

## **8-25-2011 Public Safety Committee Minutes**

### Present:

City Council: Wanda Doyle, Frank Schuman

Shirley Sessions was at another meeting and unable to attend.

City Manager Diane Schleicher, Chief Bryson TIPD, Captain William Moseley TIPD  
Lt Jason Heckman TIPD, Joe Wilson DPW, Chief Sasser TIFD

Approval of 7-28-2011 PSC Minutes- Unanimous

### **New Business:**

#### 1- Life Guard Shack:

Wanda Doyle- Spoke with Mayor Buelterman and agrees there is a need for more space and possibly a different location.

Chief Sasser – Any other space or a higher building on the Strand may create opposition, the Marine Science Building is ideal whenever they relocate.

Wanda Doyle – It may take several years for the Marine Science Center to move

Wanda Doyle – I have no idea where to relocate the Lifeguards without blocking some else's view, where is the money for relocation?

Chief Sasser - The present lifeguard Trailer may be tight at times but it is functional since the Guards spend most of their time patrolling the beach.

Hunter Robinson – We need more room so the Guards have a place to get out of the heat and a place where multiple victims can be treated for injuries. By modifying the existing site a larger trailer could replace the existing one and be used for storage of the 4-wheelers and other equipment.

Wanda Doyle – We need a site plan including a drawing of the proposed new Lifeguard Trailer showing how it will be positioned on the property. There may be some SPLOST money available, we need to know expenses involved.

Joe Wilson – No permanent structure can be used without meeting FEMA flood requirements.

Chief Sasser – Will look at Construction style portable trailers

Diane Schleicher – Will check with Building and Zoning to see if an extension can added on to the Marine Science Center

Hunter Robinson – Will draw up a plan of the new site.

## **Old Business:**

### 1- Public Safety Building:

Wanda Doyle – I think it is time we try to do something about the Police Department Building, but are our goals too high? We should visit some other Public Safety Buildings and we may need to simplify the design.

Chief Bryson – Yes, we can use a smaller scale of possibly the Savannah Chatham Metro Islands Precinct Building, also Bluffton S.C. and Richmond Hill has a nice station, the Richmond Hill station fits into the neighborhood.

Diane Schleicher – We may be able to use the Lifeguard Van and plan a road trip to visit these and other sites.

Wanda Doyle – A visit to the Bluffton S.C Police Department would need to be placed on the agenda for out of state travel approval. Let's start with the Metro Station on Wilmington Island.

Chief Bryson – Will coordinate with the City Manager to see who wants to go and when.

Diane Schleicher – We should build a functional building for our needs and not overbuild, nice layout with security.

Chief Bryson – Basic building with a secure courtroom

Wanda Doyle – What happens to the present building after the new building is built?

Diane Schleicher – Demolish it and make parking.

Chief Sasser – Are we back to a Police Department or a Public Safety Building?

The Site Committee suggested the Old School property for a new Public Safety Building because the Cell Tower and Water Tank at the present Police Department site have the possibility to collapse in a storm. Will this building include a Fire Bay? There are grants that may be possible for a Public Safety Building.

Wanda Doyle – Chief Sasser to provide update on new Fire Bays at next PSC meeting.

Chief Sasser – All Police and Fire Department equipment needs to be secure at the present time there is some fire equipment stored outside the building because of the lack of space.

Chief Bryson – Will research grants for a Public Safety Building. (JB 8-29-2011)

