# TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH

OUR VISION: Maintain Edisto Beach as a family sanctuary.

OUR MISSION: Enhance and maintain Edisto's reputation as a familyoriented vacation destination

# Council Actions

# 2019-20

• State of the Town address Mayor Jane Darby



- Memorandum of Agreement for provision of secure detention services with the Juvenile Detention Center.
- Changed language for exempt employee overtime
- Approved Beachfront Management Committee Bylaw revision
- Approved Shag Festival and sponsorship \$10,000
- Approved purchase of 2 Automated External Defibrillators
- Approved purchase of sea oats
- Approved purchase of inflow covers for manholes
- Approved purchase of 4x4 48" mower
- Approved Arts in the Park
- Approved commercial sub lease Edisto Art Guild



- Approved agreement with Dominion and Berkeley Electric Cooperative
- Approved Proclamation recognizing the Honorable Reverend William "Bill" Hance
- Approved design for Fire Department Remodel
- Approved special events for 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Trick or Treat at the Creek, Redfish Tournament, Fall Festival, Holiday Market and Mingle, annual Christmas Parade, Edisto Road Race, Polar Puppy Plunge, Edisto Bazaar, Cookin on the Creek, Ducks Unlimited Banquet, Chamber movies in the park, and Edisto Bells
- Approved Commercial Sub Lease Episcopal Church of Edisto
- Approved Resolution appointing Patrick Zemp as voting delegate of SC Rural Water Association
- Approved applying for Recreational Trails Program Grant for Bike Path Maintenance
- Approved Work Authorizations No. 12 and 13 for Tank Inspection Services and RFP
- Approved amending Ordinance 2-142 removing newsletter
- Approved amending Ordinance 86-33(4)(b)(3) replacing newsletter with website
- Approved repairing/replacing stainless steel cables at civic center
- Approved rewriting of Purchasing ordinance and ethics in public contracting
- Approved Dominion power to wells and plant

- Approved convenience station rehab
- Approved emergency work post Hurricane Dorian



- Approved Proclamation for 2020 Census Partnership
- Approved Proclamation for Earthquake Awareness Week 2019
- Established a Census 2020 Complete Count Committee
- Approved public safety resolution
- Approved purchase of a public works gator
- Conducted a Deer population study
- Updated the Employee Handbook
- Amended Section 66-78 (a) of the Town's Codes
- Approved Work Authorization #14 for Sewer System Modeling and Capital Improvement program
- Approved annual holiday and meetings schedule.
- Established 2020 Goal Setting Retreat and adopted goals
- Approved Resolution revising freedom of information act policy and form
- Approved Ordinance granting Dominion Energy and Berkley Electric franchise rights
- Opposed House Bill 4431 regarding how business licenses are calculated
- Approved purchase of lagoon aerators
- Awarded Parks Recreation Trails Master Plan to Toole Design

- Approved installation of water level gauges to increase coverage of water levels (tides) along SC coast
- Approved 2020 Jury Box
- Approved Mutual Aid Agreements with Colleton County and Charleston County Sheriff's Offices
- Approved victim's assistance agreement
- Approved funding to stabilize Bay Creek Park parking lot and driveway and awarded bid to Meeks Construction
- Approved budget calendar and budget amendments
- Approved Legislative initiatives
- Awarded Stormwater work to Davis and Floyd and American Engineering
- Approved changes to bay creek park rental agreement, market rules and polystyrene ban
- Approved Pye Barker to provide alarm services to Civic Center
- Approved Lee Street Lift Station pump
- Approved addendum to ESP contract
- Approved award of audit services to Brittingham Group
- Adjusted water rates by 15% for new water plant, sewer rates by 3% for inflation, and garbage rates
- Signed state and subrecipient agreements for public assistance due to Hurricane Dorian and COVID 19
- Established a pandemic influenza plan
- Approved janitorial services contract
- Established a one-time revenue policy and structurally balanced budget policy
- Appointed Judge Susan Williams when Judge Weeks retired



- Adopted the FY2020-21 budget
- Renewed AirMedCare, roll-in/rollout service, indigent defense, and Highway 174 litter removal agreements
- Awarded Tank Maintenance to Suez Advance Solutions, Architectural Services to Rosenblum Coe, Fire Barracks Remodel to Mitchell Construction
- Adjusted market, Bay Creek Park, and civic center fees
- Increased fees for parking violations from \$25 to \$50
- Authorized Davis & Floyd to work on Arc Billow project

