



WILDWOOD

Meeting of the BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Thursday, August 8, 2019
Wildwood City Hall Community Room
16860 Main Street

APPROVED

Committee Members in Attendance:

Marshal Dan McCune
Board Member Denny Welker
Captain James Mundel, St Louis County Police
Board Member James David Williams
Board Member Lynette Baker
Joe Haefer, Metro West Fire Protection District (Sitting in for Deputy Chief John Bradley)

Absent:

Council Member Dave Bertolino

Also Present:

Rick Brown, Director of Public Works / City Engineer
Brendan Maher, Civil Engineer

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Board Member David Williams to approve the minutes from the July 11 meeting. Marshal Dan McCune seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion was approved.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. None

IV. FOR INFORMATION

A. None

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. St. Louis County Police Department - Wildwood Precinct Equipment Needs and Associated Requests.

Director of Planning and Parks/Co-Interim City Administrator Joe Vujnich addressed the lack of adequate security equipment at Wildwood's City Hall Building, Parking Garage, and Community Park. Mr. Vujnich spoke on the items that were presented to the Board for purchase at the July 11 meeting including a fingerprint workstation in the Wildwood Precinct, protective vehicle barriers for police personnel, park officer equipment and security cameras. Mr. Vujnich explained the revised cost proposal for these items which was requested by the Board at the July 11 meeting. Speaking on behalf of the Department of Administration, Mr. Vujnich recommended to the Board the purchase of Wildwood's City Hall and Parking Garage Security Camera System, with the low-tier cost maintenance agreement. The installation of a security system at Community Park will be revisited in the future with the Board.

A motion was made by Board Member David Williams to approve the purchase of City Hall and parking garage cameras, with the inclusion of the low-tier maintenance option as recommended by the Department of Administration. This motion was seconded by Board Member Denny Welker.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Use of Fireworks within Wildwood

Director of Public Works Rick Brown addressed the Board regarding the illegal use of fireworks in Wildwood, specifically this past 4th of July.

Board Member David Williams, who is also a trustee of Nantucket subdivision, spoke of recent events from 4th of July when members of his subdivision suffering from PTSD had traumatic experiences due to fireworks nearby their homes. Fireworks are already illegal in the City of Wildwood, so Mr. Williams asked Captain Mundel what more could be done from a police perspective. Captain Mundel explained that enforcement of this violation is very difficult, but the police do respond to all calls and summonses were issued. He also brought up the fact that many times these fireworks are coming from neighboring municipalities displays, and the Wildwood PD has no enforcement rights in these cases. Captain Mundel proposed City sponsored educational programs to spread awareness and deterrence in the community. Marshal Dan McCune brought up the idea of giving out noise canceling headphones to residents suffering from PTSD. The effect to pets and the risk of fire from illegally using fireworks was also discussed by the Board. Social media was discussed as a useful tool to educate the public on these issues, which Metro West Fire is currently doing. The Board agreed to re-visit these issues next spring, closer to the July 4 Holiday, and to use the City as a media to educate residents on the danger of using fireworks.

B. Deer Management Subcommittee Update

The Board agreed that the Subcommittee is off to a great start and that progress is already being made. Board Member and Subcommittee Chair David Williams explained the 3-pronged approach to deer management. This includes education to the public, partnership, and analyzing available data. Board Member Williams stressed educating the public not to feed deer and proposed a questionnaire by the City given to community members to help educate them on deer and hunting in Wildwood. Finding out where the most deer are in the City and partnering with HOA's on deer management were also discussed as

potential next steps by the Subcommittee. The next meeting date of the subcommittee was discussed and will be posted at a later date.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Board Member Denny Welker to adjourn and was seconded by Board Member David Williams. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brendan Maher
Civil Engineer