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Meeting of the

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

WILDWOOD CITY HALL

COMMUNITY ROOM

16860 Main Street

1. ROLL CALL

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Documents:

DRAFT COPY OF MINUTES SEP 8, 2016.PDF

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.I. Review Of 2017 Police Operating Budget And Police Services Agreement

Documents:

REVIEW OF 2017 POLICE OPERATING BUDGET AND POLICE SERVICES AGREEMENT.PDF

4.II. Parking Restrictions On Babler View Drive

Documents:

PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON BABLER VIEW DRIVE.PDF

4.III. Possible Traffic Calming Project For Pond Grover Loop Road

Documents:

POSSIBLE TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECT FOR POND GROVER LOOP ROAD.PDF

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.I. Cut Through Traffic – Proposed Education / PR Effort (Council Member Bertolino)

Documents:

GREEN PINES DRIVE SAFETY COMMITTEE.PDF

6. BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

6.I. No Items

7. NOT READY FOR ACTION

7.I. No Parking Restriction On Carriage View Drive

7.II. Bicycling Safety Education

8. OTHER

8.I. None

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Public Safety Wil Consider and Act upon the Maters Listed above and Such Others a s May Be Presented at the Meting and Determined to Be Appropriate for Discussion at That Time.

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Meeting of the

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 6:30 pm

Wildwood City Hall Community Room
16860 Main Street

Committee Members in Attendance:
Marshal William Garrett
Council Member Dave Bertolino
John Gragnani
Walt Guller
Captain Tim Tanner (Wildwood Police)
Deputy Chief John Bradley (Metro West Fire Protection District)

Committee Member Absent:

Also Present:
Ryan Thomas, City Administrator
Rick Brown, Director of Public Works
Debra Smith McCutchen, Ward 5 Council Member

I. ROLL CALL

A roll call was taken at 6:30pm. With the above noted as present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Board Member Gragnani, seconded by Council Member Bertolino to approve the minutes from the July 7, 2016 meeting. All voted in favor and the motion was approved.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was much concern and discussion regarding traffic safety from the Wildwood residents in attendance, some of the discussion is as follows:

Mike Wuller- The cut through traffic out west, for drivers traveling south to Forest Leaf Parkway to Westglen Farms Dr., is experiencing more traffic from the west causing high volume traffic. There is a lack of enforcement at the 4-way stop, heading east to Fullerton Meadows Dr. There are also issues with speed limit enforcement on Fullerton Meadows Dr. The high volume of traffic is very concerning and with the Pond Grover Loop Road extension not being approved, the traffic will not be decreasing. He has not received any assistance regarding this issue for some time now.

Steve Casper- He believes traffic is at its worth on Forest Leaf Parkway, and the residents need the City's help. He believes traffic is at its worst. He suggested where Green Pines Dr. use to end, we get that closure back. People cut through to get to Green Pines Elementary and to the traffic light. This could possibly end traffic problems, allowing driver's access to only Green Pines Dr. and back.

Stephanie Stempf - She requested a safety survey on Thunderhead Canyon Dr. last year. Speed didn't appear to be the problem, but volume is. Eight children live near the stop sign (cross street is Prospector Ridge Dr.) and there are a lot of bus riders, therefore she is very concerned about the safety for the children on her street. The police departments have been out there to issue tickets, and she said there were four tickets issued this morning. However, the street was not built for through traffic, and 7-9:30am

and 2:30-6:30pm are extremely high volume times. She inquired if the City can install signs to discourage people from using the road as a cut-through, would it help.

Christine Walker- Resident who lives on Green Pines Dr., she has lived there for nearly 30 years. The street is too narrow for the high volume of traffic. Her suggestion would be to close Green Pines Dr. at Pond Grover Loop Rd.

