

# TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH

## OUR VISION:

Maintain Edisto Beach as a family sanctuary.

## OUR MISSION:

Enhance and maintain Edisto's reputation as a family-oriented vacation destination

## Council Actions

### 2020-21

- Proclaimed March 2021 as Building Safety Month.
- Proclaimed March 2021 as Donate Life Month.
- Memorandum of Agreement for provision of secure detention services with the Juvenile Detention Center.
- Renewed the Chamber, Art Guild and Ocean Ridge Subleases at the Civic Center.
- Approved Change Order No. 3 and No. 4 for the Fire Barracks Remodel.
- Passed Emergency Ordinances 2020-22, 2020-26, 2020-27, 2021-06 dealing with COVID 19.
- Approved the new personnel manual as required every 5 years.
- Approved the Edisto Beach Strategic plan for 2020-2023.
- Approved special events for the Christmas parade, Fall Festival, Cookin' on the Creek, Movies in the Park, Arts in the Park, Mackerel, Shark and Redfish tournaments, annual Back to School Blast, Edisto Beach Shag Festival, Edisto Island Triathlon and the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Hackett Family 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.
- Approved Art in Public Places Funding of \$9,605.
- Approved Chamber Off Season Marketing ATAX funding of \$50,000.
- Approved ATAX funding for the Fire Department furniture for \$5,504.
- Approved Keep Edisto Beautiful Bylaws.
- Awarded RFB 202-04 Edisto Beach Civic Center Roof Repair to Phoenix Group for \$24,410.
- Approved cost sharing the purchase of a filter system for \$18,500 to prevent clogs in spray heads with Edisto Golf.
- Amended Section 78-54 regarding golf cart decals.
- Approved the purchase of aerators for the wastewater treatment plant at a cost of \$5,900.
- Approved funding to trim trees around Town Hall.
- Councilwoman Susan Hornsby resigned. A special election was held December 15, 2020.
- Approved use of the old water shed by the Volunteer Fire Department.
- Approved Safety Resolution 202-R24.
- Approved installing 47 Cooper LED 210-watt Turtle friendly light fixtures with photo control, remote monitoring and diagnostics on Palmetto Boulevard and Point St.
- Approved the 2021 meetings and holiday schedule.
- Added cameras at Town Hall.
- Amended Section 38-101 of the smoking ordinance to address electronic devices.
- Amended the Republic Services agreement removing convenience station attendant services.
- Awarded RFP 2020-08 Fence at the Convenience Station and RO plant to Maner Fence for \$46,360.
- Amended Section 2-201, Section 2-215(J) and Section 2-218(A) dealing with purchasing.
- Awarded convenience station attendant services to Lyons Contract Services for \$30,000.
- Awarded \$320,000 in ATAX funds to perform spot nourishment for damages from Hurricane Dorian.
- Held a Council retreat January 26, 2021.
- Refinanced the General Obligation Bond of 2007.
- Approved the Jury Box Resolution for 2021.
- Approved funding for the custom browser notification system.
- Awarded RFP 2020-08 for \$779,410 to GreenWave Contracting.
- Approved numerous budget approvals.
- Conducted a Deer population study



- Entered into an agreement with the Colleton County Sheriff's Office to Provide Victim's assistance.
- Approved leasing the lion's well pump house to the Lion's Club.
- Approved retreat goals.
- Extended American Engineering's master services agreement for water and wastewater services.
- Entered into a mutual aid agreement with the Colleton County Sheriff's Office.
- Approved the FY 2021-2022 Budget Calendar.
- Approved ATAX funding for \$15,500 to the Cookin' on the Creek.
- Revised the sick leave sharing policy and subsistence amounts.
- Amended Section 78-36 of the Town's Code regarding parking penalties.
- Increased the sewer rate 5%.

- Approved emergency purchase of a pump for Lift Station C.
- Established a sewer tap moratorium due to collection system insufficiencies.
- Approved the Standard and Poor's fee of \$10,250 for the bond rating.
- Extended the Phoenix Home Care agreement for cleaning services.
- Proclaimed May 5-8 as Municipal Clerk's Week.
- Approved Work Authorization No. 15 with American Engineering to permit the sewer system upgrades.
- Adopted the FY 2021-22 Budget.
- Approved RFP 2021-03 for Town Janitorial Services.
- Approved RFP 2021-04 for Litter Removal on Highway 174.
- Approved the Billfish Tournament and sponsorship of \$10,000.
- Approved to replace two police vehicles.
- Adopted the 2020 Lowcountry Region Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Recognized the USS Edisto in a dedication service at Bay Creek Park.
- Awarded RFP 2021-06 for a Fire Department Squad truck for \$118,399.
- Approved the 2021 Emergency Operations and Hurricane Plan.
- Approved the first Edisto Beach recreation master plan.

