



AGENDA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
September 22, 2022 at 5:00 PM

Call to order

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes, August 25, 2022

Old Business

New Business

2. Beach Advisory Notification Process
3. Main Street Holiday Event
4. North Campbell Crosswalk
5. Fire Department Update
6. Police Dept Update
7. Code Enforcement Update

Public Comment

City Manager Comments

Adjournment

Minutes, Public Safety Committee, August 25, 2022

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

New Business

- **Motorized Scooter Rentals:** Dr. Gillen stated Mayor Sessions asked him to present this topic to the Public Safety Committee for their recommendations. There is a specific definition that Mr. Hughes will put into the ordinance for consideration by Mayor and Council. There are concerns the number will increase and it will become a public safety issue. Dr. Gillen asked Dr. West and Mr. Parks if they had any thoughts regarding companies renting carts from off Island to be brought on to the Island. Dr. West stated he was not interested in moving forward with off Island rentals. Mr. Parks expressed his concerns with determining how you would cap the number of carts. Dr. Gillen responded it could be dealt with as outlined in the proposed ordinance as well as motorized bicycles. Dr. West recommended a study or workgroup on what the City can do to make the City's infrastructure accommodate golf carts, scooters, and/or motorize bikes as the bike paths are in need of improvement. Mr. Parks and Dr. West both agreed with the possibility of making Lovell and 2nd one way in each direction to accommodate bikes in that way staff can organize where traffic should be. Dr. Gillen stated the Citywide drainage plan is concluding and some of the techniques they call for is the use of the City's rights-of-way for the temporary storage of water and some one-way of traffic flow. Mr. Parks recommended using the unopened rights-of-way at Miller between 6th and 10th, which could be designated as all bicycle and golf cart rather than vehicular traffic. Dr. Gillen confirmed.
- **Temporary Speed Humps and Traffic Tables for the Bike Route.** Dr. Gillen stated he and Pete Gulbranson have discussed how to move forward with Dr. West's recommendation. He continued, the temporary speed humps would transition to traffic tables which would not affect the bicycles but would slow vehicular traffic. The next step would be pricing and inclusion in the budget.
- **Tybee Island Fire and Rescue.** Chief Kendrick stated there have been 24 water rescues; 716 fire and EMS calls; 6,886 beach safety division advisement calls; 3,821 jellyfish stings; 91 medical calls; 23 water rescue calls; 17 lost persons; 22 public services calls; and two animal related calls year to date. Mr. Parks asked Chief status of response times for EMS. Chief stated nothing has changed. There are plans to hire one additional staff members, which will assist in response times. Chief stated, due to recent training and certification, Staff carries drug boxes depending on the level of care. Paramedics carry cardiac monitors and adaptable drugs. Dr. Gillen stated Chief present options at the next Public Safety Committee Meeting with advanced EMS services.
- **Tybee Island Police Department.** Major Hayes stated traffic to date, 1,735,319 cars, ridden 7,625 calls for service; average response time is 1 minute; 334 arrest year to date; 874 traffic citation have been written; and department training hours 2,655 year to date. Major Hayes continued, as it relates to staffing, two (2) candidates are in training; three (3) waiting to go to the Academy; and one (1) was hired that is certified. She continued,

as to noise complaints, they have run 363 and issued 22 citations. Dr. Gillen explained the Dragon Nuisance equipment the Officers have where they can dictate the incident reports and no longer have to return to the office to do reports.

- **Code Enforcement.** SGT Hattrich approached to give a report on citations. He stated the numbers are down as beach goers are showing better behavior. Dr. Gillen then turned to STR's. He stated every month SGT Hattrich receives a report from Host Compliance regarding discrepancies as to what is being advertised and what are permitted as STR's. If there are discrepancies, a report is generated. Staff then verifies bookings and contacts owners. Information is then sent to the STR Coordinator and Host Compliance is updated. SGT Hattrich stated his Staff will be attending training and upon completion will receive their Code Enforcement Officer Level 1. He continued he is taking advanced courses as well as Fire Inspector Certification through the International Code Council.

Bill Garbett approached the Committee. Mr. Garbett stated he would like to comment on speed bumps in bike paths, as they are detrimental to bicyclist. He is in favor of speed bumps such as 2nd Avenue as there is room between the edge of the pavement and speed bump for bicyclist to get around. Dr. Gillen thanked Mr. Garbett for his comments.

Dr. Gillen has the following for discussion:

- **Boat.** Dr. Gillen stated there is an abandoned boat that was purchased by the City and Chief Kendrick is currently obtaining estimated cost for repair of that boat. Mr. Parks expressed his concerns with repairing the boat. He recommend disposing of the boat and moving forward with a new boat.
- **Bridge Lane Closures.** Dr. Gillen stated at the MPO Board meeting there was a discussion regarding the schedule for the new bridges. An official change has been made to move the rights-of-way acquisition to the year 2024. He has also had a meeting with GDOT as they are doing the final design work on Lazaretto Bridge. In preparation they need to do core samples on the bridges and gave the City options: twenty-seven days of one lane closure, 24 hours a day or 55 days of one (1) lane closure just at night. He recommended the twenty-seven day option as the off-season is shorter. The first week of January, January 9th is when they are tentatively scheduled to start, a lane will be closed beginning January 9th for twenty-seven days. Mr. Parks confirmed. Dr. Gillen will ensure there is information provided to all citizens regarding the lane closures.

