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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
May 10, 2018
Brock Environmental Center**

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. and opened by President Broyles leading the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. President Broyles introduced several guests/speakers who were in attendance: Mayor Louis Jones; Captain John Orr; visiting Boy Scouts; Brad Martin, City Council Candidate; Nina Goodale-Salazar and Emily Labows from City of Virginia Beach Arts; representatives from the OPVRS; and our hosts at the Brock Center.
3. The crime report was presented by Captain Orr and both Officer Wroblewski. Captain Orr addressed the recent car thefts and car break-ins in Ocean Park. There were a total of 25-30 break-ins reported. Three cars were stolen. All were recovered, and all had the keys or key fob in the car at the time of the theft. Of the 20 cars that were broken into, 17 of the 20 were unlocked. The police have two suspects in custody and know the identify of the third but have not caught him yet. In one of the home security images, one of the suspects appeared to be carrying a gun. Captain Orr indicated that the gun had been stolen from one of the unlocked cars. One of the OP members asked if a Neighborhood Watch program had proved to be a deterrent to crime. Captain Orr that in the neighborhoods where there was more crime and the program had been implemented, they had seen some decline in crime, but that the biggest deterrent to the type of crime seen in Ocean Park is to lock cars and not leave anything of value in plain sight in the vehicle. He also indicated there is a process to obtaining a Neighborhood Watch program and the guidelines can be found online or he can provide it if needed. Captain Orr left brochures at the meeting about crime prevention.
4. Arlene Johnson, EMT with the OPVRS, and Kevin O'Hara announced a photo contest to create a calendar to benefit the OPVRS. Photographers can submit their photos and those selected will be used in a calendar for 2019 to be sold to help raise funds for the OPVRS. The contest runs from June 1 – August 31. Details can be found at OPVRS.com

5. Mayor Louis Jones explained the special election that will take place in November, 2018 to fill the vacancy created by the early resignation of former Mayor Will Sessoms. Two City Council members have announced their intent to run. Any City Council member who runs, must first resign his/her Council seat. Mayor Jones indicated he will run for re-election to City Council for the Bayside seat, but will not seek the mayor's seat.

Mayor Jones then provided the timeline for Phase IV of Shore Drive improvements. A few years ago the Bayside Advisory Committee asked to delay the implementation of Phase IV in order to get Phase II completed because of the number of pedestrian deaths on the east side of Lesner. More recently Phase IV has been moved from 2023 to 2021 and it may be able to be moved to 2020 for the design phase to begin. Funding is always the issue with establishing the timeline for these projects. The state provided \$80 million for the Lesner Bridge project which enabled the city to move forward as it has.

6. Nina Goodale-Salazar and Emily Labows provided information on a temporary art exhibit to be installed at Pleasure House Point. The artist is Benjamin Heller from New York City who works in stone. He will create a temporary sandstone basin in the shape of a terrapin. The exhibit will be in place for 18-24 months at a cost of \$15K. It is funded by the City and will be maintained by Parks and Recreation. They also announced that the installation of the Canoes art exhibit on the Lesner overlook will take place the week of June 16 and the dedication is set for June 23.
7. Betty Demers presented the minutes of the March general membership meeting and they were approved as written.
8. President Broyles announced that Jordan Wheeler has volunteered to fill the vacancy of at-large representative. The membership moved, seconded, and approved the appointment of Ms. Wheeler.
9. Blake Norris presented the treasurer's report. The report was approved as presented.
10. The Governmental Affairs Committee report, provided by Paul Schubert, was extensive and covered a variety of subjects. President Broyles remarked that a number of fees were increasing. Brad Martin, City Council candidate, clarified that in the past, the fees were broken out into a two-part fee. The new fee structure represents a combining of the fixed advertising and notification fees that were charged separately before.
11. Jill Doczi presented an update on the July 4th Fireworks show. It will be held on July 3rd, weather permitting, and donations are needed. She will be distributing envelopes as usual to provide a method for contributions. The barge will be located halfway between the Lesner and the western edge of Bayville, 1000 feet

off shore. The first edition of the digital newsletter has gone out. If anyone needs a hard copy (or knows of a neighbor who needs hard copy) please contact Jill.

12. Ryan McCawley noted that any members who needed to pay for 2018 can contact him or can pay via PayPal. The Fall Fest will be held this fall but a date has not been chosen yet. It will likely be at the Brock Center as it was last year.
13. Betty Demers reported that the 2018 scholarship winner is Samantha Bonde. Samantha is a resident of Ocean Park and a senior at Cox High School. The Scholarship Committee reviewed over 20 applicants this year and the caliber of the students was impressive.
14. President Broyles provided an update on correspondence with the city, in particular as it related to the Lesner Wharf. The city clearly intends to make this a permanent structure. Todd Parker presented a motion that was unanimously approved by the members present. The motion reads:

The Ocean Park Civic League is open to the City of Virginia Beach maintaining the Lesner Municipal Wharf (LMW) structure, but formally opposes neighborhood dredge spoils coming through LMW, and will oppose all SSD applications where LMW is proposed as an off-load site.

