OUR VISION:
Maintain Edisto Beach as a family sanctuary.

OUR MISSION:
Enhance and maintain Edisto’s reputation as a family-oriented vacation destination

Policy Actions
2015-16

- Memorialized the Emanuel AME Church Victims
- Awarded Jungle Shores Drive Waterline Extension
- Approved Fire Protection Agreement between Colleton County and the Town of Edisto Beach
- Completed Personnel Policy Five-Year Review
- Amended Section 66-78(b) of the Town’s Code Related to Solid Waste Management
- Approved Federal Emergency Management Agency FY 2015 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant DHS-15-MT-047-000-99 application submittal
- Adjusted the annual salaries of the Mayor and Council
- Revised the Freedom of Information Act Policy and Request Form
- Amended the Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Department By-Laws
- Established the Fee for Residential Garbage Container Roll-out/Roll-back Service as Authorized by Ordinance 2015-07
- Proclaimed August 2015 as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month
- Recognized Rebecca “Becky” Rose-Holley as Ms. Senior South Carolina
- Amended Chapter 71 Section 71-31 and Amended Chapter 86 Section 86-3 and 86-271 of the Town’s Code of Ordinances to Re-Define the Terms “Building”, “Open Space”, “Private Road” or “Private Street”, and “Site Specific Development Plan”
- Re-Zoned Three Lots, designated as Lot 7, Block UU, Lot 7 Block YY, and Lot 8 Block YY, from R-1 Zoning District to PB Zoning District; to Authorize Amendment to Official Zoning
- Amended Section 86-144 of Chapter 86 of the Town’s Code of Ordinances as Recommended by the Planning Commission Pursuant to an Extensive Study and Re-write
- Approved Town of Edisto Beach Emergency Operations Plan
- Amended Scoping/Options Matrix Agreement Phase 1 Services between the Town of Edisto Beach and Wharton-Smith, Inc
- Memorandum of Agreement between South Carolina Department of Transportation and the Town of Edisto for emergency debris removal
- Maintenance and Landscaping Agreement between the South Carolina Department of Transportation and the Town of Edisto Beach for causeway beautification
- Work Authorization No. 5 American Engineering Wastewater Treatment Plant Evaluation and Preliminary Engineering Report
- Provided for the implementation of the Provisions of the Fairness in Lodging Act
- Jungle Shores Water Line Extension Project Change Order Nos 1, 2, and 3
- Requested assistance with amenities to serve increased day visitors resulting from the Spring Grove Development from Charleston County
- Intergovernmental Agreement with Charleston County providing Charleston County will pay up to $18,000 annually to remove litter from Highway 174 between the McKinley Washington Bridge and Edisto Beach
- Increased Water rates by 5% to cover water renewal and replacement costs and increased tap fees
- Established 2016 Legislative Initiatives
- Hired a Lobbyist to seek state funding and keep Council apprised of coastal issues
- Amended Section 82-1 of the Town’s Code of Ordinances to Enact Subsections (d), (e), (f) and (g)
- Resolution calling for the Colleton County Legislative Delegation’s Support of Governor Nikki Haley’s $40,000,000 Funding for Beach Nourishment
- Resolution calling for the Colleton County Legislative Delegation’s Support of Governor Nikki Haley’s Full Funding of the Local Government Fund
- Resolution to Request the Tourism Expenditure Review Committee (TERC) Grant Permission to the Town of Edisto Beach to Use State
Accommodations Tax Funds
Acquired in Excess of Two Years Prior for Beach Renourishment

- Adopted Council retreat goals
- Adjusted solid waste fees according to the new contract
- Proclaimed May 15, 2016 Peace Officer’s Memorial Day
- Proclaimed April 2016 as Distracted Driver Awareness Month

Management Actions

- Coordinated Town’s efforts with the Federal Emergency Management Agency regarding Joaquin storm event impacts
- Coordinated Lowes Grant efforts for the causeway beautification