## Council Presentations

### Council Recognizes Those Who Contribute Their Time and Expertise Make Edisto Beach Better

- Mickey Van Metre for his many years of contributions on the TIDE committee;
- Van Maxwell for his contribution on

the ATAX Board;

- Pat Powell for five years of service;
- David McWatters for five years of service;
- Jim Mellersten for 15 years of service;
- Patrick Brown for 15 years of service;



- Robert Redfearn for his beautification efforts at the corner of Hwy 174 and Jungle Road;
- Mark Aakhus for completing the Risk Mgt Institute;
- Patrick Brown for receiving the ICC Region VIII Code Official of the Year;
- Patrick Brown for receiving the 2020 Member of the Year award from the Coastal Code Enforcement Association;
- Patrick Brown for becoming a SC Certified Fire Marshall;
- Patrick Brown for receiving Building Official of the Year Award
- Archie Livingston for his service on the TIDE committee;
- Krystal Parsons for the 2020 audit and Worker's Compensation audit;
- Dominion Energy for assistance with Christmas lighting;
- Marshall Horstmann, Pete Lala, Jim Mellersten, Paul Otte for working on drainage pipe repairs;
- Dr. Jay Watts, Sherrie Watts, Susan Pratt, Dr. Ted Ravenel, Missy Brown, June Alberti, Wendy Griffin, Chris Nash, Cody Hutto, Donald Martin, Greg Graham, Daniel Barb for assistance at COVID 19 vaccine clinic;

- Amy Johnson for following up on Police Department violations; and
- Morgan Viars for coordinating the installation of turtle friendly streetlighting.

## Management Achievements

- Coordinated and finalized the Edisto Beach Master Recreation Plan mostly during a pandemic.
- Evaluated the sewer collection system and determined that most lift stations were exceeding capacity.
- Implemented an asset and inventory management program.
- Worked with SCDOT to have a backflow device placed at the Whaley Street outfall.

## Accomplishments 2020-21

### Town Services Focus

- Established protocol to hold meetings virtually.
- Established protocol to provide Town services while maintaining staff and guest safety.
- Held a special election for a vacant council seat.
- Purchased a projector for Council chambers to help with virtual meeting formats.
- Began publication of monthly highlights.
- Added functions to the website so residents and visitors can find out what events are happening.

### Infrastructure and facilities Focus

- Worked with contractor to grade dirt roads and re-establish swales.
- Outsourced the convenience station attendant duties.
- Collaborated with Architect on space needs, complex design, and preliminary drawings on the proposed new Town complex.
- Repaired the roof at the Town apartments.

- Repaired the roof at the Civic Center.
- Worked on Billow Street ditches.
- Constructed fences at the convenience station and the RO plant.
- Repaired the siding at Well 6.
- Leased Lion's well pump house
- Began Fire Hydrant sanding and painting.
- Christmas decorations were installed and began purchasing coastal themed lights.
- Sidewalks were cleared and rights of ways checked for line-of-sight issues.
- Painted interior of Town Hall and installed safety partitions.
- Mowed Tract M.
- Repaired bike path bridge near marina.
- Planted Leland Cypress at Town Hall.

#### **Strategic Plan and Development Focus**

- Long term recovery group participation.
- Began work on Sea Level Rise Study.
- Obtained a seat on the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission.
- Hired a new Police Chief-Steve Miano.
- Collaborated with consultant on the Town Hall Complex for submittal to the CPST committee.
- The Town joined in a lawsuit against Airbnb and VRBO for delinquent local accommodations taxes.
- Worked on the Lowcountry Hazard Mitigation Plan committee.
- The mayor met with surrounding community leaders about beach traffic challenges.
- Board representation on Edisto River Basin Council.
- Board representation on South Carolina Beach Advocates.
- Board representation on Coastal Codes Council.
- Formed a Census Count committee to work with ensuring

the Town received a better population count than in 2010.

#### **Health/Safety/Welfare Focus**

- Established COVID and pandemic protocols.
- Inspected and tested Fire Department hoses and ladders.
- Performed flow testing on all hydrants.
- Provided emergency decals for re-entry after a storm.
- Completed the emergency berm repair from Hurricane Dorian damages.
- Collaborated with owner at 513 Jungle Road to correct safety issues at the property.
- Fire Department received a \$30,000 V-safe grant for self-container breathing apparatus.
- Collaborated with a contractor and SCDOT to have the interior lagoon crossings cleared.
- Replaced the fire department squad truck.

#### **Governance Focus**

- Pursued payment of delinquent utility accounts.
- Continued scanning and filing electronic documents.
- Pursued final payments from Hurricane events.

#### **Parks & Recreation Focus**

- Continued work with USACE on Storm reduction project.

#### *Civic Center*

- Trimmed trees around property.
- Replaced Light bulbs, toilet seats.
- Repaired AC fan.
- Installed directional signage.
- Repaired the roof.
- Installed reserved parking signs for leased businesses.
- Renewed Pye Barker alarm system contract.

#### *Bay Creek Park*

- Hired a contractor to repair parking area

- Repaired pedestal electric.
- BBQ Fest was cancelled due to Covid-19
- Decorated for Christmas.
- Began work for 2021 BBQ Fest.
- Installed USS Edisto Plaque.
- Implemented social distance guidelines.

#### *Jungle Road Park*

- Worked on grant applications for amenities such as trailhead and restroom.
- Installed rubber mulch.

#### *Keep Edisto Beautiful*

- Established grab a bucket Campaign.
- Implemented Cigarette Litter Prevention Project and installed cigarette butt bins.
- Completed a Keep America Beautiful 2021 grant application.
- Rebranded/Remarketing campaign for KEB.
- Purchased a high-resolution camera and updated the website.
- Created Instagram Page.
- Placed Ad in Edisto Realty Guide.
- Updated Bylaws.

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