

TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
Regular Monthly Town Council Meeting
September 10, 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.

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 made a motion to approve the minutes of the Town Council Regular Monthly Meeting on August 13, 2026. The motion was seconded by Mr. Renner and approved unanimously.

Public Comment Period

Mayor Moore opened the public comment period:

- Kim Moredock provided public comment regarding the proposed project at Burley L. Lyons Park.
(Ms. Moredock's comments are attached to these minutes at her request.)

New Business

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (SCDJJ) for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Council was asked to consider and approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (SCDJJ) for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for the provision of secure detention services. The per diem rate for operational costs is \$50 per day for each youth

housed at a SCDJJ detention facility, with an additional \$50 capital expenditure charge for the first 25 days a youth is detained.

Mr. Renner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Watts, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (SCDJJ) for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for the provision of secure detention services. The motion was approved unanimously.

Attorney Services Agreement Extension with Ashley Hudson-Scott for Representation of Indigent Clients in Criminal Proceedings

Council was asked to consider and approve the contract extension with Ashley Hudson-Scott for representation of indigent clients in criminal proceedings. This extension will be through June 30, 2028. All other terms and conditions of the original agreement entered into in November 2017 will remain unchanged.

Mr. Bagwell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kizer, to approve the Attorney Services Agreement Extension with Ashley Hudson-Scott for representation of indigent clients in criminal proceedings, effective through June 30, 2028. The motion was approved unanimously.

Change Amendment Request #2, Extension of Project Management Services (September-December 2026): Cumming Group (\$28,874)

Council was asked to consider Change Amendment Request #2 for the extension of project management services by Cumming Group for Phase 2 renovation of the Fire and Police departments. The change amendment is for an additional four months from September through December 2026, at a cost of \$28,874 for the additional months. Funding for this extension will be provided by the Capital Projects Sales Tax, which has a balance of \$1,421,630.

Mr. Kizer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bagwell, to approve Change Amendment Request from Cumming Group in the amount of \$28,874 for four additional months from September through December 2026, at a cost of \$28,874. The motion was approved unanimously.

Contract Amendment for Phase 2 of Town Hall Complex – Fire and Police Departments: Monteith Construction

Council was asked to consider the Contract Amendment with Monteith Construction of Phase 2 of the Town Hall Complex for the Fire and Police departments. Funding for the renovations will be provided by the Capital Projects Sales Tax, which has a balance of \$1,421,630, and the General Fund Contingency, if needed, which has a balance of \$970,977, and to also authorize the Town Administrator to execute the contract amendment in the amount approved by Council.

Mr. Kizer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bagwell, to approve the contract amendment with Monteith Construction for Phase 2 renovations of the Fire and Police departments to be funded from the Capital Projects Sales Tax Fund, which has a balance of \$1,421,630, and the General Fund Contingency, if needed, which has a current balance of \$970,977; and to authorize the Town Administrator to execute the contract amendment on behalf of the Town in the amount approved by Council.

Following discussion of the three scenarios presented to Council, Mr. Kizer amended his motion to approve Scenario A in the amount of \$1,496,841, and Mr. Bagwell seconded the amended motion.

The motion, as amended, was then approved unanimously by Council.

Appointment to the Construction Board of Appeals

Council was asked to consider the appointment of James Olson to the Construction Board of Appeals for a three-year term ending on September 1, 2029. Council was also asked to consider to re-advertise for an additional vacancy on the Board.

Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the appointment of James Olson to the Construction Board of Appeals for a three-year term, and also to readvertise for the additional vacancy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Watts and approved unanimously.

Special Event Applications

Ellis/Mancini Rehearsal Dinner and Welcome Party: October 16, 2026, Bay Creek Park; and Ellis/Mancini Wedding Reception: October 17, 2026, Bay Creek Park

Council was asked to consider and approve the special event application for the Ellis/Mancini Rehearsal Dinner and Welcome Party on October 16, 2026, with 200 expected guests; and also the Ellis/Mancini Wedding Reception on October 17, 2026, with 175 expected guests, with both events at Bay Creek Park from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Mr. Bagwell recused himself from consideration of this matter.

Mr. Kizer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Renner, to approve the Ellis/Mancini Rehearsal Dinner and Welcome Party on October 16, 2026, at Bay Creek Park, and the Wedding Reception to be held on October 17, 2026, at Bay Creek Park. The motion passed.

