.

Mr. Watts made a motion to approve Proclamation 2026-P11, declaring June 12, 2026, as "Edisto Island Lions Club Day" in the Town of Edisto Beach. Mr. Renner seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Following approval of the proclamation, Mayor Moore invited members of the Edisto Island Lions Club, including its president, Mike Higgins, to join the Mayor and Council for a photograph.

Two-Year Extension of Master Services Agreement RFQ 2022-16 for Coastal Science & Engineering

Council was asked to consider and approve the first two-year extension of the Master Services Agreement RFQ 2022-16 with Coastal Science & Engineering for coastal protection and restoration services. The current term expires July 6, 2026, and the extended term will commence July 6, 2026, and expire July 6, 2028. The extension is in accordance with the contract provision allowing up to two additional two-year extensions, and all original terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the first two-year extension of Master Services Agreement 2022-16 with Coastal Science & Engineering. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bagwell and approved unanimously.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades-Approval of Change Order No. 2, 90-Day Contract Time Extension: Haren Construction Company, Inc.

Council was asked to consider and approve Change Order No. 2 from Haren Construction Company, Inc. for a 90-day contract time extension for the wastewater treatment plant upgrades. The extension is due to unforeseen existing conditions and additional work required to complete the project.

Mr. Bagwell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kizer, to approve Change Order No. 2 from Haren Construction Company, Inc., for a 90-day contract time extension for the wastewater treatment plant upgrades. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Moore noted the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) has extended the grant period for all grant recipients to December 31, 2026.

New Town Hall/Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Approval of Change Order No. 009, Additional Site and Electrical Modifications: Monteith Construction Company (\$31,613.25)

Council was asked to consider and approve Change Order No. 009 with Monteith Construction Corp. in the amount of \$31,613.25. The change order covers additional site and electrical modifications, including minor drainage and electrical adjustments identified after completion.

Mr. Renner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Watts, to approve Change Order 009 with Monteith Construction Corp. for additional site and electrical modifications in the amount of \$31,613.25. The motion was approved unanimously.

Appointments to the Beachfront Management Committee (*two vacancies*)

Council was asked to consider two appointments to the Beachfront Management Committee for a four-year term ending May 2030. Applications were received from five individuals: Peter Beck, Kim Henry Bullerdick, Steve Conte, Heidi Fowler, and Jerry Raines.

Council conducted a ballot vote to determine the two appointees. The ballot vote resulted in the selection of Kim Henry Bullerdick and Steve Conte.

Following the vote, Mr. Kizer made a motion to appoint Kim Henry Bullerdick and Steve Conte to the Beachfront Management Committee for terms ending in May 2030. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bagwell and approved unanimously.

Special Event Applications:

Hacket Family 4th of July Parade, July 4, 2026

Council was asked to consider and approve a special event application for the Hackett Family 4th of July Parade to be held July 4, 2026, beginning at 10:00 a.m., along Myrtle Street from Mikell Street to Neptune Street.

Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the Hackett Family 4th of July Parade application as submitted. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Every-Andrews Wedding

Council was asked to consider and approve a special event application for the Every-Andrews wedding to be held June 11, 2027, at Bay Creek Park from 4:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. The event is expected to include approximately 150 attendees and will feature live music.

Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the Every-Andrews wedding application as submitted. Mr. Watts seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Department Reports

The following reports were presented to Town Council:

Building Dept.	May 2025	May 2026	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$94,245.10	\$123,476.29	\$506,474.72
Construction Permits	0	1	18
Other Permits	49	28	475
Permit Fees	\$7,956.00	\$7,812.00	\$152,016.50
Inspections	136	86	1057

- Building Code Administrator Patrick Brown noted there are 23 new homes currently under construction.

Fire Dept.	May 2025	May 2026	YTD
Medical Related Calls	30	19	254
Fire Related Calls	2	1	23
EMS/Misc.*	20	22	230
Public Service**	46	29	267

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

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

- Fire Chief Denney Conley reported final plans are underway for the upcoming Community Risk Reduction (CRR) meeting.
- Volunteer Fire Department hydrant crews are continuing work in Wyndham.

Police Dept.	May 2025	May 2026	YTD
Miles Patrolled	13,395	14,873	153,334
Incidents & Calls for Service	301	375	2,513
Property Checks	1,969	2,313	25,069
Town Parking Tickets	199	86	674

- Police Chief Daniel Seyle reported new life rings have arrived and will be installed soon.
- Department personnel participated in the Colleton County Hurricane Tabletop Exercise held in the new Emergency Operations Center.

Utilities Dept.	May 2025	May 2026	YTD
Pumped MG Water	19,328,620	20,637,730	169,688,810
Treated MG Wastewater	4,177,152	4,226,450	44,701,099
Waterline Repairs	7	4	73
Work Orders	30	57	482

- Utilities Director Patrick Zemp noted a 6.7% increase in water usage in May 2026 compared to May 2025.
- The installation of new street signs is nearing completion.

Administration

Town Administrator Mark Aakhus presented the following updates to Council:

- **Introduction of New Finance Director - Kathryn Bittinger**
 - Mr. Aakhus introduced the new Finance Director, welcomed her to the Town, and provided an overview of her professional background and qualifications.
- **Wastewater Improvement Projects**
 - All lift stations are operational and permitted.
 - Wastewater has been diverted back into the newly lined lagoon. Substantial completion of the project is scheduled for June 26, 2026.
- **Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) System**
 - Staff is working with the software vendor to obtain quotes for customer portal and electronic payment options.
- **Beach Nourishment Project**
 - Approximately 99% of all appraisals have been submitted to the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for review.

- **Town Hall/Emergency Operations Center (EOC)**
 - Contractors are in the process of completing remaining punch list items.
- **Jungle Road – Dock Site Road Resurfacing**
 - The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) has milled and resurfaced a section of Lybrand Street. Driveway connections are currently being paved. A crew will follow to restore road shoulders with gravel and soil as needed, after which a final application of traffic striping will be completed.
- **Pollinator Garden**
 - The pollinator garden is substantially complete, with a final walkthrough with contractors and signage design remaining.
- **Administrative FOIA Requests – May 2026**
 - No FOIA requests were received during the month.

Council Time

Mr. Renner congratulated the Edisto Island Lions Club on its seventy-fifth anniversary.

Executive Session

Mr. Kizer made a motion to enter Executive Session for the following item, and this item only:

Executive Session pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70 (a) (2) to receive legal advice related to matters covered by the attorney-client privilege.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Renner and approved unanimously. Council entered Executive Session at 6:31 p.m.

Open Session

At 6:48 p.m., Mr. Kizer made a motion to exit Executive Session and enter Open Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Renner and approved unanimously

No action was taken following the return to Open Session.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL



Donna Rizer, Municipal Clerk
July 9, 2026