Larry Ball- Submitted a petition to the Board to remove the speed cushions at Green Pines Dr. The petitions consisted of 22 people wanting to remove the speed cushions and 8 wanting to keep the speed cushions. Three homeowners would not answer their door (after several attempts). They are asking to have the cushions removed because drivers are driving down the middle of street, this becomes challenging as drivers in both directions approach the speed bumps. If people would utilize the cushions properly they could work, and some people currently say they do help. Therefore Mr. Ball is asking the Board to discuss and recommend. He did want to point out that the police presence has been prevalent.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Deer Hunting

Due to last month's Board of Public Safety Meeting, regarding the over population of deer in the City of Wildwood, Board Member Gragnani has taken initiative in his own subdivision and will be granting permission for a bow hunter to hunt on property. He has provided a draft letter to the board as an option to provide to HOAs. He understands this is controversial issue, but it is apparent the deer are in larger numbers than should be in this area. He would not recommend moving the hunting season. Permissions would only be granted during normal hunting season, and hunters would be required to have permission from property owners to hunt on land.

Marshal Garrett expressed that the thought of approving smaller acres, scare him and the deer traveling a long way after being hit. Can deer legally be hunted 200 yards within a common dwelling?

The Board discussed that this could work on 3 acre lots, but there are higher density populated areas such as Westglen Farms, which makes it very difficult. The houses are so close, and would residents want someone shooting a deer in their backyard? Marshal Garrett recommended looking at the subdivisions' common grounds and talk to HOAs, to see if they would approve hunting in the common ground areas. Board Member Gragnani offered to survey property owners and see if they'd like to cooperate.

Board Member Gragnani pointed out that other towns allow deer hunting on properties smaller than 3 acres, and this is in response to the residents wanting the city to deal with the deer population. However, if this is something not to be considered then it can end here.

Board Member Walt Guller expressed that there are too many obstacles. He does not support at this time.

Marshall Garrett suggests looking at HOAs and see if they will approve hunting in the common grounds.

This issue will be put on hold for now.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Cut through Traffic – Proposed Education / Public Relations Effort

In light of the recent City Council action pertaining to Pond Grover Loop Road Extension, Council Member David Bertolino has requested that the Board of Public Safety discuss the feasibility of conducting a public relations effort to educate the public to avoid cutting through adjacent neighborhoods in order to reach their destination.

Council Member Bertolino would like to adopt money to fund public relations effort towards educating the public on the cut through effort. For the past five years everyone complains of speeding; however there has not been an attempt in his five years on the committee to re-educate citizens. Let's educate people to use Pond-Grover Loop Rd. to the West and use Highway 109 as the main artery. Educate drivers to stop cutting through subdivisions. Many drivers currently believe cutting through is safer and faster, however many would disagree and argue otherwise.

Council Member Bertolino proposes the City to use their marketing firm to start and design a campaign to address, influence (and enforce), and encourage citizens to start changing their driving habits. This would consist of; minimal costs, the ability for more immediate action to be taken, and would alleviate congestion for homes on Green Pines Dr. He would like the committee to make a motion and propose to City Council to entertain funding of a public relations education effort.

Marshal Garrett inquired as to how they plan to educate. Council Member Bertolino has talked to the PR firm, and the initial plan would be as follows:

First- Educate, such as mailings that will reach all homeowners. Utilizing as much media as possible.
Second- Demonstrate, put up informational signs.
Third- Reinforcement, reinforce good behavior.
Fourth- Enforcement, enforce the laws such as speeding.

A resident in attendance asked if they can put up a temporary road block on Green Pines Dr., eliminating outside drivers. The board discussed this but it may cause a hardship for those that drive to the nearby elementary school. This would also re-route traffic into other neighboring subdivisions.

Board Member Gragnani suggested the idea of putting up signs as to when traffic can drive through. Signs would not stop people from cutting through, but if an ordinance was in effect it could be enforced and would trigger citations. He shared an example regarding a road (Babler Park Dr.) near St. Luke's Hospital that connected major roads; the residents' were concerned with the high volume of traffic cutting through. Therefore the city put up signs, citations were given by police, and overtime drivers cutting through got the message.

If the above option does not work, he suggested the second option could be to utilize flexible ballards (i.e.Turnberry Place Dr.). However, parents driving to and from the school should be taken into consideration. Who can get through and who cannot? What about buses?

