



AGENDA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
January 26, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Call to order

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes: November 28, 2022

Old Business

New Business

2. Tybee Island Fire Rescue Update
3. Tybee Island Fire Rescue CIP
4. Tybee Island Police Department Update
5. Tybee Island Police Department CIP

City Manager Comments

Comments from the Public

Adjournment

Minutes, Public Safety Committee, November 28, 2022

Shawn Gillen called the meeting to order at 10:00AM. Those attending were Michelle Owens, Assistant City Manager; Chief Jeremy Kendrick, TIFD; Assistant Chief Tiffany Hayes, TIPD; Office Emery Randolph, TIPD; Brian West and Monty Parks, Councilmen.

Brian West made a motion to approve the minutes. **Monty Parks** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve.

Ambulance Services. Dr. Gillen opened a discussion for ambulance services on Tybee Island. He stated that through the taxes paid to Chatham County, they are to provide services to Tybee Island and there is concern with delayed responses to calls. Chief Kendrick shared call volume with the Committee. Mr. Parks stated he understands there are five different levels, one is basic calls and the severity increases up to level five. He continued, he has reached out to Chatham County for the call volume, as he would like to understand the calls and the volume. Chief Kendrick stated they have run 37 calls in the past month, which include different levels of care. When a call comes in, Chatham is notified and gives Tybee an estimated time of arrival. There was a brief discussion regarding the possibility of Tybee having their own service and vehicle (Quick Response Vehicle) and the cost involved. Chief Kendrick stated he did have a meeting with Chatham County regarding the delay in service calls. Dr. Gillen stated this will be brought to the Mayor and Council for their recommendation. Mr. Parks shared his concerns with the delay in services as well as the time it will take if the City decides to move forward with providing their own services. He also asked Dr. Gillen if the same concerns are shared with other municipalities in the County. Dr. Gillen confirmed. Dr. Gillen stated the City also needs to look at additional funding for the current fire station, which would include additional bays for Quick Response Vehicles, as well as staffing.

Bus Shelters. Dr. Gillen stated Mr. Parks asked this to be on the agenda, as school will be starting after the holidays. Mr. Parks stated this is something the City might want to do as it is a safety issue. Dr. Gillen stated Staff could reach out to the bus drives and Chatham County for their recommendation. Mr. Parks responded, he would like this to be included in the next budget cycle. Dr. Gillen confirmed.

Dogs on the Beach. Dr. West stated there is a group on the Island that has requested this come before Mayor and Council. He recommended the area would be around 19th Street to Alley 3, only on Wednesdays and during the winter months. Dr. West will bring this to Mayor and Council for discussion only.

Solomon Avenue. Dr. Gillen stated this pertains to closing off Solomon Avenue at North Campbell due to the increasing golf cart traffic. Currently, the City is doing experimental dust control for the area. He is asking the Committee for their thoughts moving forward. Mr. Parks asked if there are options. Dr. Gillen stated he will bring this back to the Committee in January 2023.

Meddin Drive. Mr. Parks asked Dr. Gillen about options for traffic flow on Meddin due to additional traffic with the Marine Science Center. Dr. Gillen stated an option would be to have Meddin a one-way around Lighthouse and Taylor. He stated he would include on the agenda for the next Public Safety Committee meeting.

Spanish Hammock Fire Subscription Fee. Chief Kendrick this is an important matter as the City provides fire protection for the unincorporated area. The issue is to encourage the residents to pay for the service. The charge is \$110.00 for the year and he is working with the Finance Director for an increase in the fee. If they do not pay the fee, there will be a fee if there is a fire. This fee will be billed to the insurance company if applicable. If no insurance, the City cannot collect the service fee. Mr. Parks recommended drafting an ordinance, which will cover collections of any City services.

Bicycle Speed Bumps: Dr. Gillen asked if anyone have suggestions as to placement and styles. He continued he is working with staff currently for options.

Chief Hayes stated she is working on purchasing a new 911 System and will submit to Mayor and Council for approval. This includes a new console while to handhelds will interact.

As there is no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Jan LeViner, MMC
Clerk of Council