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Fabian Mann

ASST CITY MANAGER
Michelle Owens

CITY ATTORNEYS
Edward M. Hughes
Tracy O'Connell

CITY OF TYBEE ISLAND

City Council Regular Meeting
April 24, 2025 — 6:30 PM

Minutes of Meeting

Call to Order — The City of Tybee Island City Council held a regular city council meeting on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 78 Van Horne Avenue, Tybee Island, GA 31328. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Brian West at approximately 6:30 PM. Mayor Pro Tem Monty Parks, Councilmember Bill Garbett, Councilmember Michael "Spec" Hosti, Councilmember Tony Ploughe, Councilmember Nick Sears, and Councilmember Kathryn Williams were also present.

Administrative Staff Attendance — City Manager Bret Bell, Assistant City Manager Michelle Owens, City Clerk Fabian Mann, City Attorney Tracy O'Connell, and City Attorney Edward Hughes were present.

Invocation — The invocation was led by **Minister Rob Grotheer**.

Pledge of Allegiance — The pledge of allegiance was led by **Mayor West**.

Announcements

- Tybee Turtle Trot 5K Beach Run, April 26, 2025, 9:00 AM, Marine Science Center
- Tybee Island Trolley Tour of Homes, May 3, 2025, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Recognitions

- Proclamation issued by Mayor West recognizing April 29th as "#EndJewHatred Day"
- Proclamation issued by Mayor West recognizing the 500th anniversary of the first European landing on Tybee Island

Consideration of Items for Consent Agenda

- City Council Regular Meeting Minutes: April 10, 2025
- Alcohol License: Atomic Bar
- Artwork Copyright Release Agreement for Usage of Donated Artwork to Raise Funds for the Historic Preservation Commission's Restoration of the Fort Screven Fire Station
- Resolution 2025-08, Expressing Support for Congressionally Directed Spending Request to Help Fund a New Tybee Island Fire Station

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City Manager Discussion

Orange Crush Recap

City Manager Bret Bell presented an Orange Crush event overview presentation. During the presentation, the city manager detailed the event's permitting schedule, increased attendance in comparison to 2024, and the "all hands on deck" approach employed by city departments to manage the event. The city manager reiterated the immense community spirit displayed throughout the event.

Action Item List Update

City Manager Bret Bell provided high level updates on action items. The topics included sandbar beach safety, Memorial Park master planning, Solomon Avenue road planning, legal fee reimbursement, LiveOak Fiber, new fire station financing, and beach renourishment.

City Staff Reports

Tybee Island Fire Rescue Overview

Fire Chief Justin McMillian presented a fire department overview presentation. The presentation covered the fire department's organizational structure, technology improvements, community engagement efforts, career development plan, and new fire station plans.

Citizens to be Heard

Don Edwards, Statistician: "Our Tybee Island Election System"

Don Edwards presented a slideshow presentation detailing the potential misleading nature of the election result percentages displayed on the Chatham County Board of Elections website. Mr. Edwards requested the City Council to authorize the city clerk to contact the Secretary of State's office to remedy the issue.

Consideration of Approval of Consent Agenda

Councilmember Parks made a motion to approve the consent agenda. **Councilmember Hosti** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration of Agreements

Underground Easement with Georgia Power to Provide Electrical Service to the Approved LiveOak Fiber-Optic Cabinet and Enclosure at 78 Van Horn Avenue

Councilmember Ploughe made a motion to approve the underground easement with Georgia Power. **Councilmember Hosti** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Session

Councilmember Parks made a motion to move from the regular meeting into an executive session referencing real estate. **Councilmember Garbett** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Councilmember Parks made a motion to return to the regular meeting from an executive session. **Councilmember Sears** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to take any action needed arising from executive session – **No action taken**

Adjournment

Councilmember Parks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Councilmember Ploughe** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

City of Tybee Island

Brian West, Mayor

Attest:

Fabian Mann, Jr., City Clerk