A separate motion was made and carried to fund legal fees to oppose the permit modification, not to exceed \$5000, to be spent at the discretion and approval of the Board. (There will not be any general membership meetings until September and it was felt this was necessary in the event that the funds are needed during the next few months.)

15. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

For the month of March 2018

Virginia Beach Capital Improvement Project (CIP) 2.118.000 Shore Drive Phase IV

- 5 March: Project now fully funded.
- Tim Solanic leads effort, and to provide report(s).

Lynnhaven Wharf: *in reference to city dredge property reverting from a temporary wharf to a permanent wharf.*

- Public Works meeting with Civic Organizations to discuss.
- Bayfront Advisory Commission (BAC) Newsletter posted an article
 - See Enclosure 1

Virginia Beach Wetlands Board Agenda activity

Formal hearing is held the third Monday of every month, at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers

- Nothing to report

Virginia Beach Planning Commission activity

Formal hearing is held the second Wednesday of every month, at noon in Council Chambers

- Planning has recommended an increase in Fees to be considered for approval at the May 15 City Council Meeting.
 - See enclosure 2 for detail.

Virginia Beach Board of Zoning Appeals Agenda activity

Formal hearing is held the first Monday of every month, at 2:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

- Nothing to report

City Manager planned Council Agenda items

April 10, 2018

- Workshop Briefings: City Hall Concept Design – Thomas Nicholas
- Budget Briefings:
 - Planning – Barry Frankenfield
 - Public Utilities – Bob Montague
 - Public Works – Mark Johnson
 - Information Technology – Pedro Wallace

April 17, 2018

- Budget Briefings:
 - Commonwealth's Attorney – Collin Stolle
 - Clerk of the Circuit Court – Tina Sinnen
 - Sheriff and Corrections – Ken Stolle
 - Juvenile and Domestic Relations
 - District Court – Curtis Mayfield
 - Circuit Court – Tina Sinnen
 - Magistrates Office
 - Juvenile Probation
 - General District Court
 - Emergency Communications and Citizen Services – Stephen Williams
 - Emergency Medical Services – Chief Edward Brazle
 - Fire Department – Chief Dave Hutcheson
 - Office of Emergency Management – Erin Sutton

- Police – Chief James Cervera

April 24, 2018

- Budget Briefings:
 - Virginia Beach City Public Schools – Superintendent Dr. Aaron Spence
 - Libraries – Eva Poole
 - Economic Development – Warren Harris
 - Convention and Visitors Bureau- Brad van Dommelen
 - Agriculture– David Trimmer

Virginia Beach City Council activity

Formal hearing is held the first and third Tuesday of every month, at 6:00 p.m.

March 6, 2018

- Working Group briefing items of interest:
 - CIP218 Phase IV (Shore Drive) now fully funded.
 - *Work to start Sept. 2023*
 - Coastal CIP 8-020 BAY BEACHES RESILIENCY STUDY AND RESTORATION
 - *Initiates preliminary planning, design, and permitting framework necessary for a programmatic shore protection and beach management strategy for Cape Henry and **Ocean Park** beaches*
 - *Determines need and level of protection required*
 - *Provides an “engineered beach” required for eligibility for federal disaster relief funds*
 - *Preliminary design underway*
 - Coastal CIP 8-013 LYNNHAVEN INLET MAINTENANCE DREDGING II
 - *Periodic maintenance dredging of Lynnhaven Inlet and connecting waterways*
 - *Cost participation with U.S. Army Corp of Engineers*
 - *Planned three year maintenance cycle subject to federal appropriations*
 - *Last full channel dredging completed December 2013*
 - *Minor dredging completed November 2017*
 - *Next major dredging planned for Fall 2018*
 - *City is pursuing a contributed funds agreement to allow full depth dredging.*
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 - Next Crab Creek dredging planned for February 2019
 - Coastal CIP 8-110 EASTERN BRANCH LYNNHAVEN RIVER MAINTENANCE DREDGING
 - *Dredging of Eastern Branch Lynnhaven River main channel*
 - *Project includes:*
 - *Mechanical dredging and truck hauling to Whitehurst Dredged Material Management Area (located off Oceana Blvd.)*
 - *Design Underway*
 - *Construction of transfer facility planned for Spring 2018*
 - Coastal CIP 8-408 PLEASURE HOUSE POINT MITIGATION
 - *Development of a wetlands mitigation facility on City owned property*
 - *Mitigation Banking Instrument Under Agency Review*
 - *Potential use for Neighborhood Dredging SSD projects as an option for mudflat impact mitigation*
 - *Construction planned for Fall 2018*
 - Coastal CIP 8-024 PLEASURE HOUSE POINT MITIGATION FUNDS
 - *Implementation start up funding*