- Permitted causeway beautification with DOT
- Issued RFP for drive on floating dock and submitted paperwork to DNR for reimbursement
- Issued RFP for bank services and negotiated a bank services agreement
- Issued RFP for garbage services and negotiated a garbage services agreement
- Issued RFP for Water and Sewer Professional Engineering Services
- Issued RFP for cleaning services and negotiated a cleaning services agreement
- Retained public defender for indigent cases
- Coordinated Town’s efforts with the SC Beach Advocates to lobby for beach nourishment funding
- Maintained Standard and Poor’s revenue bond rating of A+

We are committed to enhancing our citizens’ quality of life by providing the highest quality of services that reflect our community’s desires

Accomplishments 2015-16

Town Services Focus

- Implemented garbage container roll-out/roll-in services
- Submitted festivals and events for publication in North Carolina and South Carolina Festivals magazine
- Maintained website and Facebook pages
- Sent out “save the date” for Edisto Beach events to legislators and stakeholders
- Digitally archived documents

Infrastructure and facilities Focus

- Installed new door on Fire Station
- Remodeled town apartment lower level
- Worked on solution to notice of violation in the wastewater treatment pond
- Retained American Engineering to perform a preliminary engineering report for the wastewater treatment pond
- Replaced two air conditioner at civic center
- Painted and installed new flooring in civic center
- Installed new signage on Highway 174 for civic center
- Constructed Jungle Shores Water Extension project
- Painted all fire hydrants
- Installed two concrete pads at convenience station
- Worked with Keep America Beautiful to obtain funding to improve the appearance and functionality of the convenience station
- Cleaned, sandblasted and painted the ground storage tanks
- Pumped sand from all manholes
- Replaced a section of sewer line between Lee and Edings Streets
- Pressure washed Town Hall Building
- Cleared Town owned lot adjacent to Town Hall
- Edged all sidewalks
- Repaired bike path damaged by Joaquin storm event
- Town’s grant funded sidewalk project was completed from Baynard Street to Atlantic Street and received an achievement award from the Municipal Association of South Carolina

Strategic Plan and Development Focus

- Updated Capital Improvement Plans
- Met with Representative Bowers about beach nourishment funding
- Met with the Director of Parks, Recreation and Tourism about nourishment funding
- Met with Charleston County Commissioner to discuss litter removal

Health/Safety/Welfare Focus

- Coordinated efforts with Colleton County Fire and Rescue to have an additional ambulance on the beach during high tourist season
- Reviewed the State Hurricane, Emergency Operations Plan and other emergency related plans to ensure compatibility with Town’s plan and participated in a FEMA Hurricane tabletop exercise

- Renewed Intergovernmental agreements for fire and police
• Sent four volunteer firefighters to the Fire Academy to become certified
• Participated in agility recovery, a web based system that enables the Town to obtain needed equipment and maintain data during an emergency
• Obtained new signage for emergency road work
• Made available preventative vaccinations to all employees and volunteers
• Provided eye exams for all employees and volunteers
• Developed a policy for body cameras that was approved by the state
• Obtained reimbursements from FEMA for costs associated with the Joaquin storm event
• Developed a policy to pay exempt employees during state of emergencies

Governance Focus
• Department Heads represented the Town by participating on numerous Boards and committees of professional associations
• Participated in lobbying efforts for beach nourishment funding
• Reviewed and kept Council apprised of all proposed legislation impacting Edisto Beach
• Produced employee benefits brochures
• Building Department participated in CRS
• Participated in public hearing for flood map revisions

Parks & Recreation Focus
• Installed pavers at Bay Creek Park
• Worked with Colleton County to resolve roof leaks at Civic Center
• Issued RFP for stage construction
• Obtained funding from FEMA to repair damage to bike path on Docksite Road
• Repaired damage to beach accesses from Joaquin flood event
• Acquired a coastal access improvement grant to restore 2 dune walkovers at beach access 17 and 19
• Completed Phase I of the causeway beautification
• Pressure washed all wooden amenities at the parks
• Trimmed and added mulch to Jungle Road park
• Added gravel to entrance at Jungle Road Park
• Began stage construction over the retention area at Bay Creek Park
• Installed air conditioning in the bathrooms at Bay Creek Park
• Ordered new park signage for Jungle Road Park
• Removed cistern and wooden enclosure at Civic Center and pressure washed the building