

MINUTES
February 12, 2015
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M.

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

Present: Jane S. Darby, Mayor Pro Tempore, Pete Anderson, Susan Hornsby and Patti Smyer, Council Members; *Quorum of Council Present.*

Mayor Pro Tem Darby welcomed guests and thanked all who served the Town of Edisto Beach.

Council Session opened with the *Pledge of Allegiance* and a word of prayer by Mayor Pro Tem Darby, and a moment of silence in memory and honor of Mayor Burley L. Lyons.

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Anderson moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes of January 8, 2015. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Proclamations and Presentations

A. Starfish Awards – Mayor Pro Tem Jane Darby recognized Beth Foster, Martha Ritter, Walton Salley and Anne Vaughan for their hard work and dedication in organizing and hosting the Tour of Homes. Held in December, the tour raised \$600 for the Beach Renourishment Fund.

Mary Edna Keller was recognized for her service on the TIDE Committee.

Three staff members compiled a comprehensive list for Council members to use to aid in the beach renourishment legislative efforts. The final spreadsheet includes names and addresses of property owners, each US Senator and Congressman and each state Senator and Congressman. Mayor Pro Tem Darby recognized Kelly Burris, Deborah Hargis and Betty Heaton and thanked them for their hard work.

Nancy Fitzgerald, Code Enforcement Officer, was recognized by Mayor Pro Tem Darby for diligence in making sure the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite was done correctly and efficiently.

B. Beautification Award, Town of Edisto Beach – This award was deferred until the March meeting.

Special Presentation – Representative Kenneth Hodges, in honor of Mayor Burley L. Lyons, introduced a Resolution in the South Carolina legislature. Mayor Pro Tem Darby presented a framed copy of the Resolution to Mrs. Shirley Lyons and Luke Lyons, who were in attendance. An additional framed copy of the Resolution will be hung in Council Chambers.

Old Business

A. Ordinance 2015-03 to Terminate the Temporary Moratorium on the Issuance and Approval of Building Permits and Record Plats for the Big Bay Creek and Scott Creek Property Owners sewer line project in the Town of Edisto Beach for (1) new or additional connections for properties situated inside the municipal boundaries to the Town Sewer system through the Big Bay Creek and Scott Creek Property Owners sewer line project and (2) additions to existing structures that access the Town Sewer System through the Big Bay Creek and Scott Creek Property Owners sewer line project if additional sewer capacity would be required for the addition – AECOM reviewed the situation and has recommended solutions to the issue: 1) locate the air release valve on the six-inch force main at the high point over the ridge and either replace or service it; 2) service and/or replace impellers in A and B; 3) re-evaluate the data after completing 1 and 2. The Utilities Department is in the process of locating the air release valve and has ordered new impellers for A and B at a cost of \$6,000 to be funded from Sewer R & R. After the impellers are installed and the air release valve is serviced or replaced the system will be re-evaluated. Councilwoman Smyer moved to terminate the temporary moratorium, seconded by Councilwoman Hornsby. Mayor Pro Tem Darby called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Civic Center Agreement – Council deferred this item in December to allow Colleton County the time to review the Town's recommended revisions. Council and staff met with Colleton County and the recommended revisions are included in the revised draft. Councilman Anderson moved to approve the revised agreement and authorize the Administrator to execute said agreement upon resolution of maintenance issues. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

C. Zoning Ordinance Rewrite – The Planning Commission has submitted recommended changes to chapter 62, 71 and 86 of the Town Code regarding zoning on Edisto Beach. Mayor Pro Tem Darby asked that Bill Andrews, Planning Commission Chairman, Councilwoman Hornsby, the Planning Department, the Town Administrator and the Mayor Pro Tem meet on February 17, 2015 at 9:30 to work through the changes.

New Business/Apearances

A. Little Free Library – Councilwoman Smyer received a request from the public about implementing Little Free Libraries at some public parks at Edisto Beach. Jo Ringer presented

information to Council at the worksession on this project. Information can be found at <http://littlefreelibrary.org> on the subject. The main objective of the project is to have books available to children and adults at all times. There is concern on the part of Council on the liability of having the libraries on public property. Councilwoman Smyer moved to have Little Free Libraries on private property and not on public property. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, and added that she supports the project, and suggested one of the civic organizations build or furnish the libraries. Councilwoman Smyer informed those in attendance that she has lots of books available to anyone who wants to start the library. Mayor Pro Tem Darby called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution #2015-R01, Jury Box Resolution – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve Resolution #2015-R01 indicating the Jury Box is ready for use. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