Debra Smith McCutchen wanted to add that there has been more law enforcement presence, which has made a positive impact. Can more "Keep Kids Alive" signs be added, and increase the

fine? Per Ryan Thomas you can't double fines based on recent changes to the Missouri statutes. Due to a recent court reform they have reduced the maximum amount for fines (legislative sessions recently passed). Board Member Guller made a point that the City should look at all of the cut-through streets, especially Westglen Farms Dr., and asked if it would be feasible to hire a traffic engineer to look at the whole quadrant and come up with suggestions, along with giving us data to work with.

Council Member Bertolino likes the idea of the proposed traffic ordinance. If we recommend such an ordinance, no cut-through traffic except during school hours, and then enforce it, we would also need to educate drivers on the alternate/recommended routes. Board Member Gragnani recommended that the efficient way to educate drivers would be via mailing letters out to residents; we are closing Green Pines Dr. to residents only, except during school hours. Therefore Council Member Bertolino wanted to withdrawal his original motion and put forth a firm proposal of an ordinance for the next Board of Public Safety Meeting to forward to City Council.

The Board had some concerns regarding the ordinance, such as police cars having to follow cars to see if they end up at the elementary school or not. They also want residents in that subdivision whose children that do not attend Green Pines Elementary School to be okay knowing their children will be bussed outside of the neighborhood. There is also the fact that frequent activity exists to and from the school, outside normal school hours. Lastly, closing a public street would need to be reviewed by the City Attorney first.

Council Member Smith-McCutchen supports starting with education.

City Administrator, Ryan Thomas, suggested possibly approaching the school district about re-assigning kids, i.e. Villages of Brightleaf students not attending Green Pines Elementary. His other suggestion was for the police to pull drivers over for driving safely, positive reinforcement.

Marshall Garrett requested that the residents in attendance give the Board some time, if we are going to do anything, we want to do it right.

Thunderhead Canyon Dr. should be addressed at the next Board of Public Safety Meeting.

A motion was made by Board Member Gragnani and seconded by Council Member Bertolino to create a sub-committee headed by Council Member Bertolino to discuss options. All were in favor.

B. Old Newsboys Day – Request for Exemption to Soliciting Code

City Administrator Ryan Thomas was recently contacted by Ms. Krista Santangelo, Coordinator with Old Newsboys Day. Old Newsboys is a non-profit organization that has raised millions of dollars for hundreds of area children's charities. Money is raised through the sales of special newspapers at hundreds of street corners throughout the St. Louis area. This year's campaign will be held on November 17, 2016.

Ms. Santanglelo requested consideration to sell newspapers within the City of Wildwood at the following locations:

- Clayton Rd. & Hwy. 109
- Entrance to Lafayette High School

• Starbucks, 125 Plaza Drive
• St. Louis Community College, 2645 Generations Dr.

In order for the City to consider this request, it will be necessary for the Board of Public Safety to review the requested locations. Once the board finds them to be appropriate from a safety standpoint, a recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council, that an exemption to the Soliciting Code, Section 610.100, be considered for this activity.

The City has done this in the past; however they did not do it last year. The board went on to discuss the locations and decided that the intersection at Clayton Rd. and Hwy 109 (Lafayette High School) would be a safety concern. However, they will let the State and County be the deciding factor for their respective roads (Clayton Rd. & Highway 109).

A motion was made by Marshall Garrett, and seconded by Board Member Gragnani to recommend to City Council that an exemption to the Soliciting Code, Section 610.100 be considered for Old Newsboy Day on November 17, 2016. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Marshall Garrett, and seconded by Board Member Gragnani to allow newspapers for Old Newsboy Day to be sold at 125 Plaza Dr. (Starbucks) and 2645 Generations Dr. (St. Louis Community College). All were in favor.

C. Parking Restriction on Paradise Peak Circle

Council Member David Bertolino has requested that the Board discuss the current parking restrictions on Paradise Peak Circle.

Currently the parking restrictions on Paradise Peak Circle are as follows:

Paradise Peak Circle (both sides, including cul-de-sac from Babler View Dr. (west intersection) to Babler View Dr. (east intersection)- No Parking 10:00am - 2:00pm School Days

Paradise Peak Circle (both sides, from Babler View Dr. (east intersection) southwardly approximately 400 ft).- Three hour parking from 8:00am – 4:00 pm School Days

The Board discussed why the parking restrictions were put in place, which was to eliminate on street parking by students attending nearby Lafayette High School. Students were using these streets as an alternative to avoid parking fees and they would cut through yards. However, the expansion of the school lot has helped.

