

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

TYBEE ISLAND CITY HALL

March 25, 2010 AT 5:00 P.M

ATTENDING: Jonathan Lynn, Jimmy Brown, Major Case, Diane Schleicher, Frank Shuman, Jimmy Burke, Chantell Morton, Shirley Sessions, Chief Sasser, Joe Wilson and Jason Buelterman.

Approval of minutes from previous meeting

Wanda Doyle addressed the public safety committee on the past committee meeting. Wanda Doyle asked the public safety committee members if there were any questions about the agenda of the 02/25/2010 public safety committee meeting. The committee had no questions about the past meeting.

Crosswalk and signage

Diane Schleicher stated that there was currently money in the budget to move forward on the Butler Avenue crosswalk plan. The based bid was \$39,618.00. The approved plan would involve the addition of pedestrian crosswalks at 3rd street, 11th street and 13th street.

Diane Schleicher stated that D.O.T suggested that the road striping be widened and the infrastructure committee suggested that the stripes be painted with a reflective type of paint.

There was some discussion from the committee members about the additive alternative #1 lighted signs at a cost of \$132,000.00 versus the additive alternative #2 pavement mounted signs at a cost of \$4800.00.

Wanda Doyle asked for some feedback from the committee about the signs.

Diane Schleicher and Jason Buelterman suggested that the city move forward with the based bid plan and the pavement mounted signs this season.

Wanda Doyle asked for a motion. Shirley Sessions motioned to move forward with the based bid plan and the pavement mounted signs. The motion was seconded by Frank Shuman. A vote was held and the vote was unanimous.

Crosswalk at Van Horn Street—Nursing Home

Wanda Doyle asked for any suggestions in regards to a pedestrian crosswalk in the area of the nursing homes on Van Horn Street.

Jonathan Lynn suggested that any crosswalk in the area should be marked with reflective striping and also includes signage.

Wanda Doyle asked the committee their opinion on where the crosswalk should be located. Shirley Session suggested that someone should talk with the nursing home staff and find the most commonly used pedestrian path to put the crosswalks in a useful location. Once a suitable location is found then estimates need to be obtained on construction of the crosswalks.

Review of traffic HS&R Hwy 80 Traffic Study

McKenzie crosswalk:

Jonathan Lynn suggested that the city move forward with the option #2 refuge island with curb extension which is a low cost solution. The cost is \$7,550.00.

Wanda Doyle asked the committee for a motion on going forward on the option #2 refuge island and curb extension. Frank Shuman motioned and the motion was seconded by Shirley Sessions. A vote was held and the vote was unanimous.

Butler Avenue and Tybrisa intersection—Inlet Avenue:

Jonathan Lynn suggested the short term low cost option #1 for the Tybrisa Street and Butler Avenue intersection. The cost of the plan is \$9490.00.

The plan would include the blocking of Inlet Avenue making the intersection of Tybrisa Street and Butler Avenue a 4 way stop. Izlar Avenue between Butler Avenue and Inlet Avenue would require widening for two way traffic.

Shirley Sessions suggested that a public meeting or workshop be scheduled to gather public opinion from business owners and residents about the closing of Inlet Avenue.

Shirley Sessions motioned to move forward on the option #1 plan and the public workshop .The motion was seconded by Frank Shuman. A vote was held and the vote was unanimous.

14th Street to Tybrisa for TE Grant

Diane Schleicher suggested that the city move forward with the scheme "A" Butler Avenue plan which would involve the construction of a four foot wide median placed in the center of Butler Avenue from 14th Street to Tybrisa Street. Palm trees would be planted in the median. The traffic lanes would be narrowed to 10 feet wide but the existing parallel parking would remain.

Diane Schleicher also stated that the infrastructure committee had already approved the plan.

Shirley Sessions suggested there be a public meeting to discuss the changes with businesses in the area.

Frank Shuman motioned to move forward and the motion was seconded by Shirley Sessions. A vote was held and the vote was unanimous.

Parades-Public Safety Issues.

The committee discussed the Irish Heritage Parade and stated that the barricades that are being put in place are working to keep back the crowds.

Major Case stated that there are still parade units throwing candy and beads from the parade units. Wanda Doyle suggested that the committee get together and establish a set of rules for the parade participants.

Jimmy Burke advised that during their sponsored parades they hand out fliers containing parade rules.

Diane Schleicher suggested that a sandwich board sign be placed at the start of the parade with a volunteer pointing out the rules sign as the parade units pass.

Major Case suggested that the parade volunteers have a meeting and some training on traffic and crowd control before the scheduled parade date and a briefing from Chief Price before the parade starts.

Major Case also stated that there needs to be a limit to the amount of units in the parade. For larger parades the start time should be before 1:00 p.m.

Chantell Moore addressed the litter problem on Tybrisa Street after the parade. Joe Wilson stated that his employees pick up what trash they can as soon as the parade ends however, the major clean up is done the following morning. Joe Wilson stated that with the large amount of people in the area and the parked cars in the area it is impossible to do a thorough clean up of Tybrisa Street until the next morning.

Wanda Doyle suggested that the committee work on establishing some parade rules and started working on the parade rules sign. It was also suggested that the committee decide on appropriate start times for parades.

Ocean Rescue County Funding

Jason Buelterman stated that he was going to continue to seek life guard funding through Chatham County.

Beach Safety

Signage Update:

Chief Sasser advised that one of the 4x4 danger signs is posted in the sandbar area of south beach. Chief Sasser advised that two more will be posted in the near future.

Mobi mats:

Joe Wilson stated that he has purchased 240 feet of Mobi mat at the cost of \$20,000.00. The new Mobi mat is more durable and user friendly. Joe Wilson suggested that the new Mobi mat be placed in the east gate area instead of the 16th Street area. Joe Wilson stated that due to the number of handicapped people from the nursing homes using the east gate crossover the Mobi mat placement at east gate would be more appropriate. Joe Wilson stated that a Mobi mat could be placed at 16th Street next season if needed.

The hurricane planning exercise update and the public safety building were postponed until the next public Safety Committee Meeting.