

9-22-2011 Public Safety Committee Minutes

Present: City Council – Wanda Doyle, Frank Schuman, Shirley Sessions

City Manager Diane Schleicher, Joe Wilson DPW, Chief Sasser TIFD, Hunter Robinson Ocean Rescue, Chief Bryson TIPD, Captain Moseley TIPD

Approval of 8-25-2011 Minutes – Unanimous

New Business:

1- Proposed Purchase of Used Police Motorcycle to Enhance Public Safety during High Volume Events – LNG Grant:

Chief Bryson – At present we cannot purchase as planned the one motorcycle with the \$10,000.00 LNG Grant money available the amount for the purchase is now \$14,200.00. The practical" bike "we would like is a Road King that is at the local Harley Davidson Shop previously used under a lease agreement with another Police agency.

Wanda Doyle – So there is a difference of \$4,200.00?

Shirley Sessions – Chief, What would you like to do?

Chief Bryson – Maybe try a one year lease that would include maintenance for \$3, 600. 00

Shirley Session – The contingency fund is for emergency use only.

Chief Bryson – This does not include emergency lights or siren.

Wanda Doyle – Maybe we should try the lease, is one "bike" plenty to try out?

Chief Bryson – We have plenty of 4- wheeler mules, I would like to have two "bikes "in the department. We could run radar from the bikes on Jones Avenue and other locations. A training class on "Bike Safety and Operations" is available at the Georgia State Public Safety Training Center

Joe Wilson – Harley Davidson police "bikes "are built stronger.

Shirley Sessions – What other communities use Police Motorcycles?

Chief Bryson – Savannah, Statesboro, Richmond Hill

Wanda Doyle – Is lease option the best way to proceed?

Diane Schleicher – Try a lease / purchase, send out a bid stating lease with option to buy.

Chief Bryson – Will get all the information together and send it to the City Manager.

2- Proposed Dogs and Children in Vehicle Warning Signage:

Wanda Doyle – Does anyone read the signs, will this be worth out time?

Shirley Sessions – This sign might make people take notice, maybe raise awareness.

Shirley Sessions – Be proactive, what is the price?

Diane Schleicher – Approximately \$600.00 for all the board walks and some other locations.

Chief Sasser – Post the signs at the entrance to the Parking Lots.

Wanda Doyle – Will the Humane Society donate to this project?

Shirley Sessions -I will check with the Humane Society.

Frank Schuman – I will check with Coastal Pet Rescue about donations.

(Copy of Proposed Sign on File)

Old Business:

1 – Public Safety Building – Discussion regarding Islands Precinct and Bluffton, SC Visit:

Wanda Doyle – There is a lot of difference between the two precincts. The Bluffton precinct is a very nice building with jail and conference rooms and no courtroom. The Islands precinct price was \$4,000.00.00 and the Bluffton, SC was \$6,000.000.00 The METRO Islands Precinct is also nice but no comparison with the Bluffton facility.

Shirley Session - Who designed the building?

Wanda Doyle – Choke Construction, There is a lot of money upfront for a Design Build project.

Chief Bryson – Richmond Hill is very nice it is designed to look like a house.

Wanda Doyle – Lets visit Richmond Hill and a few other Police Departments such as Fernandina Beach, Florida and other Beach Towns that are similar to our City.

Wanda Doyle – Lets make a list of what should be included in our new Police Building.

Diane Schleicher – Maybe we could downsize, build for today with plans for a later addition, maybe a 7000 or 8000 square foot building and get the job done without borrowing money.

Wanda Doyle – I asked a contractor the approximate square foot dollar amount to build; he said approximately \$150.00 per sq. ft.

Shirley Session – What is the budget for the Police Department to build?

Diane Schleicher – I will check on this, SPLOST money is available.

Chief Bryson – I will write a priority list for the new building.

Diane Schleicher – I will check on the elevation for the proposed site of the new building.

3 – Life Guard Shack Discussion:

Hunter Robinson – Can we add on to the Marine Science Center?

Diane Schleicher – Diane Otto of the Planning and Zoning Department said as long as the addition is not more than 50% of the current building. This addition would be a part of the same building and be used by Ocean Rescue.

Joe Wilson – We cannot add on to the Marine Science Center the 50% rule would allow us to renovate the present building but not build an addition.

Wanda Doyle – Can we use another mobile unit?

Joe Wilson – Will provide mobile information, a wide open unit with no petitions inside may serve the best purpose.

Hunter Robinson – What is the statue of the Marine Science Center?

Wanda Doyle – They are not close to moving to another location.

Hunter Robinson – Presented power point presentation showing the current configuration of the current Life Guard Buildings and a proposed addition of the Marine Science Center.

Shirley Sessions – Is there any conversation between the Life Guards and MSC Board members concerning their future move?

Hunter Robinson – We get along well

Shirley Session – Hunter should get on the MSC Board Agenda to discuss the Life Guard issues and show the urgency in moving.

Hunter Robinson – At present there is 716 square feet of unused area.

Shirley Sessions – Other Options?

Hunter Robinson – A business trailer would be good.

Shirley Sessions - We should get a written response from FEMA concerning whether we can add on to the present Marine Science Center Building.

We should get a price on a business trailer.

Diane Schleicher – Request Hunter to e-mail her the power point presentation so she can confer with Joe Wilson and Diane Otto.

Wanda Doyle - Hunter will make a list of needed items by the next PSC meeting

Chief Sasser – Where is the funding? The Ocean Rescue personnel are paid to be on the Beach not in an office.

3- Beach Signage:

Wanda Doyle – What is the statue of the proposed beach signage project?

Hunter Robinson - I have not heard anything back from the association that wanted to help out by placing their logo on the new signs.

Wanda Doyle - The money is in the budget for the new signs.

Diane Schleicher – The new signs will be placed at the cross walks using red lettering, we need to add the wording.

Wanda Doyle – We need to decide on which rules should be on the signs before a presentation can be made to Council.

Joe Wilson – If these are regulatory signs no ads should be on them.

Shirley Sessions - What is the price?

Joe Wilson – 64 signs for \$12,000.00

Shirley Sessions - We should prioritize our Beach Rules for the signs.

Wanda Doyle – Hunter to stay in touch with the City Manager and make a presentation to City Council in October or November.

4 – Fire Bay – Status of RFP:

Jimmy Brown – Administrator of project provided the following information:

9-26-2011- Advertisements will begin on the City Web - Site and in the Savannah Morning News

10-12-2011- 10:00a.m. - Pre- bid conference on site

10-19-2011- 10:00 a.m. – Bids are due at City Hall

10-20-2011 –10:00 a.m. – Bid Opening at City hall

(JB 9-26-2011)

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