Public Works Director, Rick Brown, brought it to the Board's attention that there is a Residential Parking Permit program in place. Subdivision residents can apply and receive a parking permit (sticker) at City Hall. Currently there are 17 vehicles registered.

Council Member Bertolino offered to go door to door reminding residents of the vehicle registration program.

A motion was made by Council Member Dave Bertolino, and seconded by Board Member John Gragnani to amend the parking ordinances on Paradise Peak Circle north of Babler View Dr. to be consistent with the south end of Paradise Peak Circle; 3 hour parking from 8:00am – 4:00pm on school days. All were in favor.

VI. BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

No agenda items

VII. NOT READY FOR ACTION

A. Speed Cushions on Green Pines Drive
B. Bicycling Safety Education

VIII. OTHER

A. Parking in Dartmouth Subdivision

Council Member Debra Smith McCutchen brought up that residents in Dartmouth are seeking assistance because parents of Lafayette High School students are lining/backing up and parking in Dartmouth subdivision, making entry and exiting difficult.

Captain Tanner mentioned that there are signs on Highway 109 for no parking, stopping and standing any time signs. Board Member Gragnani asked if we can put these same signs on Dartmouth. The Board agrees there is a problem there, and with students crossing Clayton Rd. it's a safety concern.

A motion was made by Board Member Gragnani, seconded by Council Member Dave Bertolino to install No Stopping or Standing Signs at the entrances of Dartmouth Subdivision.
All were in favor.

B. Green Pines Elementary School

Council Member Debra Smith McCutchen has been asked by residents if there can be more of a police presence at the popular drop off and pick up times at Green Pines Elementary School.

Captain Tanner said that they could try but it depends on the manpower and the calls that come in during those times.

Board Member Walt Guller recommended bringing back crossing guards. Debra Smith McCutchen said the school does not have any crossing guards; however she will ask the PTO if they can organize and establish a crossing guard program.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Dave Bertolino and seconded by Board Member Walt Guller, to adjourn. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bree Kelchen
Administrative Assistant

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MEMORANDUM

To: **Board of Public Safety**

From: **Ryan S. Thomas, City Administrator**

Date: **November 4, 2016**

Subject: **2017 Municipal Budget – Police Services**

Enclosed for your review and consideration at the November 10, 2016 Board of Public Safety Meeting is a copy of the proposed 2017 Budget for Police Services as a component of the overall Wildwood Municipal Budget for 2017.

By far, the largest component of the Police Services budget is the proposed 2017 Full Service Agreement with the St. Louis County Police Department to satisfy the City's anticipated policing needs for the upcoming year. The 2017 Full Service Agreement and Cost Sheet Analysis explaining elements of the proposal have been provided by Lt. John Blake, Commander of the Municipal Services Unit with the St. Louis County Police Department. These documents indicate a total increase of 2.42% above the 2016 Agreement costs. The 2017 Budget for Police Services assumes no change in the number of police personnel assigned to the Wildwood Precinct.

Following review and discussion, it is recommended that the Board recommend acceptance of the Police Budget as proposed, including the 2017 Full Service Agreement with the St. Louis County Police Department, to the Wildwood City Council.

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City of Wildwood **(60) Police**
Fiscal Year 2017 **Expenditure Detail**

General Fund (10)	Actual 2014	Actual 2015	Original Budget 2016	Final Budget 2016	Estimated 2016	Budget 2017
Operating Expenditures						
222 Maintenance - Equipment	-	-	500	500	500	500
230 Miscellaneous	1,983	1,983	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,250
285 Utilities - Cable TV	297	722	750	750	750	750
	2,280	2,705	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Contractual Expenditures						
350 Contractual Services	2,970,919	3,049,599	3,104,010	3,104,010	3,104,010	3,179,181
350-01 City Event Overtime	28,168	30,614	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
350-02 Cleaning	7,800	8,450	7,800	7,800	7,800	7,800
	3,006,887	3,088,663	3,141,810	3,141,810	3,141,810	3,216,981
Capital Expenditures						
425 Machinery & Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Police Services	**3,009,167**	**3,091,368**	**3,145,310**	**3,145,310**	**3,145,310**	**3,220,481**

