



The Edisto Beach Comber



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MONTHLY MEETINGS

TIDE Committee	01/04	10:00 am
Council WkSess	01/10	10:00 am
Town Council	01/12	6:00 pm
Municipal Court	01/16	3:00 pm
PC WkSess	01/18	4:00 pm
ZBA Meeting	01/23	5:00 pm
Planning Comm	01/24	5:00 pm

2017 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Unless otherwise posted, 2017 Town Council meetings will be held on the second Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at Town Hall. You are encouraged to attend these meetings.

January 12	July 13
February 09	August 10
March 09	September 14
April 13	October 12
May 11	November 9
June 8	December 14

RENTAL/BUSINESS LICENSE

Calendar Year 2017 Rental/Business Licenses renewal applications will be mailed mid-December. Licenses expire 12/31 and renewals are due on or before March 15, 2017. A 10% penalty per month applies after March 15th so please renew your license before penalty.

If you have any questions call Margaret Green, Business License Clerk, who is located within the Building Department, (843) 869-2505 ext 203.

RENTING YOUR EDISTO BEACH VACATION HOME?

An annual rental business license is required if you receive rental income from your property. The license is required whether property is for rent by owner or if rented through a rental agency. Your agency does not automatically pay this fee for you, so please check with your agency or Town Hall to obtain an application.

Applications are based on the calendar year and expire December 31 each year.

Also, the Town collects a Local Accommodations Tax Fee for short term rentals; contact Town Hall for details.



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS



In observance of the Christmas Holidays, Town Hall will be closed Friday December 24th, Monday, December 26th, and Tuesday December 27th. Also in observance of the New Year, Town Hall will be closed on Monday, January 2nd. The Mayor and Council wish you safe and happy holidays! We look forward to serving you in the New Year.

EDISTO RECIPES

Date Squares



- 1 1/2 cups rolled oats
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 3/4 tsp baking soda
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 3/4 cup softened butter
- 3/4 pound diced, pitted dates
- 1 cup water
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp lemon juice or almond extract

Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, combine the oats, flour, salt, 1 cup brown sugar and baking soda. Mix in the butter until crumbly and press half of the mixture in the bottom of a 9-inch square baking pan. In a small saucepan combine the dates, water and 1/3 cup brown sugar. Bring to a boil and cook until thickened. Stir in the lemon juice or almond extract and remove from heat. Spread filling over the base and pat remaining mixture on top. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until top is lightly toasted. Cool before cutting. Enjoy!

**AWARDS PRESENTED AT
COUNCIL MEETING**



CHRISTMAS PARADE 2016



MINUTES
November 10, 2016
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M.

Present: Jane S. Darby, Mayor, Susan Hornsby, Mayor Pro Tempore, Jerome Kizer, Crawford Moore, and Patti Smyer, Council Members;
Quorum of Council Present.

Mayor Darby called the meeting to order and Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby led those in attendance in an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the minutes of the rescheduled Regular Council Meeting held October 24, 2016, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby. The motion was unanimously approved.

Proclamations and Presentations

A. Starfish Awards – Mayor Darby recognized Natalie Kantz and Sara Simpson with a Starfish Award for going above and beyond the call of duty in taking care of Bill and Iddy Andrews' cat during and after Hurricane Matthew.

Old Business

A. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2016-20 to Amend Section 86-3 of the Town's Code – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2016-20 to Amend Section 86-3 of the Town's Code. This amendment adds the definition of "yard sale", meaning a sale of used household belongings at the home of the seller typically held outdoors which was inadvertently left out during the zoning rewrite. Councilman Moore seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

B. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2016-23 to Amend Section 86-191 of the Town's Code To Be Entitled "Side-By-Side Two Family Dwellings; Division; Requirements; Non-Conformity" So As To Amend Subsection (a) (5) To Require Review and Approval By the Planning Commission – Councilman Moore moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2016-23 to Amend Section 86-191 of the Town's Code to be Entitled "Side-By-Side Two Family Dwellings; Division; Requirements; Non-Conformity" So As to Amend Subsection (a) (5) To Require Review and Approval by the Planning Commission. This amendment changes the review

and approval authority by including the side by side dwelling approval procedure with the subdivision plat approval procedure set forth in Chapter 71 changing a two-step process into a one-step process. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

New Business/Appearances

A. 2017 Goal Setting Retreat – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve having the annual Town Council Goal Setting Retreat on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, at a time and location to be determined. Councilman Moore seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

B. 2017 Meeting Dates and Holidays – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the 2017 monthly meeting dates and holidays schedule. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Smyer and approved unanimously.

C. Volunteer Fire Department By-Laws – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the following change in the Volunteer Fire Department By-Laws: "Regular Business Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the last full week (~~Monday through Saturday~~) of each month of the first month of each quarter (January, April, July, October) at 6:30." Councilman Moore seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

D. Special Event Application – Edisto Chamber of Commerce – Christmas Parade – Councilman Moore moved to approve the Special Event Application submitted by the Edisto Chamber of Commerce for the Christmas Parade, which will take place on Saturday, December 10, 2016, with line-up starting at 1:00 p.m. and the parade starting at 2:00 p.m. The location and route of the parade will depend upon the condition of Palmetto Boulevard "post Matthew", but will hopefully remain the same route as last year. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

E. First Reading of Ordinance 2016-27 to Amend the Budget for FY2016-2017 – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2016-27 to amend the budget for FY2016-2017 by title only. Councilman Smyer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

F. Special Event Application – Edisto United – Annual Oysters and BBQ Fundraiser – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the Special Event Application submitted by Edisto United to hold their Annual Oysters and BBQ

Fundraiser on December 4, 2016, from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. and to waive the park fees. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

G. Resolution No. 2016-R25 In Support of A Traffic Light at US 17 and Hwy 174 – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-R25 in Support of a Traffic Light at US 17 and Hwy 174. Councilman Moore seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

H. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2016-26, An Ordinance Enacting Section 26-59 Related to Post Disaster Debris Collection – Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2016-26, an Ordinance Enacting Section 26-59 Related to Post Disaster Debris Collection. The motion was seconded by Councilman Moore and unanimously approved.

I. Hurricane Matthew Recovery – Administrator Hill gave a PowerPoint presentation on the on-going Hurricane Matthew Recovery, which is attached to these minutes.

J. State Revolving Fund – Councilman Moore moved to defer a decision on the potential to use the State Revolving Fund for a beachfront sewer system until further information is received. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

K. Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Professional Services – Phase 2 – Edisto Beach Stabilization Project – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve Amendment No. 1 to the agreement for professional services with Coastal Science and Engineering and allow the Town Administrator to execute said amendment. The not-to-exceed total is \$144,063 of which \$34,612 is for emergency services (FEMA reimbursable) and \$109,451 is for nourishment project increases due to changes in the scope and delays from Hurricane Matthew (also FEMA reimbursable). Councilman Moore seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

L. Special Event Application – Edisto Chamber of Commerce – Christmas Music at the Park – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the Special Event Application submitted by the Edisto Chamber of Commerce to hold a special Christmas Music at the Park event on Friday, December 9, 2016, from 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. to coincide with the boat parade. The Chamber is asking for park fees to be waived as

well. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

M. Special Event Application – Town of Edisto Beach and Shem Creek Boogie Band – Hurricane Matthew Relief Concert – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the special event application for the Town of Edisto Beach to hold a Hurricane Matthew Relief Concert at Bay Creek Park on Sunday, December 11, 2016 starting at 2:00 p.m. The Town is asking that park fees be waived for this event, and is asking for a \$10.00 per person donation for the event. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

