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CITY OF TYBEE ISLAND

City Council Regular Meeting
March 26, 2026 — 6:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order — The City of Tybee Island City Council held a regular city council meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 78 Van Horne Avenue, Tybee Island, GA 31328. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Brian West at approximately 6:34 PM. Mayor Pro Tem Michael "Spec" Hosti, Councilmember Tony Ploughe, Councilmember Nick Sears, and Councilmember Kathryn Williams were also present. Councilmember Nick Hale and Councilmember Cam Jackson attended the meeting virtually via Microsoft Teams.
Administrative Staff Attendance — City Manager Bret Bell, Assistant City Manager Michelle Owens, City Clerk Fabian Mann, City Attorney Edward Hughes, and City Attorney Tracy O'Connell were present.

Invocation — The invocation was led by **Sheron Burgess.**

Pledge of Allegiance — The pledge of allegiance was led by **Mayor West**.

Consideration of Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Williams made a motion to remove Item 7 ("Approval of Construction Contract for South Annex Building Improvements with Seaport Roofing, LLC . . .") from the agenda. **Councilmember Hosti** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously**.

Consideration of Items for Consent Agenda

- City Council Regular Meeting Minutes — March 12, 2026
- Approval of Professional Services Contract for the Design of Tybee Island's New Fire Station with Court Atkins Architects in the amount of $642,900.00
- Approval of Contract Award for the Expansion and Modernization of Tybee Island's Surveillance Camera Infrastructure with Remote Technology Security Services in the amount of $120,289.78
- Approval of Rental Agreement for the Deployment of Barricades, Fencing, and Portable Toilets with United Site Services in the amount of $115,498.10
- Approval of Purchase Agreement for a Styrofoam Densifier, Associated Appurtenances, and Related Staff Training with FoamCycle, LLC in the Amount of $85,000.00
- Approval of Task Order #50 for Engineering Services Related to South End Sanitary Sewer Replacement Projects with Thomas and Hutton in the Amount of $90,350.00

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- Approval of Task Order #49 for Engineering Services Related to Mid-Island Sanitary Sewer Replacement Projects with Thomas and Hutton in the Amount of $77,810.00
- Approval of Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement to Initiate Installation of the Wayfinding Signage System within GDOT Rights-of-Way
- Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Employment Background Screening Services with Data Facts, Inc.

City Manager Discussion

City Manager Bret Bell provided the Mayor and City Council with high-level updates of the following items: Memorial Park master plan project, Solomon Avenue planning, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant projects, Live Oak Fiber status, historic district designation, new fire station development, beach renourishment, short term rental application process, wayfinding system, and Tybee Island Maritime Academy location.

Staff Report

Community Development Director Patricia Sinel provided an update on the City's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program and the Community Rating System (CRS). Tybee Island is currently rated a 5, which is tied for the highest in Georgia, providing residents a 25% discount on flood insurance.

Public Comments

- Beth Reed, Sustainability Committee member, expressed her support of the City purchasing the Stryofoam densifier.

Consideration of Approval of Consent Agenda

Councilmember Ploughe made a motion to approve the consent agenda. **Councilmember Williams** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consider of Agreements

- Award of Professional Services Contract for Memorial Park Master Plan Development with CHA Solutions in the Amount of $99,300.00

Councilmember Hosti made a motion to approve the professional services contract for Memorial Park Master Plan development with CHA Solutions. **Councilmember Williams** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions

- Approval of Resolution 2026-04, Regarding the Abandonment of a Portion of Right-of-Way Property Near Lazaretto Creek

Councilmember Hosti made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-04. **Councilmember Sears** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Session

Councilmember Williams made a motion to move into executive session regarding real estate and litigation. **Councilmember Ploughe** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Councilmember Hosti made a motion to return to the regular meeting from an executive session. **Councilmember Ploughe** seconded the motion**. Motion passed unanimously.**

Adjournment

Councilmember Hosti made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Councilmember Ploughe** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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Brian West, Mayor

Attest:

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Fabian Mann, Jr., City Clerk