C. Proclamation #2015-P02, Municipal Association's 2015 Advocacy Initiatives – Councilwoman Hornsby moved to approve Proclamation #2015-P02 in support of the Municipal Association's 2015 Advocacy Initiatives. Those five initiatives, based on feedback from local officials are: clearing blight, opening government, funding services, increasing efficiency and fixing roads. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. FY 2014-15 Six-Month Budget Adjustment – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the six-month budget adjustment. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

E. 2015-16 Budget Calendar – Councilwoman Hornsby moved to approve the 2015-16 Budget Calendar. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

F. Planning Commission Meeting Calendar Revision – Councilman Anderson moved to approve the following revisions to the Planning Commission meeting calendar: move the April worksession from the 15th to the 22nd; move the July worksession from the 15th to the 22nd and move the worksession in December from the 16th to the 9th and the December meeting from the 22nd to the 15th. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

G. Special Event Application – Edisto Road Race – The Edisto Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the 4th Annual Edisto Beach Road Race on March 14, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Road closures only impact private roads in Ocean Ridge. Councilman Anderson moved to approve the application, seconded by Councilwoman Smyer. The motion was unanimously approved.

H. Agreement between the Town of Edisto Beach and the Army Corps of Engineers for the Preliminary Engineering Design for Beach Stabilization – This agreement provides that work

performed by Coastal Science and Engineering for the 2016 Beach Nourishment project will be considered in-kind work as the Town's match for the preliminary engineering and design portion of the project with the Army Corps of Engineers. Total project cost is \$400,000 and the Town's in-kind match is \$140,000. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the agreement and authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to execute said agreement once finalized. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

I. Special Election Information – With the passing of Mayor Burley L. Lyons on January 28, 2015, in accordance with South Carolina code regulating elections, a special election will be held on April 28, 2015 at Town Hall from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Petitions are due by noon on February 27, 2015. The swearing-in of the Mayor will be held May 14, 2015 at the regular council meeting unless there is a run-off election, which will be held May 12th if needed.

J. Agreement between the Town of Edisto Beach and Local Government Services, LLC for cable television franchise fee payment compliance – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the agreement between the Town and Local Government Services, LLC to review cable television franchise fee payment compliance and authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to execute said agreement. The fee of \$3,000 will be paid from recompense of lost revenues. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

K. Special Event Application – Edisto Island Ducks Unlimited – The Edisto Island Ducks Unlimited will be hosting the Ducks Unlimited Banquet on March 14, 2015. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the application, seconded by Councilwoman Hornsby. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Vacancies

A. Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals – 3 vacancies – There are three vacancies remaining on the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals. An application has been received from Mr. Tom Yeargin. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the application of Mr. Yeargin, seconded by Councilman Anderson. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. TIDE Committee – 1 vacancy – There is one vacancy on the Image and Design of Edisto Committee. An application has been received from Mr. W. Crawford Moore, Jr. Councilwoman Hornsby moved to approve the application of Mr. Moore, seconded by Councilwoman Smyer. The motion was approved unanimously.

Planning Commission

A. 126 Jungle Road – Joe Salyer – New Home in C-3 District – Fisher Walter with Walter Construction made application with the Building Department on behalf of property owner Joe Salyer, for a new residential construction at 126 Jungle Road, located in the C-3 district. The

Planning Commission unanimously approved this application. Councilman Anderson moved to approve the application, seconded by Councilwoman Hornsby. The application was approved unanimously.

Departmental Reports and Committee Updates

Mayor Pro Tem Jane Darby congratulated Councilwoman Smyer on her graduation from the Municipal Elected Officials Institute.

Mayor Pro Tem Darby told those in attendance that Bay Creek Park was featured on the cover of the latest issue of Cities Mean Business, a publication of the Municipal Association of South Carolina.

Mayor Pro Tem Darby read a letter of condolence from the Town of Sullivan’s Island.

Administration

Town Administrator Iris Hill gave Council an update on the causeway. The TIDE Committee met on March 5, 2014 and asked Administration to find out if there was anything that could be done to beautify to entrance to Edisto Beach. Administration contacted OCRM in August 2014 for a critical line request form, which was submitted later that same month. The survey was performed in October, 2014 and was submitted to DHEC/OCRM. Administration met with the Department of Transportation in November 2014 to ask for assistance in trimming the causeway. Administration met with Fred Mellette in December 2014 to discuss some potential improvements, including trimming salt cedars. Administration met with the State Park later in December to discuss the Town’s plan since they are impacted. Utilities Director Bob Doub met with a contractor and OCRM on site and some test trimming was performed. In January, the Town received a letter from the State Park in support of the work. The contractor subsequently finished trimming and cleaned debris. The TIDE Committee met on February 4, 2015 and discussed obtaining quotes from a landscape architect that deals in native plants and acquiring donations to perform the work suggested by a landscape architect.

