

City of Tybee Island  
Public Safety Committee

Meeting Notes

Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

In attendance: Wanda Doyle, John Branigin, Julie Livingston, Shawn Gillen, Major Moseley, Major Fobes, Alice Jonsson, Wally Hattrich, Chief Bryson, Peter Gulbranson, Monty Parks, Michelle Owens, Pete Ryerson

Wanda Doyle made a motion to call the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

Julie Livingston made a motion to approve the minutes for the Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

STVR: Marshall Hattrich explained his research on short-term vacation rental calls in a detailed way. Wanda Doyle spoke about the need for better software to help the PD generate and communicate valuable data. (Iworq) Julie Livingston and Wanda Doyle asked about some of the capabilities of the Iworq program. Shawn Gillen explained how it might end up working for us. We are still fleshing out the details. Julie Livingston spoke about the importance of being fair towards property owners and management companies when issues arise that are far beyond their control. Marshall Hattrich and Shawn Gillen spoke about ways we may be able to differentiate between legitimate ‘strikes’ against owners and managers and situations where owners and managers are actually victims of poor decision-making on the part of renters. Wanda praised the Marshalls and PD for their work on these issues. PD and City Manager will be reporting back to the committee as we implement use of new software. Wanda Doyle spoke about also making sure we are keeping track of signage STVR owners are mandated to post. Marshall and City Manager explained how long it takes to get strikes because it must go through the courts. Chief Bryson explained his view that STVR calls that result in strikes show how minimal it is as a problem. He believes drunk-driving is a much larger problem about which residents should be concerned. He hopes that the data will help to communicate accurate information as opposed to the misleading information that gets spread via social media. Monty Parks made a statement about

how important he sees the DUI issue and committed to making sure the Council addresses it from this point forward.

Update on Class and Comp. RFP: Shawn Gillen - The RFP is out. The due-date is 2:00 PM on 11-19-19. They will be brought to the Dec. meeting. The timeframe for products due are March 1st for Public Safety and June 1<sup>st</sup> for all others.

Golf-Cart Inspections: Shawn Gillen - Next step is ordinance changes brought to the group in November. Major Moseley explained the suggested ordinance changes and process changes. Bubba Hughes is looking at the ten-day loophole. Julie Livingston asked about the use of officer time and concerns about the City losing money on the inspection process. She also spoke about the City choosing stickers that are plexiglass-friendly.

Noise Ordinance Revisions: Shawn Gillen spoke about the Council deciding on how they want to write the noise ordinance – different approaches they could take. He suggests they may want to have a separate meeting about the complexities of noise ordinances that would be effective and enforceable. John Branigin spoke about boomboxes on the beach. Julie Livingston asked about what the noise meters can measure and not measure. Marshall Hatrich explained how the tool works. Chief Bryson explained what “plainly audible at 100 feet” means and that the PD likes it.

Meddin Plans – Update: Peter Gulbranson spoke about speedhumps. Shawn Gillen and Peter Gulbranson spoke about potential locations for them. They will be checking Miller near Highway 80. Julie Livingston asked about speedhump signs for RVs. Major Mosely said Polk now has speed signs. Shawn Gillen and Peter Gulbranson explained how the Nov. Meddin meeting will work. The group went over maps and discussed myriad options for one-ways, parking solutions, pedestrian solutions, bike path solutions, and truck routes.

Christmas Parade Route: Michelle Owens went over the parade route.

Wanda Doyle asked if we could put up solar flashing lights on Tybrisia and Butler. Shawn Gillen and Chief Bryson like the idea. Chief Bryson spoke about a vendor called Red Speed which sell cameras for crosswalk enforcement. It would automatically do a citation with a verification process. He is looking into the details.

Shawn Gillen spoke about the Ocean Rescue and Beach enforcement. The creation of administrative citations changes who can write tickets for certain beach-related infractions. He spoke about the beach technology the City is looking at to assist

with enforcement and safety on the beach using our staff effectively. Pete Ryerson shared his thoughts about staffing.

Wanda Doyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:33.