

### **Consideration of Items for Consent Agenda**

Mayor Sessions called the Consent Agenda to order at 6:30PM. Those present were Nancy DeVetter, Monty Parks, Brian West, Jay Burke and Spec Hosti. Also attending were Dr. Shawn Gillen, City Manager; Bubba Hughes, City Attorney; Tracy O'Connell, City Attorney; George Shaw, Director, Community Development; and Janet LeViner, Clerk of Council. Barry Brown was excused.

### **Mayor Sessions listed the following items on the consent agenda:**

- Minutes, City Council Meeting, April 14, 2022
- Minutes, Special City Council Meeting, April 20, 2022
- Alcohol License Request: Tybee Tiki Inc-Package Sales Only-Beer/Wine, Sunday Sales
- River's End Campground: Lease Agreement
- Skidaway Amendment, Sponsored Research Agreement
- Budget Transfer from City Manager to Main Street for Trashcans
- Request Approval of a Parking Validation Code to be purchased by Tybee business for their employees. The Validation Code price will be \$200 and provide \$21 per day of parking time when used in the Park Tybee App. The validation code can only be used on one vehicle per day

**Mayor Sessions** called the regular meeting to order. All those present for the consent agenda were present.

### **Opening Ceremonies**

- Call to Order
- Invocation: Mac McLean
- Pledge of Allegiance

### **Recognitions and Proclamations**

- Small Business Week Proclamation
- Georgia Cities Week, April 24 - 30, 2022

### **Reports of Staff, Boards, Standing Committees and/or Invited Guest. Limit reports to 10 minutes.**

**George Shaw**, Director, Community Development, gave an update on his department.

**Jared Davis** gave a brief update on the Hazard Mitigation Grant where twelve request were awarded; five (5) are completed; five (5) did not participate; and two (2) are pending. Mayor Sessions thanked Mr. David for his update.

Alan Robertson introduced **Lissa Leege, PhD and Ally Findlay, Georgia Southern University**, who gave an update on the Dune Vegetation Project Update

Alan Robertson introduced **Abby Sterling and Allie Hayser, Manomet**, who gave an update on Tybee Island Wildlife Beach project. Mayor Sessions thanked Ms. Sterling and Ms. Hayser for their hard work on this project.

**Mike Matthews** approached Mayor and Council to explain the upcoming Tybee Island Art Festival for Ukrainian Children on May 5, 2022 at North Beach Bar and parking area. Mayor Sessions thanked Mr. Matthews for his dedication to this project.

**Makenzie Mullins**, Tybee Island YMCA, approached Mayor and Council to introduce their Executive Branch Director, Kathleen Russell. Mayor Sessions thanked Ms. Russell.

**Joe Marinelli** approached Mayor and Council to give an update on Visit Tybee and their partnership with the City. Mayor Sessions thanked Mr. Marinelli for everything Visit Tybee does for the City.

**Citizens to be Heard: Please limit comments to 3 minutes. Maximum allowable times of 5 minutes.**

**Marie Rodriguez** approached Mayor and Council to speak to **Cigarettes on the beach**. Ms. Rodriguez is in favor of the ban on cigarettes on the beach. Mayor Sessions thanked Ms. Rodriguez.

**Walker Prescott** approached Mayor and Council to speak to **Private parking lots**, in particular the Prescott parking lot. Mayor Sessions thanked Mr. Prescott for his concerns.

**Beth Reed** approached Mayor and Council to speak to **Cigarettes on the beach**. Ms. Reed asked Mayor and Council to approve a ban on smoking on the beach. Mayor Sessions thanked Ms. Reed for her comments.

**Kim Colvin** approached Mayor and Council and asked them to **Ban smoking on the beach**. Mayor Sessions thanked Mr. Colvin for his comments.

**Tim Arnold** approached Mayor and Council to support the proposed ordinance, Use of Tobacco on the beach. He supports the ordinance and would ask Mayor and Council to support it as well. He continued, there needs to be a compromise; have clear direction; and feels enforcement will be a problem. Mayor Sessions thanked Mr. Arnold and for everything he does for the beach.

**Bob Matrowski** approached Mayor and Council to express his support of the proposed ordinance, banning smoking on the beach. Mayor Sessions thanked Mr. Matrowski for his comments.

**Monty Parks** made a motion to approve the consent agenda. **Nancy DeVetter** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 5-0.

**Consideration of Local Requests & Applications – Funding, Special Events, Alcohol License**

**Alcohol License Request: Tybee Tiki Inc-Package Sales Only-Beer/Wine, Sunday Sales.** **Monty Parks** made a motion to approve. **Brian West** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 5-0.

**Consideration of Ordinances, Resolutions**

**First Reading, 2022-06, Use of Tobacco or Related Products on the Beach.** **Mr. Hughes** explained the process of first and second readings at the request of Mayor Sessions. **Nancy DeVetter** made a motion to approve. **Monty Parks** seconded. **Discussion:** Mr. Parks complimented all the people that are volunteering to pick up the cigarette butts on the beach. The City's message to residents and visitors: Tybee Island will be a better place to bring your children to. Voting in favor were Nancy DeVetter, Monty Parks and Jay Burke. Voting against were Brian West and Spec Hosti. Vote was 3-2 to approve.

**Council, Officials and City Attorney Considerations and Comments**

**Spec Hosti** recommended waiving the deadline for the Prescott **Private Parking Lot** as there are extenuating circumstances as to why they missed the deadline. Mr. Hughes stated a motion was needed at the meeting following the public hearing. This did not happen. Mr. Hughes explained the current ordinance and requirements to have the application entered by a certain date. Dr. West recommended the Prescott's submit their application and bring back to Mayor and Council for consideration at the May 26, 2022 meeting.

**Monty Parks** made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Litigation and Real-estate. **Brian West** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 5-0.

**Spec Hosti** made a motion to return to regular session. **Monty Parks** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 5-0.

**Spec Hosti** made a motion to adjourn. **Monty Parks** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30PM.

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Janet R. LeViner, MMC  
Clerk