

Public Safety Committee Minutes

February 24, 2011 17:00 Hours

*No Meeting of the PSC in January 2011.

Present:

City Council: Wanda Doyle, Frank Schuman, Shirley Sessions

City Manager Diane Schleicher, Chief Bryson TIPD, Chief Sasser TIFD, Joe Wilson DPW, Captain Jonathan Hagan TIPD, Demery Bishop Crime Stoppers.

Approval of the December 9, 2010 minutes – Unanimous

New Business:

I. Assistant Fire Chief for Southside Fire Department, Hugh Futrell-Update on new Emergency Medical Service on Tybee:

Assistant Fire Chief Hugh Futrell – Introduction of EMS Section Chief T. Genest

There will be no change in Ambulance service to Tybee Island since Southside Fire/ EMS has taken over the ambulance service from Med-Star for all of Chatham County, some additional sites have been established in other parts of the County. There will still be a 24/7 site at the Old School Building.

Doyle- Are there extra resources that will be available during peak times?

Genest – Yes

Internship with Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah State University and South University:

Chief Bryson explained the possible creation of an intern program for Criminal Justice Majors from the three local Universities where students could be used in various positions to assist the Police Department. Some of the positions included are as extra eyes and ears on the beach for litter control, dogs on the beach, the interns would have no arrest power but have access to portable radios and could contact a uniform officer when they spotted Federal, State or Local laws being violated.

Demery Bishop of Crime stoppers- Good programs same as used in Virginia Beach.

The method of transportation would be bicycles or foot patrol.

Shirley Sessions – Job description and who they report to is required.

Shirley Sessions – Motion to send out invitations to Universities to see if there would be any participation by the student faculty in the meantime job descriptions could be written and a full presentation made to City Council on March 24, 2011.(Sample invitations were presented to PSC- Copy on File).

Frank Schuman – 2nd

Wanda Doyle – Yes

II. - Court Fine Ordinance: Review of Administrative Costs:

Chief Bryson – Request to raise court fee from \$20.00 to \$100.00 imposed on all Court Fines to offset the court expense of Judge, Public Defender, Court Reporter and other expenses.

III. Technology Fee Ordinance – Review of list of potential Technical Upgrades to Court Room and Police Department with Fee:

Chief Bryson – Recommendation of additional \$20.00 Technical Fee to be imposed on all Court Fines, money will be used for purchase of technical equipment such as cameras for patrol units, video camera for the jail. Chief Bryson states that if the defendant is found not guilty no fee is collected. Both the Court Fee and Technology Fee money stay at Tybee. The Technical Fee money would be placed into an account and equipment would be bought when the full amount of the of the purchases price has been collected. One of the items considered a priority is a Jail House camera with a video recorder, this item will be put into the new budget for purchase.

Shirley Sessions- the Court Fee seems like a large jump only because we have had no increase in a long time, would also like to see more video recorders in Police cars.

Frank Schuman: Motion to approve increase in Court Fee

Shirley Session 2nd

Wanda Doyle – Yes

Shirley Sessions -Motion to approve Technical Fee to be imposed on all Court Fines.

Frank Schuman -2nd

Wanda Doyle - Yes

IV – Review Upcoming Beach Patrol Season:

Captain Jonathan Hagan distributed and reviewed a handout on the Beach patrol. (Copy on File)

- Personal Costs and Benefits for Week-Day Bicycle Patrol and Weekend Business District Walking Patrols for Upcoming Season
- Beach Patrol Uniform – Sample displayed by Captain Hagan
- Proposed Arctic-Cat as Vehicle for Beach – On display outside City Hall for viewing

Chief Bryson – Presented the benefits of a week-day Beach Patrol and walking patrol.

Wanda Doyle – Encourage off duty Police presence at Businesses.

Frank Schuman – Will off duty Officers have patrol cars when working off duty jobs?

Chief Bryson -Yes

V. Sidewalks on North Campbell (East side) for Public Safety:

- Cost Estimate for Consideration for Next Year's Budget - \$18,000 including utility conflicts

Diane Schleicher – This is a well walked street used by people coming and going to the Park, Nursing Homes and other locations.

Shirley Session – Agree

Wanda Doyle – Local year round residents use this street for walking.

Wanda Doyle – Can sidewalks at North Campbell and 18th Street be put in the Budget?

Wanda Doyle – These projects can be discussed in-depth at Budget Meetings.

Shirley Sessions – Any statistics' on Accidents?

Chief Bryson – Will check

Frank Schuman – Instead of constructing a sidewalk on 18th Street do away with parking on one side of the street making this a walk – way.

Joe Wilson – This would be less that sidewalk approximate cost would be \$8,000.

Further discussion will be conducted at the Budget Hearings.

Old Business:

I – Sidewalks on 18th Street for Public Safety – See above!

- Cost Estimate in CIP Budget on Deferred Project Lists - \$30,000.

II – Warning Signage for the Beach Follow-Up: Next Meeting

III – 17th Street and Butler Avenue – Speed Bump Request Follow-Up:

Bill Blakly a resident of 17th Street spoke briefly on petition status, 5 people have not signed the petition he has requested only property owners to sign the petition.

Wanda Doyle- Street Survey completed, Met with the City Manager, Data Collection has been gathered, and the initial process is completed, now to proceed to the next step.

Diane Schleicher – Discuss speed bump with people who did not sign the petition so the speed bum is not placed in front of their residents or in a location that would hamper drainage. Chief Bryson and Joe Wilson will review the area and determine a suitable location.

Shirley Session – Motion to place expenditure of 17th Street Bump in Budget discussion meetings.

Frank Schuman – 2nd

Wanda Doyle – Yes.

Adjourn

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