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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
September 6, 2018
Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad**

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. and opened with President Broyles leading the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. President Broyles recognized Lynda Martin and the Social Committee members who arranged for the pre-meeting food and beverages. City Council and Mayoral candidates were present for a "meet and greet" prior to the meeting.
3. Officer Wroblewski was unable to attend so there was no crime report presented.
4. Members of the Virginia Beach Public Works department provided a presentation that encompassed improvements to the Lesner Bridge, Shore Drive Phase IV improvements, E. Stratford Road new signal, Shore Drive paving, Ocean Park street maintenance, and stormwater pump station maintenance. Attending from Public Works were Phillip Koetter, David Jarman, Mark Johnson and Valerie Henchel. The highlights are as follows:
 - a. Construction on the Lesner Bridge is 94% complete. Work continues on the westbound pedestrian/bike lane. Road/bridge work will be complete in late October and final completion is scheduled for late December.
 - b. Phase IV Shore Drive improvements which includes the 0.6-mile segment of Shore Drive between East Stratford and Marlin Bay Drive is scheduled to start construction in 2023. This will include edge treatments and multi-use paths. This project had been put on hold while Phase III improvements east of the Lesner were completed per request from the Bayfront Advisory Council.
 - c. Pedestrian crosswalks and a new traffic signal is currently under design for East Stratford Road near the OPVRS. Construction is scheduled to start in January 2019
 - d. Shore Drive will be repaved from Marlin Bay Drive to the Lesner Bridge as an interim fix until Phase IV can be implemented. This could be completed as early as mid-November of 2018 or as late as March 2019.
 - e. Mr. Koetter recently visited Ocean Park and walked through the streets with Andrew Broyles and Mike Wills to view first-hand some of the issues with the streets. Mr. Koetter presented a map that showed streets classified and prioritized based on conditions, and he explained how those decisions are made. Streets classified as "red" on the map are those that will receive immediate attention and others will be scheduled based on their classification.

- f. The storm water pump station on Powhatan Avenue will be taken off-line for about 60 days beginning October 2018 to allow for electrical repairs. A by-pass pump will be used in that time. The by-pass pump will be located outside of the pump station and, if utilized, will produce noticeable noise. Homes in the area will be notified.
 - g. The storm water pump station at 3657 E. Stratford Road needs to be completely replaced. It will be off-line beginning October 2018 and will remain down for 13-14 months. A by-pass pump will also be used at that station.
5. President Broyles introduced the 18 City Council or Mayoral candidates that were present at the meeting. Each candidate was given 3 minutes to provide an introduction and their key platforms for the upcoming elections. A number of candidates remained after the meeting for questions and answers with members. Those in attendance were:

Tim Worst	John Coker
Brad Martin	John Moss
Louis Jones	Suzanne Henderson
Gary Hubbard	Bobby Dyer
Mike Maskell	Ben Davenport
Karen Kwasny	Barbara Henley
Linda Bright	Sabrina Wooten
Dee Oliver	Eric Wray
Jim Wood	Rick Kowolewitch
6. The May 10, 2018 minutes from the general membership meeting were approved as presented.
7. The treasurer's report for year-to-date ending July 31, 2018 was approved as presented. (August bank statements were not available at the time of the report.)
8. Paul Schubert presented the Governmental Affairs Committee report and highlighted areas of interest to the members.
9. Jill Doczi reported that the fund raising for the fireworks was sufficient to make the down payment on the 2019 fireworks show which is due in October. At the January meeting, members can vote on whether to have the show on July 3rd or 4th. There are advantages/disadvantages to each date, and Jill will present information at that time. There has been some discussion with a segment of Chesapeake Beach about joining in the fireworks show and contributions, but nothing has taken place at this time.
10. There was no report on the PHP clean-up, but everyone was reminded to check Facebook and the OPCL web page for information about clean-up dates.
11. Social Committee Chair, Lynda Martin, announced that the OPCL Fall Fest will be held at the Brock Center again this year. The date is October 20, 3-7 p.m. The exact times will be announced, and members should check Facebook and the OPCL web page for more information. This event is free with a paid membership to the OPCL.
12. There was no Finance Committee update at this time.
13. The President has appointed three board members to the Nominating Committee for upcoming elections: Todd Parker, Blake Norris, and Betty Demers. If anyone wishes to serve or to make a nomination, please contact one of these individuals, or email Betty Demers, Secretary, at bdemers5@verizon.net.

14. President Broyles provided an update on correspondence with the Army Corps of Engineers with regard to the Lynnhaven Wharf. The ACOE asked for input so the civic league sent a letter that detailed the stance that the membership unanimously voted on during the May 2018 meeting: not to oppose the wharf if used for dredging operations for Ocean Park, but to oppose any use of the area for dredge transfer from privately contracted neighborhood dredging.

Todd Parker added that OPCL has been given approval by the membership to use funds as necessary to oppose this type of use. Minutes of the actions taken at the May meeting read: *"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, not to exceed \$5000, to oppose the permit modification."*

In the letter to the ACOE, OPCL requested a public hearing with ACOE. ACOE recently responded that it would not hold a public hearing on this issue. OPCL will continue to monitor and pursue this issue and will keep the membership updated.

15. Old/Unfinished Business:

- a. President Broyles indicated that efforts to have the neighborhood approved as a golf cart community will continue. Volunteers are still needed to canvas the north and south side neighborhoods to solicit signatures on the petition that is needed to present to City Council. Mike Wills showed right-of-way areas at beach access points that could be potential parking areas for 3-4 golf carts each.
- b. President Broyles indicated that OPCL is pursuing registering the Ocean Park logo as a trademark with the assistance of William Sykes. A local company recently used the logo, without permission, to print and sell t-shirts. Because the logo is not trademarked, it is not currently protected from any use by any party.

16. New Business:

- a. The OPCL By-Laws are being reviewed with possible revisions needed. Any recommendations for revisions would need to be approved by the general membership. If anyone has suggestions for revisions, they should contact any member of the Board.
- b. President Broyles showed an aerial view of the "Tazewell Triangle" that is a green area created at the intersection of Tazewell Road and E. Stratford Road. Residents have adopted this spot and in conjunction with the city, the area will be cleared and a live oak tree planted. A landscape architect and a turf management company (Ocean Park residents) are also involved in this joint beautification project with the city.

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

OPCL Government Affairs Committee Report

Submitted by: Paul Schubert

31 Mar. 2018

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

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.