



**AGENDA**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**October 27, 2022 at 5:00 PM**

Call to order

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes, September 22, 2022

Old Business

New Business

2. Police Department Update
3. Code Enforcement Updates
4. Fire Rescue Update

City Manager Comments

Public Comment

Adjournment

Minutes, Public Safety Committee, September 22, 2022

Shawn Gillen called the meeting to order at 5:00PM. Those attending were Michelle Owens, Assistant City Manager; Chief Jeremy Kendrick, TIFD; Robert Bryson, Chief, Tybee Island Police Department (TIPD); Assistant Chief Tiffany Hayes, TIPD; Brian West and Monty Parks, Councilmen.

### **New Business**

**Chief Kendrick** approached to speak the number of calls received requesting medical assistance. Mr. Parks asked if there was any way to develop a more nimble quick response, low intensity medical response that does not involve a fire truck. Chief Kendrick stated in the handout before them are options of how a process can be started. His main concerns are funding and how long it will take the City to be approved for Medicare and Medicare transports. The main costs are for equipment and supplies. He continued, in the material before them are options and is up to Mayor and Council and how far they would like the Fire Department to proceed. Dr. Gillen recommended everyone read the memo. A discussion was held as to remaining status quo or moving forward with full ambulance service, which would include additional staffing and funding. Mr. Parks recommended the City purchase a vehicle, quick response vehicle, which would handle medical calls rather than sending a fire truck. Dr. West expressed his concerns with liability for the City. **Dr. West** made a motion to move forward with sending the options as presented to Mayor and Council for their consideration. **Monty Parks** seconded. **Discussion: Mr. Parks** stated it is his recommendation to purchase a F-150 to run medical calls on the Island. Vote was unanimous to approve.

**Tiffany Hayes, Assistant Police Chief**, approached. Chief Hayes stated the TIPD rode 671 calls for service; 17 arrests; 100 citations; and 10-noise call with one citation issued. She continued, the drones are on site and they are awaiting information from the vendor prior to the onset of training. Chief Hayes gave further updates regarding two cadets that have graduated from the Academy and will be joining the force and have two recruits joining the force tomorrow. Dr. Gillen congratulated the Force for doing such a great job.

**Code Enforcement:** As SGT Hattrich was not able to attend the meeting, Dr. Gillen reported on his "numbers". Dr. Gillen stated there was 247 total calls handled by Code Enforcement; Animal Welfare calls, 14; Assistance to TIFD, 5; Assistance to Life Guards, twice; and the TIFD, 6 times. There were 153 citizen encounters and for administrative citations approximately 100 which includes glass on the beach, dogs on the beach, camping on the beach and dune disturbance.

### **City Manager Comments:**

**Dr. Gillen** started he is currently working on upgrades to the 911 console which is part of the CIP. As there is a receptionist at City Hall, non-emergency calls will be transferred to her, which will assist in the call volume.

Being there was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 6:15PM.

Jan LeViner, MMC

Clerk of Council