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**Meeting of the
BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Thursday, March 7, 2019
Wildwood City Hall Community Room
16860 Main Street
APPROVED**

Committee Members in Attendance:

Marshal Dan McCune
Council Member Dave Bertolino
Board Member Denny Welker
Captain James Mundel, St Louis County Police
Deputy Chief John Bradley, Metro West Fire Protection District

Absent:

Board Member Tim Jax

Also Present:

Rick Brown, Director of Public Works / City Engineer
Joe Vujnich, Director of Planning and Parks, and Co-City Administrator
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 Dave Bertolino to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2019 meeting. Board Member Denny Welker seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion was approved.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Council Member Gragnani spoke about three separate issues

- 1) Seatbelt Check - Don't bother with the seatbelt check. It's not worth it.
- 2) Old Eatherton Road cut through- asks Captain Mundel to patrol the area.
- 3) Personal training for residents is a great idea, and strongly recommended.

IV. FOR INFORMATION

A. MODOT Speed survey of Route 100 from Westglen Farms/ Manchester Road to Route 109.

- 1) The speed survey was both Eastbound and Westbound 100.
- 2) The accident rate and fatalities at Taylor and 100 were discussed. There has only been one fatality, however, was a medical emergency.
- 3) MODOT elects that 85% of traffic is going 62 mph. With that they are leaving speed limit at 55 mph, which is the posted speed limit, they plan to leave the speed limit as is.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Old Eatherton Rd Cut through traffic

- 1) The Department provided the Board with the results of the recently completed traffic study, which counted the vehicles which were cutting-through or were destined to or originating from St. Alban Roe.
- 2) The Department of Public Works suggested that the construction of a shared use path in the future along this road would provide a safer route for walkers and cyclists, and thus alleviate concerns with traffic.
- 3) The Board recommended cutting back vegetation on the right of way to provide better sight distance.
- 4) It was brought up that this is not a cut through, but people are bringing their children to and from St. Alban Roe school.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Personal Safety Training by Dave Williams

- 1) Dave Williams offers safety training to residents privately. He would like to offer similar services, based on the premise of “Situational Awareness” in a packaged presentation at no cost as semi-regular events. He would like a room, marketing, and registration process provided by City of Wildwood.
- 2) Marshal Dan McCune requested a lesson plan, proof of certifications, an instructional video, and stated that it would need to be cleared with the City’s legal requirements.
- 3) Marshal Dan McCune made a motion to approve the training, conditioned on a review by the City Attorney with regard to potential liability or other requirements that should be met. Board Member Dave Bertolino seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

B. City Hall Security

- 1) City Co-Administrator Joe Vujnich asks the Board and the Police Department to create a safety plan and list of purchases for increased City Hall and Police Station security, as well as for security at events and for the community. Prop P money is available for said purchases.
- 2) Improved police efficiency is a positive for residents.
- 3) City Hall was safer at its old location and needs to be improved.

C. Proposed purchase of Additional Mobile Barriers.

- 1) These barriers would prevent a vehicle from driving into a crowd at City Events.
- 2) A police officer was injured this way in 2018 at the Barbecue Bash.
- 3) The purchase would be part of the safety plan discussed above.

D. Proposed Acquisition of LIVESCAN Fingerprinting Equipment

- 1) Most police stations have this as standard equipment. The ability to identify people immediately saves police and those being fingerprinted many hours of time and travel per case.
- 2) The purchase would be part of the safety plan discussed above.
- 3) Board Member Dave Bertolino made a motion that the Board of Public Safety adopt the recommendations for purchasing the additional mobile barriers and LIVESCAN police and security equipment, as part of an overall city hall safety plan. Marshal Dan McCune seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor.

B. Consideration of Primary Seat Belt Ordinance

- 1) The seat belt ordinance would be used specifically to encourage people to put on their seatbelt. It is not meant to generate revenue, as it is only a \$10 fine.
- 2) An ordinance, if passed, would affirm that wearing a seat belt is required and would eliminate the state

- requirement that restricts an officer from making a stop in response to a violation.
- 3) A seat belt ordinance was passed by St. Louis County. Passing it in Wildwood will be good for consistency.
 - 4) Board Member Dave Bertolino made a motion for the Board of Public Safety to adopt a consideration of the primary seatbelt ordinance. Captain Mundel seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Marshal Dan McCune and seconded by Board Member Denny Welker to adjourn. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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