Yeas: Moore, Kizer, Renner, Watts

Nays: None

Recusal: Bagwell

Edisto Island Triathlon: October 24, 2026, Bay Creek Park and Edisto Roadways

Council was asked to consider and approve the special event application for the Edisto Island Triathlon to be held on October 24, 2026, at Bay Creek Park and Edisto Roadways from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with 300 participants expected for this event.

Mr. Bagwell recused himself from consideration of this matter.

Mr. Renner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Watts, to approve the special event application for the Edisto Island Triathlon on October 24, 2026. The motion passed.

Yeas: Moore, Kizer, Renner, Watts

Nays: None

Recusal: Bagwell

Trick or Treat on the Creek: October 27, 2026, Bay Creek Park

Council was asked to consider and approve the Town of Edisto Beach Trick or Treat on the Creek event on October 27, 2026, at Bay Creek Park from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Approximately 400 participants are expected.

Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the Trick or Treat on the Creek event on October 27, 2026, at Bay Creek Park. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Thanksgiving Market: November 25, 2026, Bay Creek Park

Council was asked to consider and approve the Town of Edisto Beach Thanksgiving Market to be held on November 25, 2026, at Bay Creek Park from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Approximately 300 participants are expected at this event.

Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the Thanksgiving Market special event request for November 25, 2026, at Bay Creek Park. Mr. Renner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Christmas Tree Lighting and Sing Along: November 29, 2026 (Rain Date – December 6), Bay Creek Park

Council was asked to consider and approve the Christmas Tree Lighting and Sing Along on November 29, 2026, at Bay Creek Park from 5:30-7:00 p.m., with a rain date of December 6, 2026. Approximately 200 participants are expected at this event.

Mr. Renner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Watts to approve the Christmas Tree Lighting and Sing Along on November 29, 2026, at Bay Creek Park. The motion was approved unanimously.

Holiday Mix and Mingle: December 11, 2026, Bay Creek Park

Council was asked to consider and approve the Town of Edisto Beach Holiday Mix and Mingle on December 11, 2026, at Bay Creek Park, from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Approximately 500 individuals are expected to attend this event.

Mr. Bagwell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kizer, to approve the special event application for the Holiday Mix and Mingle on December 11, 2026. The motion was approved unanimously.

Pye/Barone Wedding: March 20, 2027, Bay Creek Park

Council was asked to consider and approve the special event application for the Pye/Barone Wedding on March 20, 2027, at Bay Creek Park, from 6:00-10:00 p.m. Approximately 180 guests are expected to attend this event.

Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the special event application for the Pye/Barone Wedding on March 20, 2027, at Bay Creek Park. Mr. Renner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Lynch/Sullivan Wedding: April 17, 2027, Bay Creek Park

Council was asked to consider and approve the special event application for the Lynch/Sullivan Wedding to be held on April 17, 2027, at Bay Creek Park, from 4:00-11:00 p.m. Approximately 200 guests are expected at this event.

Mr. Watts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bagwell, to approve the special event application for the Lynch/Sullivan Wedding to be held at Bay Creek Park on April 17, 2027. The motion was approved unanimously.

Edislow Time Music and Arts Festival: May 7-9, 2027, Bay Creek Park

Council was asked to consider the special event application for Edislow Time Music and Arts Festival to be held at Bay Creek Park on May 7-9, 2027, with over 100 individuals expected at this event. Times for the event are: May 7 from 6:00-10:00 p.m.; May 8 from 12 noon-10:00 p.m.; and clean-up on May 9 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The decision on this special event application was postponed at the July 9, 2026, Council meeting in order to obtain additional information.

Mr. Kizer recused himself from consideration of this matter.

Mr. Renner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bagwell, to approve the Edislow Time Music and Arts Festival at Bay Creek Park to be held on May 7-9, 2027, The motion passed.

Yeas: Moore, Bagwell, Renner, Watts

Nays: None

Recusal: Kizer

Department Reports

The following department reports were presented to Town Council:

Building Dept.	August 2025	August 2026	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$13,940.56	\$20,505.11	\$41,425.97
Construction Permits	3	2	2
Other Permits	53	35	72
Permit Fees	\$20,332.00	\$17,620.50	\$26,149.50
Inspections	88	78	155

Fire Dept.	August 2025	August 2026	YTD
Medical Related Calls	24	33	80
Fire Related Calls	3	2	7
EMS/Misc.*	23	35	77
Public Service**	32	29	70

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

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

- The Fire Department's 50th Anniversary Celebration was well attended.
- 51 hydrants have been painted thus far.

