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Kimberly…

On behalf of City Council, thanks for writing. The next Council meeting is Tuesday, June 16, at the Ted C. Collins Law Enforcement Center, 1101 North Oak Street. It begins with a workshop at 9:00 a.m., followed by the regular meeting at 10:00 a.m. The agenda will be available by the end of the day on Friday and will be published on our website, www.cityofmyrtlebeach.com. We, too, are concerned about the recent trend of unlawful behavior on Ocean Boulevard since the COVID-19 health restrictions were relaxed. Visitors are coming to Myrtle Beach and behaving badly, to put it mildly. Fortunately, the Myrtle Beach Police Department has been on the scene and has quickly made arrests, sometimes within seconds. The lesson here is, "Misbehave in Myrtle Beach and you'll end up in jail."

Actually, our crime rate is appreciably lower today than it was 15 or 20 years ago. See the attached graphs. Twenty years ago, social media wasn't as prominent. Today, thanks to Facebook and other similar systems, it's easy to magnify a problem. Please know that the Myrtle Beach Police Department and our partner agencies are addressing this illegal behavior that we've seen in recent weeks. We have additional support from the SC Highway Patrol and State Law Enforcement Division (SLED). During the last few years, the city also has been adding new police officers (10 per year for the last three years, plus 10 more next year), as well as installing 800-plus surveillance cameras, license plate readers at every entrance and exit to the city and increasing police officers' starting salary and pay scales. As the graphs show, these efforts have been successful.

Thanks again,
Mark Kruea
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I would like to know when your next city council meeting is planned?

I moved to Myrtle Beach South Carolina 9 months ago from Los Angeles,California. I was very active in City Council meetings there and I was hoping that I could relax and trust the elected officials here but alas, I cannot. I've watched the crime Skyrocket here in the last nine months and as a partially disabled woman I'm now fearful to walk my dog near the beach. As I understand the elected officials here have chosen to do nothing to pr ok more safety and so I guess it's time to start coming to City Council meetings and hopefully get my neighbors to as well so that we can encourage you to do your jobs.

I would appreciate a timely response to my email request of when your City Council meetings are planned?

K. Mason

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