Town Administrator Iris Hill gave the finance report for the month ending January 31, 2015.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	67.60%	61.14%
Water Fund	73.55%	64.47%
Wastewater Fund	81.77%	59.16%

Administrator Hill expressed her condolences to the family of Mayor Burley Lyons and thanked Mrs. Lyons and her grandson Luke for attending tonight’s meeting.

Building

Patrick Brown, Codes Administrator, gave the report for January 2015.

	January -14	January - 15	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$15,696.77	\$17,980.00	\$29,689.53
New Construction Permits	0	2	9
Other Permits	19	36	171
Permit Fees	\$3,253.00	\$8,939.12	\$28,262.62
Inspections	67	56	287
Bay Creek Park	0.00	\$300.00	\$9,735.00

Fire

Fire Chief Denney Conley gave the report for January 2015.

Calls	January - 14	January - 15	YTD
Medical	3	12	202
Fire-related	6	4	43
Public Assistance/Miscellaneous	51	44	363
Beach Wheel Chairs	2	0	79

Police

Assistant Police Chief George Brothers gave the January 2015 report.

	January - 14	January - 15	YTD
Citations	9	14	164
Speeding	8	9	98
Warnings	33	50	616
Alarm Calls	20	10	93
Calls for 2 or More Officers	9	1	63
Miles Patrolled	7,745	9,583	59,346
Assaults	0	0	7
Larcenies	1	0	35
Burglaries	0	0	2
Incidents & Calls for Service	87	81	878
Golf Cart Violations	0	0	5
Domestic Violence Calls	0	0	0

Property Checks	2,274	1891	11,737
Open Container	0		1
D.U.I.	0		0
CDV Arrest	0		0
Disorderly Conduct	1		7
Animal Control Call	4		16

Sargent Hanley and Officer Seyle have completed an Advanced Identity Theft class.

Public Works

Public Works Director Bob Doub gave the report for January 2015.

	January - 14	January - 15	YTD
Mowed Acres	0	0	332
Cleaned Ditches	7551ft	6730ft	51,223
Roll Carts Delivered	5	4	57

The Public Works Department received its Water Supply Construction Permit from the Bureau of Water South Carolina DHEC for the Jungle Shores Drive water line extension.

Utilities

Bob Doub, Utilities Director, gave the report for January 2015.

	January - 14	January - 15	YTD
Pumped MG Water	10.11	7.67	125.51
Treated MG Wastewater	2.63	2.63	34.71
Water Line Repairs	2	2	24
Work Orders	196	136	929

The new hydrostatic screen has been installed at the wastewater treatment plant.

Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber report was given by Dan Carter, Chamber Director.

- On February 17, 2015 a pancake supper will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church to benefit Edisto United.
- On February 24 the second preliminary for the Chef Cook Off will be held at Pressley's.

- On February 24 the Edisto Island Historic Preservation Society will sponsor a lecture on the cultivation and preparation of Carolina Rice at the New First Baptist Church.
- On February 28 there will be a “Shuckin’ and Shaggin’” event at Dockside with DJ Jim Bowers.
- On March 13, 2015, McConkey’s will have a pasta dinner in preparation of the Edisto Road Race on March 14, 2015.
- The Ducks Unlimited Banquet will be held March 14, 2015.

Mr. Carter presented information from Google analytics to Council. Councilwoman Smyer mentioned meeting visitors on the beach that indicated they came to Edisto Beach because dogs are allowed on the beach. Mr. Carter said that he would consider using that in advertising. Councilwoman Smyer asked if the times of events Mr. Carter had mentioned were on the Chamber website. Mr. Carter said they were, and some of the organizations planning the events had ticket information and phone numbers there as well.

Edisto Pride Ida Tipton introduced the new Executive Director, Amy Davis.

Public Comment Period

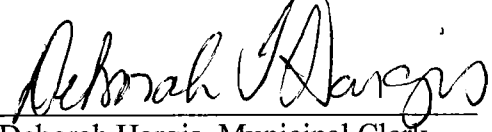
Wanda McCarley addressed Council concerning the Zoning re-write. Ms. McCarley stated that the Zoning re-write had been going on for three years and ten months. She urged Council to “get this covered” by the next Planning Commission meeting in February that so it could be on the Council agenda in March. Mayor Pro Tem Darby assured Ms. McCarley that was the intention.

Adjournment

Councilman Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and location of the meeting on Friday, January 2, 2015.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL


Deborah Hargis, Municipal Clerk
March 12, 2015