

Business district sewer, west-end access top Tuesday agenda

Long Beach

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ment plant. Up to 170,000-gallon daily flow would be offered Long Beach within a year when construction of a new water reuse system on seven acres off Fish Factory Road ups Yaupon Beach wastewater capacity to nearly the 400,000-gallon-per-day capacity of that town's wastewater treatment plant.

The wastewater collaboration was so successful the towns began to talk of sharing other services. On October 1, the Yaupon Beach Board of Commissioners and Long Beach Town Council announced plans to pursue consolidation of the two towns, creating the new Town of Oak Island, by July 11, 1999.

In an October 14 letter to assistant town manager Bob Grant, HUA vice-president David T. Upchurch described the need conveyed to the firm to move deliberately in its work.

"We understand the critical nature of the project, based on the inability to expand and develop your central business district and the impending agreements with Yaupon Beach and possibly others to serve Long Beach with public wastewater management systems," Upchurch wrote.

Upchurch said grantsmanship was a particular strength of HUA's. The firm has aided clients in securing over \$250 million in grants from state, federal and other agencies.

The first phase of a Long Beach wastewater system will be designed to bring sewer service to the town's

central business district, where many businesses -- especially restaurants -- have been unable to expand and grow due to wastewater processing limitations.

"Phase I of this long-term goal will serve the business district and commercial areas along Oak Island Drive from approximately 40th Street to 79th Street where the wastewater will be discharged to (the) collection and treatment system of the Town of Yaupon Beach," the HUA proposal says.

The HUA description of project approach says, "Phase I likely will become the major transmission corridor for the remainder of the island service area" so it must be designed with capacities to handle that load. In all, 10,500 linear feet of 15-inch and 18-inch gravity lines will be laid

in phase I and 5,200 linear feet of force main will complete the project from a proposed pump station at 63rd Street to the Yaupon Beach interconnection.

Mayor Joan Altman said Hobbs, Upchurch and Associates met the town's qualification that it not have any business association with neighboring local governments.

"One of the conditions was that the firm selected not be doing business with the Town of Yaupon Beach or with the sanitary district," mayor Altman said, "because of possible conflicts of interest."

Walters said the firm's local references had checked out well. It is doing a major sewer project of the City of Wilmington at this time.

The Point

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four working sessions will be conducted before a comprehensive report is made to town council.

"We decided to make the most cost-effective improvements immediately -- to improve road shoulders on West Beach Drive and Kings Lynn Drive," Collier said.

Town staff developed the project further. West Beach Drive will be widened by ten feet for a distance of 410 feet from its western terminus. Kings Lynn Drive will be widened ten feet for a distance of 1,100 feet from its western terminus.

A ten-inch-deep layer of stone will be placed to widen the roads.

Collier said The Point committee

has agreed to divide its work into five segments. Its next recommendations may be for additional parking facilities.

"We will be bringing forward more information and additional reports," Collier said. "Pocket parking has been an issue in the Fragile Area Management Plan. The general thinking of The Point committee is we should develop two larger, almost parking lots, for between 15 and 25 cars ... each being at the terminus of West Beach Drive and Kings Lynn Drive."

The town currently does not own the property the committee proposes to develop for parking, however.

"The space is there," Collier said. "We just don't own it yet."

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FOR SHERIFF ON NOVEMBER 3RD

CRIME PREVENTION, NOT CRIME FIGHTING

C rime Prevention is a major issue in this campaign. As the crime rate has increased under the current sheriff's department administration, I have some new programs that I feel will help in reducing crime. Listed below are several programs that I feel will make a difference in preventing crime. *The key to reducing the crime rate is not in fighting crime, but in crime prevention.*

I feel that it is not right to just complain about something unless you have possible solutions to the problems. Listed below are some ideas that I feel will make a difference in preventing crime and making things safer for us all.

- I would like to set up two new programs aimed at our children. The first program is called **Teens, Crime, and Community (TCC)**. This program will address problems of teens carrying guns in school, larcenies, shoplifting, gangs, vandalism, sexual assaults, drugs, alcohol, and more. TCC is an effort between law officers and a comprehensive safe school approach to educate the youth to avoid weapons, drugs or a need for self-destructive behavior. **I want every student to attend a safe and secure school, one that is free of fear and favorable to learning.**
- The second program is a nationally accepted program and is called "**Fight Crime: Invest in Kids**." This program is a power weapon which addresses quality educational child care in the first 5 years of life. It can greatly reduce the risk that today's babies and toddlers will become tomorrow's juvenile delinquents and criminals.
- I will require officers to stop by day care businesses on regular basis. This will help children create a better feeling towards law enforcement. It will give the small children a positive role model. (It's bad when a small child argues with others over who gets to be the bad guy instead of the cop.) Furthermore, this will give the parents more piece of mind about their child's safety while the parent is away at work.
- I would like to have the officers go to a **FLEET GAS CARD** system. Too much time is wasted from patrol duties by officers having to drive from Leland, Calabash or Southport area, to go to Bolivia to gas up their patrol cars. By going to gas cards each officer will save 45 to 70 minutes going round trip to Bolivia to gas up. *This time could be better spent patrolling the communities.* Gas cards will also save on vehicle wear and tear by reducing the miles driven just to get gas. Using gas cards will also put officers at a business, which is a good crime deterrent. The final thing gas cards will do is put the money back into our communities.
- I would like to set up a **COP'S PROGRAM**. This is a **Citizens on Patrol** program in which citizens are trained to be the **EYES-AND EARS** of the law. These citizens would wear special shirts and place magnetic signs on their cars and would patrol their communities. If crimes are observed or suspicious vehicles/people spotted, the citizens-on-patrol would contact the authorities.
- I would like to set up a computerized program that would call daily to check on the elderly or sick confined to their home.
- Deputies will start more active patrols off the main roads and more into the subdivisions, communities, and down dirt roads for higher visibility to stop criminals from preying upon their next victims.
- I will try to set up one of the most proactive crime-prevention programs that Brunswick County has ever seen. This will include a **citizen committee with representatives from the community that I (as Sheriff) will meet with every few months.** This will allow individuals to address the concerns of the people and to find a solution to problems within their areas.
- **COMMUNITY POLICING** - I will guide the sheriff's department in developing and setting up community-oriented policing programs for our county. Example: officers will be assigned to patrol areas in which they live (when possible). This will enable citizens to know their deputies, and vice-versa. This type of policing will help citizens and officers in times of emergency. Officers will learn their neighbor's locations, habits, and vehicles that belong in that area. *Not even the best equipped and prepared agency can even be marginally successful without community involvement and support.*
- I would like to establish a **TRAFFIC SAFETY UNIT** that would help to combat the drunk driving problem and speeding in school zone problems in this county. This unit would help to promote traffic safety and seat belt use for children through school programs.
- I would like to form a **joint crime and drug task force** that would include local, state, and federal agencies. This would enable officers to share information and actively participate as a team in solving our county's problems of drugs and violent crime. *(No more nickel-dime drug arrest.)*
- I will try to increase the morale within the department. This can be achieved by giving the officers better job security. Furthermore, by enacting the Officers Bill of Rights and following set procedures for disciplinary actions. These small steps will aid in reducing employee turnover. To give the officers the best equipment and training available, therefore increasing the effectiveness of the officers to do the best job possible. **Finally and most important, to give the men and women of the department the credit when they do a good job.**

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