

City of Tybee
Public Safety Committee
Draft Notes 09-26-2019

In attendance: Shawn Gillen, Alice Jonsson, Wanda Doyle, Julie Livingston, John Branigin, Chief Bryson, Chief Patterson, Major Moseley, Peter Gulbranson, George Shaw, Michelle Owens, Marshal Hattrich, Captain Hayes, Joel Fobes

Call to Order

Julie Livingston made a motion to approve draft minutes from 8-22-19 Meeting. John Branigin seconded. Motion approved.

Old Business

Meddin Update – Wanda Doyle and Shawn Gillen went over the Sept. 17th public meeting. There was a variety of comments, both for and against, in addition to new ideas. City is taking ideas and bringing back ideas for another public meeting to be held this Fall. Group discussed pros and cons of myriad options for bringing traffic into North End, including options that reduce traffic on North Campbell. All agree there is a lot to consider. Peter Gulbranson said he is still looking at all options and would like more time before making a decision. Discussion about bus parking since they aren't going to be allowed in North Beach parking lot. Shawn Gillen - it's the City's goal to create a bus parking map. Major Moseley expressed concern about pedestrian safety and would like to see more sidewalks in the City right-of-ways. Group talked about asking GDOT for feedback, traffic lights, developing the paths in Jaycee Park, and looking at holistic solutions. Shawn Gillen- options will be previewed at next Public Safety Committee meeting and long-term solutions will be brought to Council to consider before the next budget cycle.

Public Safety Salaries – Shawn Gillen – Looked at RFPs from other cities. The recommendation would be to break it out into a two-phased approach – Public Safety and all other employees. Each phase would be priced separately. Proposal will go out this Monday, Sept. 30th. Questions are due by the 29th of October. Proposals would be due on the 19th of November. Proposal evaluations would happen that week. The recommendations would be brought to Dec. 12th meetings. Completion of part one (Public Safety) would be by March 2nd. Completion of part two by June 1st. All completed before budget is finalized.

New Business

Christmas Night Parade – Wanda Doyle spoke about the idea of having a Christmas Night parade. Julie Livingston spoke in favor of it. Police Dept. likes the idea. Group discussed myriad options for the route the parade could use and brain-stormed logistics. This parade would replace the daytime parade. Wanda Doyle would like for the City Manager to discuss logistics with the PD – 4th St. vs 8th St. as a starting point. Group spoke about street-party element not being interfered with. Michelle Owens said they are working out all of the details and is looking forward to showing off the City's new decorations.

Motion- Julie Livingston made a motion to change the Christmas Parade from day to night, to establish a new route, bring the logistics back to this body, and to approve the application tonight at City Council. John Branigin seconded. Motion passed.

Speed-Humps- Wanda Doyle spoke in favor of speed humps. Shawn Gillen – this will be part of the solution on the North End. Peter Gulbranson – spoke about his experience with speed humps and thinks they work. Group spoke about different types, both permanent and portable. Gulbranson – didn't see any negative impact on emergency response times. Chief Bryson said he is not concerned about delayed response times. Group discussed pricing and potential locations. Peter Gulbranson will look into the price of four or five humps.

City Manager Comments – Shawn Gillen – he spoke with the Chiefs about how to handle beach operations and some changes that will enhance how we are doing what we do. The City Manager will bring back some recommendations. FEMA has money for a grant for a storm shelter. It fits into the Memorial Park plan that we have already created and would be an extension of our current Fire Department building. It would withstand Category Five storms, would have more sleeping space, administrative offices and meeting/training rooms, more bays, and would act as both a bunker and as a place to come back to if everything was destroyed in a storm. The group was enthusiastic about pursuing the grant and the City Manager will move forward with it. Joel Fobes – spoke about Axon contract. PD has found a better plan with Axon that is ultimately more economical with improved functionality. PD would like permission to move forward by bringing the plan to Bubba Hughes and then bring it back to the Council in Oct. Changes in price would be for next budget cycle. Wanda Doyle spoke about needing a better computer program for PD and for whole City to replace Incode. Incode isn't integrated enough. Police Chief - Tyler and Incode were pitched as integrated systems but it hasn't played out. Police Chief wants transparency and is disappointed in product. Chief Bryson sees it as a urgent need. City Manager – Todd Smith is creating an RFQ. We want something that functions so we are looking at both price and functionality. Some systems also have things like on-line renewals for business licenses, STVR licenses, and other things like that that also improve end-user functionality. We may do a separate RFQ for the RMS system. They don't have to be the same company, but they need to be able to transfer data. We do have some money in this year's budget for the Enterprise piece. George Shaw is looking into companies that monitor online STVR advertising.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10.