Police Dept.	August 2025	August 2026	YTD
Miles Patrolled	12,725	12,563	25,330
Incidents & Calls for Service	188	222	631
Property Checks	2,071	1,997	3,937
Town Parking Tickets	81	98	293

- The newly hired police cadet will complete his in-house training shortly and then will begin his training at the Justice Academy.

- Due to the osprey nest on the water tower, Verizon worked with the Police Department to provide “hot spots” in order to get better reception for their equipment.
- Live 5 News interviewed Chief Seyle on the Project Lifesaver program.

Utilities Dept.	August 2025	August 2026	YTD
Pumped MG Water	18,622,260	20,947,710	48,141,470
Treated MG Wastewater	7,071,136	3,205,560	6,918,170
Waterline Repairs	6	9	22
Work Orders	36	34	87

- Quarterly ditch inspection was conducted in August.
- Mosquito spraying took place, with continued spraying as needed.
- West Bank Construction will grade some Town-owned roads.

Administration

Town Administrator Mark Aakhus presented the following updates to Council:

Project Updates:

- The Wastewater Treatment Plant Project is nearing completion.
- The billing and user portal are ordered for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure System.
- Appraisals are completed for the beach nourishment project with the USACE.
- Regarding the EOC/Town Hall Project:
 - Phase 1 – very few remaining punch list items
 - Phase 2 – discussed earlier at this Council meeting as it concerns the design and cost
- For the Interior Lagoon study, engineering and design work are in progress, 30% design, 80% survey levels.
- Regarding the SCDOT paving project, pavement markings need to be completed. SCDOT will also resume the design/survey work for the bike path upgrades.
- Administrative FOIA Requests for August: Two (2) received from Kim Moredock.

Council Time

Council members mentioned the following:

- Mr. Renner noted the Town’s causeway elevation project is on the Lowcountry Council of Governments’ agenda, so progress on this project will hopefully continue.
- The Mayor thanked Sue Keith for attending the meeting and for her support and work with the Colleton County Legislative Delegation.
- The Mayor noted the \$300,000 earmark funds we received from the legislature for the lagoon project. He thanked Sen. Campsen for his work on our behalf.
- The Mayor noted that approximately 80 individuals participated in the Edisto Belles Cancer Walk held on September 5.

- The Mayor thanked Chief Conley, the Fire Department, and the Volunteer Fire Department for their great work in a successful 50th Anniversary event.

Executive Session

Mr. Kizer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Renner, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70 (A)(2) for receipt of legal advice related to contractual matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, and for this item and this item only. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council entered into Executive Session at 6:33 p.m.

Open Session

Mr. Kizer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Renner, to enter back into Open Session. The motion was approved unanimously. Town Council entered Open Session at 7:25 p.m.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL



Dee Stalvey, Assistant Town Administrator
October 8, 2026

I have no fun in speaking before you again. Since you do not answer my emails, it is the only way I know to know to have my communication acknowledged.

At last month's meeting you heard from many property owners about the lagoon fishing pier ...specifically why it was not desired and why it needed to go through a zoning review. You also heard suggestions for a compromise. Just moments later the motion to proceed with the project as originally designed was read and the motion passed without objection. Property owners' suggestions were not considered. Your plan was to get this done....no matter what.

On Monday, three days ago, work started at the site with the unloading of materials and the staking of the path for the fishing pier. I saw this on a walk on Tuesday Morning. I notified you and Town administration on Tuesday that work was going on without a building permit. The work continued and a large dumpster was delivered on Wednesday.

The delivery of the materials suggests that you are moving ahead not only without a building permit but without the zoning review process which includes notice in the paper and a public hearing. That suggests that you do not plan to follow the town ordinances for an R1 neighborhood. A public dock is not a permitted use in this district.

86-135. - R-1 low density residential district.

Purpose. The purpose of the R-1 low density residential district is to provide for quiet, livable, low-density, single-family neighborhoods. The district requirements are designed to prevent encroachment by incompatible uses and to encourage the discontinuance of existing uses that would not be permitted as new uses under this chapter.

You have been asked to share your plan about zoning by many property owners. Is this how you plan to answer?

Who gave the greenlight to the contractor to begin the project without a building permit?