EXHIBIT A
CITY OF WILDWOOD
2017 FULL SERVICE AGREEMENT COMPENSATION

I.	Patrol (uniform)	
	A. 27 Police Officers (base salary average $51,813.00) Fringe benefits (social security, retirement, unemployment, worker's comp, health insurance, life insurance), overtime, longevity pay, clothing @ $27,327 per officer Police Officer average cost $79,140.00	$2,136,780.00
	B. Supervision	
	1. Captain with fringe benefits	124,524.00
	2. Lieutenant with fringe benefits	110,894.00
	3. 4 Sergeants with fringe benefits ($95,438.00 x 4)	381,752.00
	C. Office Administrator	59,002.63
	D. Transportation Costs (11 vehicles) @ $12,883.65	141,720.15
II.	Division of Criminal Investigation & Operational Support	
	A. Investigations/Administrative	97,329.80
	B. Communications and Police Report Services Agreement	118,248.26
III.	Precinct Station Lease/Phone/Maintenance	8,930.16
	Total:	**$3,179,181.00**
	Monthly:	**$264,931.75**

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

September 19, 2016

TO: CAPTAIN TIM TANNER, Precinct Commander
City of Wildwood Precinct

FROM: LIEUTENANT JOHN BLAKE, Commander
Municipal Services Unit

SUBJECT: CITY OF WILDWOOD 2017 COST SHEET ANALYSIS

The following is a summary of the 2017 City of Wildwood Full Service Agreement Compensation Cost Sheet. The information was compiled with the understanding previous terms and conditions remain in place. Listed below are brief explanations of each item and the associated cost increase/decrease.

I. Patrol Costs

IA. Uniform
Base average annual salary increase of $2,171.10 per officer
Fringe benefit increase of $705.00 per officer
Total increase of $77,654.70

IB. Supervision
Captain salary and fringe benefit increase of $3,798.45
Lieutenant salary and fringe benefit increase of $3,908.45
Sergeant salary and fringe benefit increase of $1,929.10
($7,716.40 for four)
Total increase of $15,423.30

IC. Office Administrator
Salary and fringe benefit decrease of $14,867.26
Total decrease of $14,867.26

ID. Transportation Costs
Cost increase of $727.96 per vehicle (vehicle/equipment cost)
Total increase of $8,007.56

Total Part I cost increase of $86,218.30

II. Division of Criminal Investigation and Operational Support

IIA. Investigations/Administrative
Total decrease of $19,054.52

IIB. Communications and Police Report Services Agreement
Communications increase of $5,999.24 based on usage
CARE increase of $53.79 based on usage.
Total increase of $6,053.03

Total Part II cost decrease of $13,000.66

III. Precinct Copier/Phone/Maintenance

IIIA. Yearly cost of $8,930.16
Total increase of $1,954.43

Total Part III increase of $1,954.43

2017 Overall Contract Increase of $75,171.24 or 2.42%

2017 Total: $3,179,181.00 Monthly: $264,931.75

Personnel costs increased 2.86% due to an increase in salary and personnel costs such as health care and pension costs.

Vehicle transportation costs increased in 2016 by $727.96 per vehicle for a total of $8,007.56 or 5.99%. Fleet costs for each vehicle are determined by the cost of both the car and all associated equipment divided by the estimated life span of all minus any residual value. The increase was attributable to slighty higher vehicle and equipment costs. These numbers are provided by the Vehicle Supply/Fleet Management Unit.

The Criminal Investigation and Operational Support Costs are determined as follows:

The Investigation/Administration line item was developed from the same formula as last year. The High Incident Crime Summary (HICS report) was used to develop a baseline. Wildwood's percentage of Part I and Part II crimes as a percentage of the whole reported for St. Louis County multiplied by Criminal Investigations total non-free services yearly budget of $7,228,162.00. For 2016, the percentage amounted to 1.35% and resulted in an investigative cost of $97,329.80 which represents a 16.37% reduction.

