



**Meeting Minutes of the
BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

February 2, 2023

6:30 pm

A Hybrid meeting Via Zoom and at City Hall Council Chambers

16860 Main Street

APPROVED

Committee Members in Attendance:

Marshal Jeffrey Bader
Board Member Christopher Preston
Board Member Vince Loyal
Board Member Kevin Gleason
Council Member Liaison Dave Bertolino

Also Present:

Police Liaison Captain James Mundel, St. Louis County Police
John Bradley, Assistant Chief of the Metro Fire District (via Zoom)
Rick Brown, Director of Public Works
Steve Cross, City Administrator (via Zoom)

Absent:

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting started late due to technical problems with Zoom. A roll call was taken at 6:35 pm, with the above noted as present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vince Loyal made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 5, 2022. Kevin Gleason seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Marshall Bader reviewed the guidelines for Public Participation and Public Hearing Procedures.

Joe Delmore of Ward 3 is a Trustee for the Paradise Drive Subdivision. He proposed a change in gun regulations.

Larry McGinnis of Ward 3 agrees with the speaker before him and proposed a change in current gun regulations.

Lisa Shirley of Ward 3 requested that the gun ordinance be updated with lists of areas protected, improved guidelines for areas where shooting may occur, and described other local ranges and their protective structures.

William Shirley of Ward 3 emphasized his support for the previous speakers. He stated that police need to be able to enforce the ordinances, and that receiving written permission from adjacent properties is a good way to do that, as well as allowing neighbors to come together to form a collective agreement.

Rob Knoll would like to know if there is a distinction between a gun range, verses a person shooting in their back yard. He questioned to the Board as to the number of people who have been injured with the current ordinance and whether the conversation should be about an improved distinction between a gun range and a personal hobby target.

Mac Johnson utilizes and operates a business that utilizes the shooting range off Highway 109 for testing weapons. He spoke for the general safety of the shooting range and supported that it is well managed and that changing regulations for this specific instance is overreach.

IV. FOR INFORMATION

A. No Items

V. OLD BUSINESS

City Administrator Steve Cross made a comment regarding the modifications of firearms regulations. He updated the Board that the circumstances allowing the gun range on Highway 109, to operate, can no longer occur, as well as gun sales are currently not allowed on that property.

A point of clarification was requested by a meeting attendee. Board Member Vince Loyal reiterated the question. He stated that it appears that the specific concern has been addressed by the City and asked if the Board should continue to consider changes to the firearm rules. He asked if this included all gun ranges and personal target practice areas.

The City Administrator clarified that his comment above was only related to the specific gun range referenced in the public comments. However, those conversations have brought resident concerns to the City's attention about firearms regulations in its totality. Distances, types of weapons, hours of operations, and other criteria may be considered by this Board.

Council Member Liaison Dave Bertolino asked the question as to whether the City would accept a business license application for a shooting range at this time. The City Administrator stated that a shooting range is not considered an accessory use for any piece of property in Wildwood and that application would be denied.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

No items

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

No items

VIII. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, March 2, 2023, at 6:30 pm in person

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Vince Loyal motioned to adjourn. Board Member Christopher Preston seconded the motion. All members voted aye, and the meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Scherer
Administrative Assistant for Public Works