

## **6- 23- 2011 Public Safety Committee Minutes**

Present:

City Council: Wanda Doyle, Frank Schuman, Shirley Sessions

City Manager Diane Schleicher, Chief Bryson TYPD, Major Hagen TYPD, Joe Wilson DPW and Todd Smith TIFD representing Chief Sasser who had another appointment

Approval of April 28, 2011 Minutes- Unanimous

\* Note – There was no PSC Meeting held in May 2011

### **New Business:**

I - Freddie Barber of Lazaretto Jet Ski Rentals - Jet Ski and Public Safety issues:

Freddie Barber- Appeared before the Public safety Committee to express his concerns over the Jet Ski congestion and safety concerns in Lazaretto Creek, and what can be done to eliminate so many Jet Ski rental agencies in one area? At the present time there are 3 rental companies. It is not the age of the renters but so many jet skis in one area; even though he does brief his customers on safety he is still concerned about the renter's safety because of the congestion.

Wanda Doyle- Contacted the City Attorney for advice, neither Tybee Island Police nor Ocean Rescue has the authority to enforce rules in Lazaretto Creek it is out of their jurisdiction. The Metro Police, Coast Guard and DNR have the authority.

Chief Bryson will contact Metro Police, also the Coast Guard and work with them on a solution, Chief Bryson will report his findings to the City Manager.

Frank Schuman – All Jet Skis should have an escort.

Wanda Doyle – Have you spoken to the other rental agencies about these concerns?

Freddie Barber – Yes – No agreement can be reached

Shirley Sessions – Can we limit the space or number of licenses?

Shirley Sessions – Can restrictions be put on the rental of jet skis or zones established?

Frank Schuman – Create Jet Ski zones.

Diane Schleicher – Will have the City Attorney provide an opinion, the Business License is issued by the City but the safety concerns and congestion is occurring in the water out of the City jurisdiction, what options are available to the City?

II – Ships Waves Concerns – North beach (River side) and Beach Signage:

Diane Schleicher – A Tourist reported to her that while wading in the water a ships wave knocked them down.

Wanda Doyle- Should we put up warning signs?

Shirley Sessions – Yes, we should look into it

Todd Smith – The ships waves depend on the tide and ships direction; signs may not do any good. The beach area between the Racquet Club and Lighthouse Point is most likely the area of concern.

Diane Schleicher – Will contact Eric Olson for his opinion and report back to the Public Safety Committee.

### **Old Business:**

I- Review Police Staffing Levels:

Wanda Doyle – What is the schedule of the Bike Patrol?

Major Hagen – Passed out a Police Department Roster (Copy on File) and gave a brief summary on the number of officers and hours of the Beach Patrol, Bike Patrol and Foot Patrol. A Beach patrol Activity report for June 2011 was also passed out (Copy on File).

Wanda Doyle – Can Beach Patrol assist in traffic control?

Major Hagen – Yes, a policy is already in effect.

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