Management Achievements

 Population 1-1,000 MASC Achievement award for new water plant



• Coordinated the Town's efforts with the Federal Emergency Management

Agency regarding Hurricane Dorian, Tornado and COVID 19



- Developed budget and transmittal letter
- Coordinated efforts with the US Army Corps of Engineers

Accomplishments 2019-2020

## **Town Services Focus**

- Issued an RFP for Financial Services
- Issued an RFQ for Stormwater Consulting Services
- Issued an RFP for Fire Department Remodel
- Issued an RFP for Bay Creek Park parking lot
- Issued an RFP for stainless steel railing at Civic Center
- Issued an RFP for roof repair Civic Center
- Issued an RFP for tank maintenance
- Issued an RFQ for recreation master plan

- Issued an RFQ for Architectural Services for new town hall complex
- Coordinated Tornado cleanup with Colleton County
- Digitally archived documents
- Researched grants and funding for a recreational master plan, bike path repairs and sea level rise

#### Infrastructure and facilities Focus

- Installed inflow covers on manholes
- Replaced pump at Lee Street Lift Station
- Installed aerators in the wastewater lagoon
- Inspected Water Tank
- Tested fire hydrants
- Graded Jungle Shores Dr., added sand



- Remodeled the Fire Department Barracks
- Rehabilitated all Christmas streetlights



• Installed handrails at Town Hall



• Completed Sand Fencing after Hurricane Dorian



#### Strategic Plan and Development Focus

- Updated Capital Improvement
  Plans
- Implemented finance policies to strengthen Town's borrowing rating
- Entered into an Agreement with American Engineering to develop sewer Capital Improvement plan
- Continued working on storm damage reduction project with the Army corps of Engineers

## Health/Safety/Welfare Focus

 Staff rolled out garbage containers for service before Hurricane Dorian



• City of Walterboro sent over a

truck to pick up garbage prior to Hurricane Dorian

- Created social distancing signage for Town Hall, Civic Center, and Bay Creek Park
- Created mask signage for public buildings
- Revised emergency operations plan to align with the operational condition compression by federal and state agencies
- Renewed Intergovernmental agreements for fire and police
- Received grant funding for bullet resistant vests
- Received grant funding for safety equipment
- Strengthened the Town's ISO rating which provides residents with a discount on insurance rates
- Began Arc/Billow Project

## **Governance Focus**

- Enforced executive orders issued by the Governor and Town Council because of the pandemic of 2020 known as COVID 19. This included checkpoints, closing beach accesses, mandating masks, etc.
- Provided Keep America Beautiful representation
- Worked on 2020 Census by organizing timeline and reviewing promotional information
- Established a Complete Census Count Committee
- Distributed 2020 Census signage
- Represented Town on various boards and committees
- Participated in lobbying efforts for various issues
- Reviewed all proposed legislation that may impact Edisto Beach and kept Council apprised

#### Parks & Recreation Focus

Civic Center

Replaced stainless steel handrails



Continued to work with Colleton County about roof leaks

- Installed defibrillators
- Removed trees, debris from behind Civic Center



- Negotiated new rates for leases.
- Updated calendar and events on Town's website
- Installed a side walkway



- Repaired windows
- Polished floors
- Installed reserved parking signs
- Installed office Internet

## Bay Creek Park

- Installed new faucets
- Installed no parking signs
- Installed defibrillators
- Installed new rule signs
- Assisted Cystic Fibrosis Cycle for Life
- Completed beautification project installing 16 bottle brush plants and pine straw
- Sponsored Trick or Treat at the Creek
- Replaced slats in benches
- Installed new keypad/entry locks
- Installed new locks on bathrooms
- Developed Instagram page
- Cancelled Trick or Treat at the Creek

## Jungle Road Park

- Added mulch to playground
- Pressure washed boardwalk

## Keep Edisto Beautiful

- Started a cigarette litter prevention project
- Completed beach sweep.
- Submitted and awarded grant
- Launched #GrabABucketSC" campaign

#### **Beach Accesses**

- Planted sea oats and installed keep off the dune signs
- Ordered beach mats
- Repaired Hurricane damages at beach accesses from Hurricane Dorian



AFTER WEATHERING A HURRICANE AND TORNADO, THE **TOWN WAS IMPACTED BY THE** COVID 19 PANDEMIC. WE LEARNED HOW TO **OPERATE AND** CONTINUE TO **PROVIDE SERVICES** WHILE WORKING **REMOTELY AND** MEETING VIRTUALLY. STAFF ARE COMMENDED FOR THIS EFFORT.