



**AGENDA**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**April 28, 2022 at 5:00 PM**

Call to order

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes, March 23, 2022

Old Business

New Business

2. Fire: ICL 9.000 Administrative Fine
3. Code Enforcement Notice of Violation Time Frame
4. Code Enforcement Update
5. Tybee Island Police Department Update
6. Tybee Island Fire Department

City Manager Comments

Public Comment

Adjournment

Minutes, Public Safety Committee, March 23, 2022

Shawn Gillen called the meeting to order at 5:00PM. Those attending were Michelle Owens, Assistant City Manager; Chief Jeremy Kendrick, TIFD; Chief Robert Bryson, TIPD; and Brian West and Monty Parks, Councilmembers.

Dr. Gillen gave a brief explanation of the existing **cameras** and how they will be replaced with new ones that will have the capability to read license plates and to track activity. The cost will mainly be used for storage in the Cloud. Mr. Parks asked if every officer has a body camera. Dr. Gillen confirmed as well as an onboard camera in the vehicle. Mr. Parks asked if every officer has a functional body cam and vehicle. Dr. Gillen confirmed.

Michelle Owens gave an update on the **30 Day Comment Period** regarding traffic cameras and smoke free beach. Ms. Owens asked people if they supported the cameras in the TIMA area and 58% of the responses support the cameras. As to a smoke free beach, 70% of people feel the entire beach should be smoke free. She will have more information after April 6, 2022 as that is when the survey ends. Mr. Parks would like to see a portion of the beach where people could smoke. Dr. Gillen responded they could look into that recommendation.

Dr. Gillen then discussed **Parking Passes**. He stated Staff would come back regarding passes for businesses after input from Passport (parking app vendor). Staff's recommendation is that discounted parking can only be done on the app and there would be a validation code that is given to the business that purchased the pass and could only be used on one vehicle at a time. It is good for four (4) hours of parking for a 24-hour day. Dr. West shared his concerns with the four (4) hour time as some employees work longer than a four (4) hour shift. Mr. Parks stated he is in favor of the validation code. Dr. Gillen posed the questions: (1) who gets them; (2) how much does it cost; and (3) how many does each business receive. He said this does not guarantee a spot only the fee. Mr. Parks stated there needs to be a controlled number of hours. Dr. Gillen stated he will bring the recommendation to Mayor and Council to include the cost of the pass. Dr. West asked should there be a zone where the permits are available. Ms. Owens responded no. Dr. Gillen stated the key questions are: (1) how many; (2) cost; and (3) must use app. He will get a formal presentation ready for approval at the April City Council Meeting.

Dr. Gillen asked Chief Kendrick to discuss the **Fire Marshal** proposed position. Chief Kendrick stated he looked at other agencies as well as the Code. The Codes are in place for enforcement and he has developed a job description for the position. He is asking the Committee approve the recommendation and send to Mayor and Council for approval in the FY 23 budget. Mr. Parks expressed his concerns with the additional positions for the FY 23 budget. The position would be for new construction and existing yearly inspections for businesses. Dr. Gillen stated this would also be a fire fighter, an expansion of the fire department staff. Chief Kendrick stated his concern is providing excellent service for the residents. Dr. Gillen stated the new positions are tied to the Strategic Plan and will be included in the proposed budget.

Dr. Gillen moved next to **Tour Bus** traffic. He stated the City is getting more tour bus traffic and becoming a problem. This does not include the TIMA buses and Staff will have a discussion with

Visit Tybee. He would like to look at if the buses should be limited to certain areas of the Island, on certain roads, and have the passengers disembark at specific areas. Mr. Parks concurred with Dr. Gillen in they need to be controlled before they overrun the Island. Dr. Gillen responded they are going to begin with discussions with Visit Tybee.

Dr. Gillen stated a **golf cart check** is scheduled for Friday, March 24, 2022. This is a safety check and if there is a violation, citations will be issued. Overtime will be offered to Code Enforcement Staff for this safety check and well as for weekends. Chief Kendrick stated, as the fire department staff, full time staff, will be heavy on the beach this summer, they will assist Code Enforcement Officers with issuing Administrative Citations to assist with violations such as glass on the beach, sandbar, etc. Lifeguards will not be writing tickets, as they need to focus on the water.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00PM.

Jan LeViner, MMC  
Clerk of Council