- *Provides financial assurance required by approval agencies for perpetual maintenance*
- *Provides required funding for pre-release of credits*
- Agenda items of interest
 - Public Comment on Short Term Rentals. 55 speakers presented
 - Ordinances to AMEND City Code Sections: b. 6- 12, 7- 1, 7- 59, 7- 59. 1, 7- 59.2, 7- 59. 3, 7. 59.4 and 7- 59. 6 re: the definition of Electric Powered Utility Cart and Regulations for riding on the beach or boardwalk
 - *An electric powered utility cart is a battery powered conveyance, controlled by a person walking in front or alongside it.*

March 13, 2018

- (Workshop) Shore drive corridor brief was not heard, from lack of time.

March 20, 2018

- Ordinance decisions in regards to Short Term Rentals (STR) deferred for 60 days.

Pleasure House Point North: *in reference to proposed property development by CCW adjacent to the 7-11 on Shore Dr. near Shady Oaks Dr.*

- Nothing to report

Sea Level Rise Workshops

- Nothing to report

Of interest:

- Public Hearing (Resource Management Plan and Capital Improvement Projects)
Virginia Beach Convention Center April 25, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.



End of Report

Enclosure 2

Baylines Newsletter article (BAC)

City proceeds with wharf plan



City of Virginia Beach file photo

Virginia Beach plans to proceed with applications to convert the wharf at Lynnhaven Inlet from a temporary support facility for the Lesner Bridge replacement to a permanent municipal wharf, a public works official told the Bayfront Advisory Commission.

Opposition to this plan, which has predated Lesner Bridge construction, continued into the BAC meeting with several of those pressing Coastal Engineer Phill Roehrs to promise an environmental impact study before the project moves forward.

Roehrs said the city would comply with all requirements by the state Department of Environmental Quality, Virginia Marine Resources Commission and Army Corps of Engineers as these regulating agencies review the wharf application.

David Williams, an opponent, asked if the city pledged to comply with environmental requirements. "Always," answered Roehrs.

BAC member Martin Thomas asked whether it was necessary for the City Council to pass an ordinance on this issue.

Roehrs replied no, "but you-all will have every leg to stand on if we break our promise."

It would cost about \$1.17 million to remove the wharf and about \$1.24 million to preserve it. The wharf would be used for federal Lynnhaven Inlet dredging contracts, mooring Army Corp dredges during such work, maintaining the new Lesner Bridge and storage of dredged materials from Crab Creek and Long Creek.

Williams characterized the plan as "creating a commercial junkyard for the (Army Corps of Engineers) versus private use You're changing the entire theme of the basin."

Enclosure 2

Proposed Planning Fee increases

Summary of Requests

- The above amendments are proposed to modify the fees that the Planning Department charges in order to bring the fee to a level that is closer to the cost of providing the service. The chart below provides a summary of the proposed charges.
- The proposed fees now include a fixed advertising and notification fee, which were formally variable and charged separately.

	Current Fee (Advertising and notification fee <u>not</u> included)	Proposed Fee (Advertising and notification fee included)
Planning Commission/City Council Fees		
Conditional Use Permit		
Nonprofit & Home Occupation	\$200	\$360
All others	\$900	\$1090
Modification of a Conditional Use Permit		
Nonprofit & Home Occupation	\$200	\$360
All others	\$500	\$660
Rezoning	\$900	\$1090
Conditional Rezoning	\$1,200	\$1,360
Modification of Proffers	\$500	\$660
Nonconforming Use	\$500	\$660
Subdivision Variance	\$650	\$810
Alternative Compliance	\$400	\$560
Street Closure	\$250	\$410
Board of Zoning Appeals Fees		
Residential	\$250	\$400
Nonresidential	\$350	\$500
Wetlands Board Fees		
Wetland Permit	\$300	\$450
Wetland Permit Deferral	\$100	\$230
Coastal Primary Sand Dune Permit	\$300	\$450
Coastal Primary Sand Dune Permit Deferral	\$100	\$230

Recommendation

The proposed amendments are recommended for approval. The amendments permit revisions to the fees that will be more in line with the services provided by Staff for review and analysis of projects, as well as permit a fixed, rather than a variable, advertising fee.