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

Jan LeViner, MMC
Clerk of Council



AGENDA ITEM

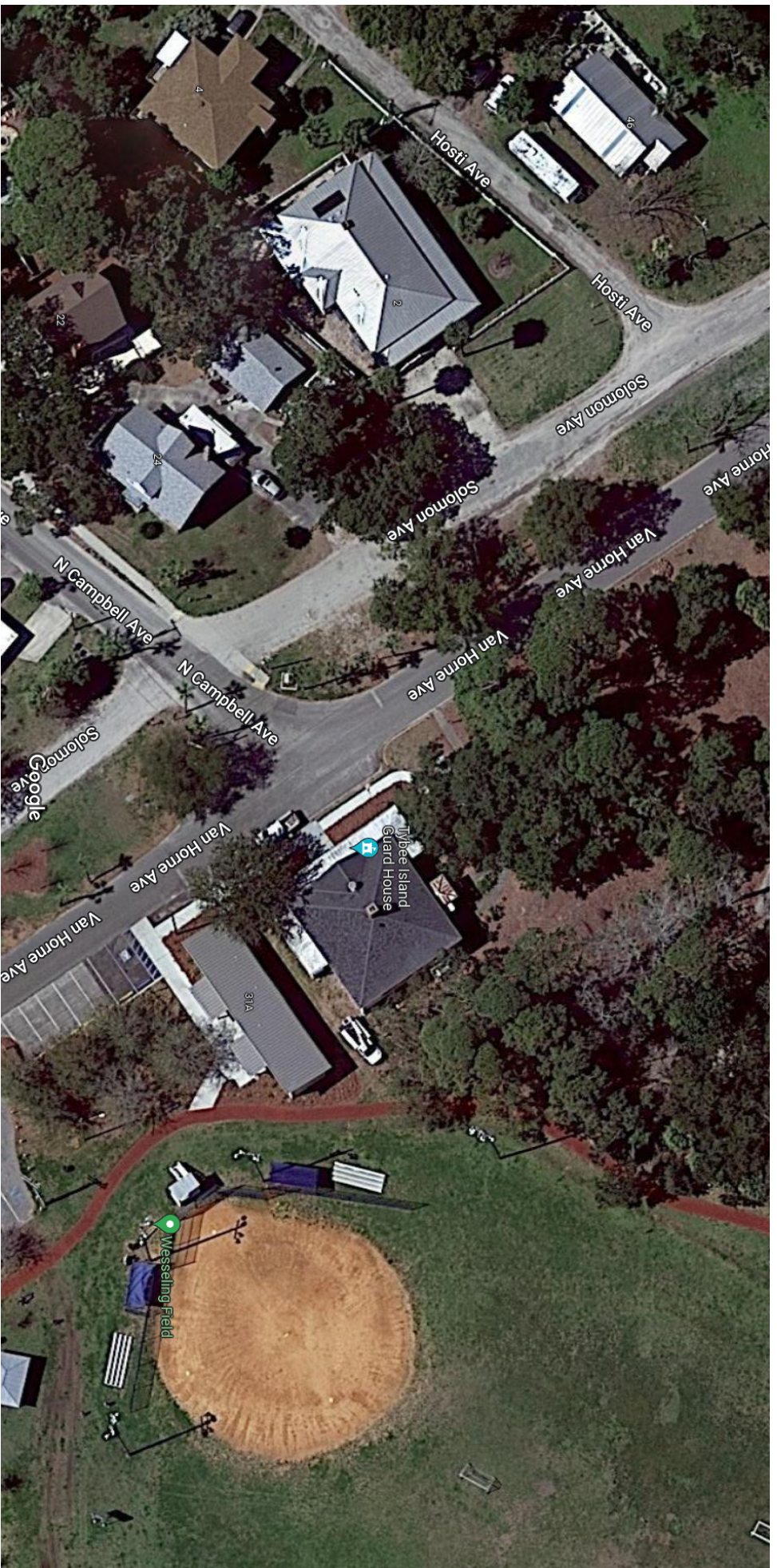
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING:
September 22

Councilmember Brown requested a striped crosswalk at the intersection of North Campbell and Van Horn

Approve crosswalk striping at North Campbell intersection with Van Horn

ATTACHMENTS

[North Campbell at Van Horn.pdf](#)



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AGENDA ITEM

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING:
August 25

Fire Rescue Division

Response Run Calls for year 2022

24 Water Rescues

716 Fire, EMS Calls

Beach Safety Division

Response Run Calls for year 2022

6886 Advisements

3821 Jellyfish Stings Calls

91 Medical Calls

23 Water Rescue Calls

17 Lost Persons

22 Public Service Calls

2 Animal Assist Calls

Total Call Volume for both Divisions 4,699

Fire Dept Update