N. State and Sub recipient Assistance Funding Agreement – Councilman Moore moved to approve the State and Sub recipient Public Assistance Funding Agreement, Hurricane Matthew (FEMA-4286-DR-SC), authorize the Town Administrator as the primary designated agent and authorize the Town Administrator to execute said agreement. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

O. Civic Center – Lion’s Club – Bill Franklin of the Edisto Lions Club has requested to work with the Town and use the Civic Center since the Lions Club had so much damage after Hurricane Matthew. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve working with the Lions Club to honor their commitments and help with their meeting dates by providing the Civic Center for a nominal fee as possible. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

P. Disaster Resolution No. 2016-R28 – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve Disaster Resolution No. 2016-R28 dealing with the private property debris removal (Ocean Ridge and Wyndham). Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Q. Special Council Meeting November 18, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. – Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve Council having a special Council meeting on Friday, November 18, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. to award the Beach Nourishment and Groin Lengthening Bids. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

R. Emergency Ordinance 2016-29 Related to Post Disaster Debris Collection – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the Emergency Ordinance 2016-29 related to post disaster debris collection. Councilman Moore seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Departmental Reports and Committee Updates

Mayor Darby informed Council that they would be putting up the Christmas tree at the Civic Center on November 30. On the morning of December 2, they will be finishing the decorations at the Civic Center in anticipation of the Town Christmas party.

Administration

Town Administrator Iris Hill gave the financial report for October 2016.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	32.43%	45.38%
Water Fund	25.73%	24.58%
Wastewater Fund	22.44%	35.44%

There were three FOIA requests from three individuals during the month of October. The Facebook page has 6,108 "likes" and the Town reached 37,355 people with our post notifying every one of HGTVs "Island Life" showing Edisto Beach.

Building

Natalie Kantz, Zoning Codes Enforcement Officer, gave the report for October 2016.

	Oct-15	Oct-16	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$2,262	\$5,515	\$13,464
New Construction Permits		0	3
Other Permits	28	29	98
Permit Fees	\$4,731	\$3,122	\$18,684
Inspections	78	7	86
Bay Creek Park	\$990	\$0	\$5,610

Fire

Denney Conley, Fire Chief, gave the report for the month ending October 31, 2016.

Calls	Oct -15	Oct-16	YTD
Medical	7	15	109
Fire-related	17	15	40
EMS/Misc	52	30	318
Beach Wheel Chairs	1	1	66
Water Rescue	0	3	15
Welfare Checks	33	16	89

Chief Conley asked everyone to remember to turn off propane tanks before evacuating for a hurricane. Chief Conley commended Slade Evans, Linda Hoff, Pam Berry and Billy Callahan who all worked tirelessly during Hurricane Matthew. Firefighter Evans cooked breakfast, lunch and dinner for as many as 400 people per meal for over two weeks.

The Fort Jackson and Isle of Palms sent crews to Edisto to help after the hurricane, and they were able to cut most of the downed trees to allow safe passage for property owners. There was a structure fire in Wyndham after Hurricane Matthew and Engineer Hoff and Firefighter Berry did an outstanding job assessing and managing the fire. Ken Dasen was Incident Commander during the fire and did an excellent job as well.

Councilwoman Smyer wanted the Town to know that trees that were cut from the roadways had been pushed onto vacant lots by crews working on behalf of the Town.

Chief Conley told those in attendance that there would be a lagoon clean up event on Saturday, November 19 to clear the couches, lawn furniture, garbage containers and other debris from the lagoons. Anyone interested in helping should meet at the BiLo Parking Lot at 10:30 a.m.

Police

Assistant Chief Ken Dasen gave the report for October 2016.

	Oct-15	Oct -16	YTD
Warnings	49	28	284
Town Parking Tickets		3	245
Alarm Calls	5	19	61
Calls for 2 or More Officers	6	23	88
Miles Patrolled	7,376	9,033	34,096
Assaults	0	0	3
Larcenies	1	2	7
Burglaries	0	0	4
Incidents & Calls for Service	69	184	846
Animal Control	0	0	5
Property Checks	1,048	892	3,991
CDV Arrest	0	0	0

Assistant Chief Dasen thanked all the departments for the cooperation among all.

