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**Meeting of the
BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 6:30 pm
Wildwood City Hall Council Chambers
16860 Main Street**

Committee Members in Attendance:

Marshal William Garrett
Council Member Dave Bertolino
John Gragnani
Captain Tim Tanner (Wildwood Police)
Deputy Chief John Bradley (Metro West Fire Protection District)

Committee Member Absent:

Walt Guller

Also Present:

Mayor Tim Woerther
Director of Public Works Rick Brown
Mike Thiemann (Metro West Fire Protection District)

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 Board Member Bradley to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2016 meeting. All voted in favor and the motion was approved.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Intersection of Dartmouth Crossing Drive at Dartmouth Bend Drive / Dartmouth Crossing Court

Per last meeting's request, Captain Tanner provided the crash history for Dartmouth Crossing Drive with Dartmouth Bend Drive/Dartmouth Crossing Court. The history report shows a total of four accident reports from 2013-2015, all incidents were of drivers backing into parked vehicles.

Mr. Knox, a resident who resides near the intersection was in attendance. He has received nine neighbors' signatures on a petition to request a stop sign at this intersection. The main concern seems to be high school students driving in and out frequently. Mr. Knox mentioned there is a bus stop at this intersection and eight years ago a child was hit by a high school driver. Mr. Knox also noted that he had his parked trailer hit by a student, stones in his yard are often hit, and there is frequent traffic at this intersection. Unfortunately he said the "No Outlet" sign has not helped decrease the flow of traffic.

The Board is concerned that adding a stop sign may set the precedence for many unnecessary stop sign requests. They do not feel a stop sign will solve the ultimate problem. However they are open to other options to modifying the intersection for safety. Mayor Woerther asked if this would qualify as a "Keep Kids Alive" zone and the board agreed this should be considered, and the streets could qualify based on their proximity to the high school.

Mr. Knox did ask if they can get at least one stop sign up at this intersection. Majority of the

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Board members agree that a stop sign will not fix the problem and that a one way stop would cause much confusion from every direction. A summary of other suggestions were as follows:

Yield Sign- This may cause too much confusion at the intersection.

Keep Kids Alive Drive Zone- The streets could qualify and higher fines may slow down drivers.

No parking at all Times Ordinance- Residents would dislike.

Small Island- An island would be a challenge due to narrow roads, and larger vehicles such as a school bus would have difficult maneuvering around.

Slow Kids at Play Sign- Can easily be added along with more speed limit signs.

The Director of the Public Works Department, Rick Brown, stated this is a very unique situation. It would be a good idea for the city to create a policy on T Intersections, and he will further research a policy.

The Board recommended Mr. Knox obtain more signatures from neighbors in support and/or against a stop sign at this intersection to have a better understanding where the neighbors stand.

B. Emergency Response Database – doctors, nurses, paramedics and amateur radio operators - Mike Thiemann

The Metro West Fire Protection District's Emergency Management Coordinator, Mike Thiemann, was in attendance and available for questions and concerns regarding the emergency response database. Board Member Gragnani asked Mike what recommendations he would have for the Board of Public Safety in regards to the database he has created, the database contains a current list of local medical professional volunteers.

Mike stated that the City of Wildwood has legal authority and responsibility of what actions to take for emergency management and the Fire District is a supplement to that. In the event of a local disaster, the Fire Chief would work with city officials and create objectives. First responders will respond to areas of need based upon the objectives made. If roads were blocked and responders could not make it to the appropriate hospitals or clinics, a triage would be created and resources would be funneled to the triage. There is already a policy in place that City Hall would be the Emergency Operations Center.

To better prepare the city in the event of a disaster such as tornado or a catastrophic event such as a Electro Magnetic Bomb, Board Member Gragnani wanted to know how the city could best activate the list of volunteers (from the emergency database) to aide with disaster relief.

Mike highly recommended the board look into a Medical Reserve Corps, a national network of local groups of volunteers. St Louis County has a Medical Reserve Corps program which should be looked at as an example and a good starting point.

Board Member Gragnani asked what we can do now with these volunteers to have them ready and prepared. Mike highly recommends that the volunteers currently listed in the emergency response database, along with any other interested members in the community to attend CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training. CERT training is a national program and is delivered locally by the Metro West Fire Protection District to adults over 18.

Mike is going to obtain the dates for the next CERT classes and email it to the board. The Board can then engage with the volunteers and community to start registering for upcoming classes.

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IV. NEW BUSINESS

No agenda items

V. BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

No agenda items

VI. NOT READY FOR ACTION

- A. Speed Cushions On Green Pines Drive**
- B. Bicycling Safety Education**

VII. OTHER

No agenda items

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Marshall Garrett and seconded by Board Member Bradley, to adjourn. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bree Kelchen
Administrative Assistant