

City of Tybee Island  
Infrastructure Committee  
July 8, 2021

Shawn Gillen called the meeting to order at 10:05AM. Those in attendance were Walter Hattrich, George Shaw, Barry Brown, Peter Gulbranson, Stan Bearden, Monty Parks, and Alice Jonsson.

George Shaw made a motion to approve the minutes. Barry Brown seconded. Motion to approve was unanimous.

Peter Gulbranson gave an update on the ongoing projects:

- Ongoing projects:
  - Memorial Park Open Pavilion is complete.
  - Recycling is ongoing
- Upcoming projects:
  - Awarded the contract for the south-end paving which on the agenda for the City Council meeting tonight, July 8, 2021. He does not know when it will begin as the contract has not been awarded.
  - With the new budget there are a number of projects slated. This includes the City buildings and North Beach roof. Mr. Parks asked how the Marine Science Center Project is moving along. Mr. Gulbranson responded, the fence has been ordered and is on back order currently. West Constructors have punch list items to be addressed. As to the electrical upgrade, there are discussions as how to move forward. The landscaping plan is due by the end of the week.
  - Parking Department has moved to the south-end annex (old Marine Science Center) and Code Enforcement is also slated to move into the building. Sgt. Hattrich stated the life guards should move into the building soon, as there are a few punch list items to be addressed.
  - Barry Brown requested an update on the screened pavilion in Memorial Park. Mr. Gulbranson stated he has received quotes and will move forward when all quotes have been received.
  - Barry Brown requested Mr. Gulbranson get quotes for the installation of shades for the benches at the pickleball courts. Mr. Gulbranson responded he does not have them now but will prepare an action item for himself.

Dr. Gillen stated they are going to Department of Natural Resources for permits for the south-end bathrooms. On the same agenda is the Polk Street project or Salt Meadows. The permit, if awarded for both projects, is for five (5) years. There is a line item in the current budget for the bathrooms and if we receive approval for the Polk/St. Salt Meadows project, this has not been budget. There is no final design at this point and will need to do a budget amendment if approved. Dr. Gillen will add to the next agenda, August 19, 2021, if approved. Mr. Brown agreed as this item needs to be on the upcoming agenda. There was a public comment period and those comments will be addressed by Alan Robertson. If the permit is approved, the City will go out to bid and will come by to Mayor and Council for approval of the contract.

Dr. Gillen addressed derelict houses. He asked Sgt. Hattrich for an update. Sgt. Hattrich stated there are several on the Island they are addressing. Some of the derelict house have been sold and he assumes they will be remodeled. He has reached out to Michael Foran for the property at Meddin and Van Horne for status. Work has been stopped and he is waiting for an update moving forward. Sgt. Hattrich stated the City is looking at options for the derelict house on Butler Avenue at the curve. Letters going out

addressing unsafe structure(s) and parking. Mr. Brown stated the house at Meddin and Van Horne will be taken down per the owner as he understands. Mr. Shaw stated no permits have been applied for as of yet.

#### City Manager Comments.

Dr. Gillen stated he wants to take a harder look at the gas pumps next month. There is not a line item in the budget but there are funds in the budget for unnamed projects. Mr. Brown shared his concerns with the current situation as officers need to wait in line during the weekends. This causes a safety issue. Mr. Gulbranson stated he did receive quotes for new pumps and software which is approximately \$35,000. Dr. Gillen stated he will include on the upcoming Infrastructure Meeting agenda for August 19, 2021.

#### Water and Sewer Projects.

Mr. Gulbranson stated they are working on designs for the new lab. He is also starting the design for the second clarifier which will be done off-season. They continue to work on the concrete pads and getting the pumps to the lift stations. Mr. Brown asked the status of the backflow preventers. Mr. Gulbranson stated with the new budget, he will order additional units.

Dr. Gillen addressed the water tower. He stated there is a drum on the tower that is a communications microwave and there is a need for a new tower which is a challenge. Todd Smith is working with Savannah as they have an old tower and if it is structurally sound it will be mounted in the vicinity for the drum. Dr. Gillen will need to come before Mayor and Council for funds for maintenance during installation.

Mr. Gulbranson stated with the storm last evening debris has been cleared and cutting some limbs. Georgia Power is working on restoring power to those areas that are currently without power. Sgt. Hattrich stated he and Alan Robertson toured the beach to assess damages. They were both pleased that there was minimal damage to report.

Barry Brown made a motion to adjourn. George Shaw seconded. Vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30AM.

Jan Leviner, MMC  
Clerk of Council