Utilities and Public Works

Bob Doub, Director of Utilities and of Public Works, did not have a formal report. The Utilities and Public Works departments have been diligently trying to recover and restore services to all residents and visitors. Mr. Doub thanked the Mayor, the Town Administrator and the staff that was on-hand to assist with hurricane cleanup. The Utilities Department did an outstanding job restoring everything they could as quickly as they could. Mr. Doub had two new employees that have only been with the Town a few months. The Public Works Department did an outstanding job of trying to recover some of our lost street signs and beach access signs. The Town is still in recovery phase and there is still a lot of work to do. Some infrastructure problems are still being addressed. Mr. Doub asked everyone to be mindful that the Town only has three wells up and running and the 100,000-gallon elevated storage tank so please conserve water.

Chamber of Commerce

Lisa Harrell, Executive Director of the Edisto Chamber, gave the report for October 2016.

- Lisa thanked any and all veterans that might be attending the meeting for their service.
- On November 12th, there will be a "Roasted and Smoked" event at Geechie Boy from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$75 per person and must be purchased in advance.
- On November 25th, the Edisto Island Museum and Gift Shop has their annual open house and sale. Some items will be 50% off.
- On November 25th – 27th With These Hands will have their annual holiday open house with an unveiling of the Giving Tree on Saturday.
- Also on November 25, one of the newest Chamber members, Magpie and Company is holding a holiday open house. They are located at Palmetto Plaza at 114 Jungle Road.
- On November 26th, Flowers Seafood will hold their 5th Annual Oyster Roast from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.
- On November 29th the Blood Drive will be held at the Civic Center from 10:30 – 5:00.
- The Edisto Beach Baptist Church will hold a Christmas concert on December 3 at 3:00 p.m. and December 4 at 7:00 p.m.
- Edisto United will hold their Oysters and BBQ Fundraiser on December 4, 2016 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Bay Creek Park.

- There will be Christmas events planned the weekend of December 10th: On December 9th, there will be a boat parade at 5:00 p.m. and Christmas music with local choirs, Santa on the dock, and Edisto Watersports cook-out and outside karaoke. On Saturday, December 10th there will be a merchants' sidewalk sale, a poker "walk" and the Christmas Parade at 2:00 p.m. There will also be a BBQ competition at the BiLo greenspace at 5:00 (invitational, \$25 entry fee, locals only) and a silent auction to benefit the bridge to Botany Bay. On Sunday, December 11th, a benefit will be held featuring Shem Creek Boogie Band at Bay Creek Park at 2:00p.m. A \$10.00 per person donation is requested.

Public Comment Period

Anthony Hall – Mr. Hall is with America's Disaster Relief and is working with some families on Edisto. He is currently working with Colleton County EMD to help with long-term recovery and disaster relief from Hurricane Matthew. Mr. Hall has a tent set up every Wednesday in the BiLo parking lot to gather information from residents of the beach and island who are in need.

Bob Ringer – Mr. Ringer thanked the Town for all the hard work in getting the beach ready following Hurricane Matthew. Mr. Ringer voiced his displeasure with the re-entry procedure. He stated priority should be given to residents first. He told those in attendance that owners of homes affected most by the storm should be given priority over lesser-damaged homes. Mayor Darby told Mr. Ringer that the Emergency Operations Team decided the re-entry procedure, not just the Mayor.

Deborah Hargis – Ms. Hargis commended Town Administrator Iris Hill on her hard work in getting Edisto Beach up and running after Hurricane Matthew.

Adjournment

Councilman Moore moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Kizer and approved unanimously.

The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and location of the Council Meeting on Friday, November 4, 2016.