Communication costs were figured in January of 2016 and were based on directed and self-initiated calls County-wide in 2015. The formula resulted in a cost of $4.8536 per call. The City of Wildwood had 19,706 directed and self-initiated calls resulting in a line item cost of $95,646.60 which represents a 27.54% increase. Due to the 8% cap on operating costs this amount was adjusted to $80,989.72, saving the City $14,656.88.

Report Services costs are generated by determining the overall cost to operate the CARE Unit in a twelve month period divided by the number of reports generated in that same time to determine a per report cost basis. That number remained static for 2016 at $17.93 per report. In the previous twelve months, Wildwood completed 2,078 reports for a cost of $37,258.54. Combined, Communications and Report services account for the line item cost of $118,248.26 which represents an increase of 5.4%.

The Precinct Station Lease/Phone/Maintenance line item reflects charges over the previous twelve months resulting in a 16.43% increase.

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Department of Public Works

MEMO

To: Members of the Board of Public Safety

From: Rick Brown, Director of Public Works / City Engineer

Date: November 8, 2016

Re: Parking Restrictions on Babler View Drive

As you may recall, the Board discussed parking restrictions on Paradise Peak Circle at our last meeting in September. Parking restrictions are in place on Paradise Peak Circle to eliminate on-street parking by students attending nearby Lafayette High School. At the September meeting, after discussion of this item, a motion was made and approved to amend the parking ordinance so that the restrictions Paradise Peak Circle north of Babler View Drive are consistent with that south of Babler View Drive. The recommended change would revise the restriction from "No Parking 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 PM School Days" to "3 Hour Parking from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM School Days".

However, during our field investigation into this matter, it was determined that the existing parking restrictions on Babler View Drive would now be inconsistent with those recommended for Paradise Peak Circle. Please refer to **Exhibit 1,** which follows, for the location of Babler View Drive.

For your reference, in accordance with the City of Wildwood Traffic Schedules, the current parking restrictions on Babler View Drive are as follows:

SCHEDULE IX. PARKING RESTRICTIONS	
Existing Parking Restriction:	
Babler View Drive, both sides, from Eatherton Road (Missouri Route 109) eastwardly to Winegarden Court	**No Parking 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 PM School Days**

Recommendation:

To provide uniform parking restrictions on both Babler View Drive and Paradise Peak Circle, the Department is recommending that parking restrictions on Babler View Drive be modified from "No Parking 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 PM School Days" to "3 Hour Parking from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM School Days".

I appreciate your consideration of this matter. I will be available for discussion of this item at the November 10, 2016 Board of Public Safety meeting.

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Department of Public Works

Exhibit 1

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Department of Public Works

MEMO

To: Board of Public Safety

From: Rick Brown, Director of Public Works/ City Engineer

Date: November 8, 2016

Re: Possible Traffic Calming Project for 2017: Pond Grover Loop Road, Green Pines Drive, Forest Leaf Parkway, and Fullerton Meadows

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The proposed 2017 capital improvement budget includes a project for traffic calming on Pond-Grover Loop Road. This project is intended to provide for the design of traffic calming features on the existing section of Pond-Grover Loop Road. This effort was started in 2016, as the Department of Public works engaged the consultant engineering firm, Lochmueller Group, to complete a traffic study which evaluated the potential extension of Pond-Grover Loop Road. As part of the traffic study, Lochmueller Group also prepared a concept plan for traffic calming improvements to the existing portion of Pond-Grover Loop Road between Green Pines Drive to State Route 109.

In anticipation of beginning the design of the above referenced traffic calming project in 2017, the Department has requested that Lochmueller Group provide a proposal to update the previous Pond-Grover Loop Road Concept Plan. In addition, we have also requested that the Lochmueller Group evaluate and recommend traffic calming improvements for Green Pines Drive, Forest Leaf Parkway, and Fullerton Meadows. As you probably know, there have been some past attempts at traffic calming on these streets, however, if there are additional measures that could be effective to slow traffic (such as raised medians, traffic circles, speed humps, or other), the Department would like recommendations from Lochmueller Group regarding their potential use.

As you know, the Department has tried to implement speed cushions with limited success in the past. As part of Lochmueller's work, I would like to pursue the installation of speed humps, possibly retrofitting the existing speed cushions, or adding others. The Department recognizes that this may raise concerns from our local emergency service providers with regard to their use; however, speed humps are an effective and proven traffic calming device and their use is prevalent in other parts of the country. Lacking few options for effective traffic calming, speed humps need to be part of the Department's "traffic calming toolbox" if we are to address speeding traffic and improve public safety. The Department will commit to working with our fire districts to address their concerns.

Finally, prior to recommending adoption of any plan to implement traffic calming on Pond-Grover Loop Road or other streets, public involvement is critical. For that reason, the Department is recommending holding an open house style public meeting to gather local resident feedback and support for any proposed traffic calming plan. Once developed, the proposed traffic calming plan would be presented to the public at an open house style meeting, which could be held at Green Pines Elementary School during late afternoon / early evening hours (4:00 - 7:00 PM).

I appreciate your input and feedback on the above, and will be available for questions at our November 10, 2016 meeting.

RCB

Memo to Safety Committee

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Excessive Traffic on Residential Streets in Ward Five

Background

Since Green Pines Drive was connected to Pond Grover Loop Road nearly twenty years ago, the volume of traffic on Green Pines Drive, Forest Leaf Parkway, Fullerton Meadows Drive and parts of West Glen Farms Drive have continually escalated. With the increase in the volume of traffic, there has been an increase in traffic speed and a lowering of the quality of life for residents on those streets. The above named streets have become the preferred "cut-through" streets for residents trying to access Manchester Road/Rt. 100 to the south. This "cut-through" was logical since up until this past year, the access to route 109 at Pond Grover Loop was, at many times, dangerous and taxing due to the volume of traffic on Rt. 109 and the lack of any traffic calming measures on that route.

With the completion of the traffic improvements to Rt. 109 last year, access to that route is now much safer and efficient. Recent traffic studies associated with the discussions about the extension of Pond Grover Loop road have validated that the travel time from the intersection of Pond Grover Loop Road and Rt. 109 to the intersection of Manchester Road/Rt. 109 and West Glen Farms Drive is less than the above described "cut-through" route. Using Rt 109 to access Manchester Road to the south and Clayton Road to the north is a safer and more efficient route, but many residents west of Green Pines Drive still use the "cut-through" even though a preferred route is now available.

Concerned residents on Green Pines Drive, Forest Leaf Parkway and Fullerton Meadows Drive have demanded that some action be taken to finally reduce the volume of traffic on those streets. This report by the Ad Hoc Committee is presented for consideration by the Safety Committee.

Proposal

The committee is proposing a multi- faceted approach to addressing this problem:

1. Restrict traffic on Green Pines Drive to "permitted" vehicles except from 6:30 to 9:00 AM and 3:00 to 6:00 PM on school days.
2. Permitted vehicles would be for all residents on Green Pines Drive between Pond Grover Loop Road and West Glen Farms Drive plus all families of students at Green Pines Elementary School, plus all employees of Green Pines Elementary School plus school buses, emergency vehicles and local delivery/service organizations, ie garbage pick-up, lawn maintenance companies, etc.
3. Conduct a traffic calming study for Green Pines Drive, Forest Leaf Parkway and Fullerton Meadows Drive to include the possible inclusion of speed bumps which are continuous across the entire roadway.
4. Concurrent with the road restrictions, a media campaign will be implemented which will educate residents in the affected area about the value of using Rt 109 instead of cutting

through and it will encourage residents to support their neighbors and discontinue the habit of cutting through the other neighborhoods.

Support for Recommendations

The committee feels that restricting traffic on Green Pines is the most effective way to stem the flow of traffic on the effected streets. However, communicating to the residents that there is a “better way” will help the ease the displeasure of some residents at having to change their driving habits.

Residents of Green Pines Drive, Forest Leaf Parkway and Fullerton Meadows Drive have for many years raised the issue of excessive traffic on their streets and very little has been done to effectively address this issue. It is time to take more assertive measures.