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**Meeting of the**

**BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Thursday, May 5, 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 Gagnani  
Captain Tim Tanner (Wildwood Police)  
Deputy Chief John Bradley (Metro West Fire Protection District)

Committee Member Absent:

Walt Guller

Also Present:

Mayor Jim Bowlin  
Director of Public Works Rick Brown

**I. OPENING REMARKS**

Mayor Bowlin thanked the Board Members for their dedication, and all they do for the city of Wildwood. He noted that he will not attend future Board of Public Safety meetings unless needed, because he has full confidence in the board. The Mayor briefly addressed one of his top priorities as new mayor, identifying and understanding his role during emergency operations.

Mayor Bowlin announced that Board Member Bertolino is now a voting member.

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

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

The Director of Public Works, Rick Brown, briefly summarized the research done since last meeting, regarding safety at the intersection of Dartmouth Crossing Dr. with Dartmouth Bend Dr. /Dartmouth Crossing Ct. He addressed the following items:

Keep Kids Alive Speed Zone- A speed zone has already been enacted on Dartmouth Crossing Dr.

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Slow Children at Play- A sign has already been installed on northbound Dartmouth Crossing Dr. at Dartmouth Bend Dr./Dartmouth Crossing Ct. in conjunction with a Speed Limit 25 MPH sign.

Raised Median Island- The Department of Public Works has evaluated the potential to install a raised median at this location (raised 5' wide median about 15'-20' in length). It is feasible and has the potential to slow traffic down. The raised median would require that a vehicle remain in their lane and eliminate the potential for a vehicle to "cut the corner" at higher speeds. The Department is currently evaluating the implementation of similar median islands in conjunction with new subdivisions.

Stop Sign Policy- The Department contacted nearby West County cities and requested their policies regarding implementation of stop signs. A brief summary was provided to the board members. Two of the five cities contacted have formal stop sign policies.

Based on the information provided, the department was leaning towards a raised median to best help solve the safety concern.

A resident in attendance, Garrett Knox, raised the question of why a median and not a stop sign. Board Member Gragnani pointed out that a stop sign will not solve the ultimate problem, drivers not obeying speed limit. If drivers will not slow down who is to say they will stop?

Another resident in attendance, Scott Passalacqua, shared his experience with a stop sign being implemented in his old neighborhood (Oakville, implemented in 1988), and how the stop sign forced teenagers to stop. He also mentioned there was a speeding problem in his current neighborhood.

Marshal Garrett asked the residents in attendance if the streets have been surveyed for speeding, because what one person conceives as speeding may not be actual speeding.

The resident was unaware if the streets have been surveyed before, but he said teenagers and residents speed all too often. They have addressed their concerns with a speeding child's parent, however, nothing changed since their conversation.

Board Member Bertolino brought to attention that home owners need to be satisfied with the safety precautions being taken and to feel safe. He asked what the cost difference would be between a median and a stop sign. Would a stop sign satisfy the residents and save the city money? When comparing the two, the stop signs would be less costly than a raised median.

The Public Works Director, Rick Brown, is not opposed to putting in a stop sign(s) for this particular situation, with it being a t-intersection. However, he reminded the board that it is their decision ultimately. Board Member Gragnani then asked Rick if he would recommend 2 or 3 stop signs. Rick Brown suggested 3 stop signs, that way all drivers have to stop.

Marshal Garrett mentioned that all residents need to be ok with this stop sign; they don't want residents to be surprised by it and later complain for it to be removed. The resident in attendance, Mr. Knox, reassured the board that many residents are aware and fully support this by the signatures previously provided.

Board member Bertolino made a motion recommending a 3 way stop sign and to move it forward to City Council. Board Member Gragnani seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the

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motion was approved.

### **B. Emergency Response Database – doctors, nurses, paramedics and amateur radio operators**

Board Member Bradley presented the upcoming CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training dates that have been set up by Mike Thiemann. The next CERT training is May 26th-June 16<sup>th</sup> and will be held at City Hall.

This training is open to everyone and it is recommended that the volunteers from the emergency response database register. A minimum of 10 people are required to conduct the training. The class maximum is about 30 people. Registration will be available online. The sooner people register, the better Metro West can gauge what help is needed. They will offer additional dates based on interest.

Board Member Bertolino asked what happens after individuals are certified. What CERT unit do they get assigned to? Per Board Member Bradley, once certified they will be assigned to the Great River Coalition (East to Crestwood, West into Wildwood). They will then be called upon based on their proximity to the emergency situation.

The Director of Public Works, Rick Brown, will initiate advertising through social media and to provide a direct link to the Metro West Fire Department's CERT training registration on the City of Wildwood's website. He will also send an email out to the volunteers listed on the emergency response database.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. 2015 Traffic Accident Analysis**

Captain Tanner provided the Board Members a copy of the City of Wildwood Annual Crash Analysis for 2015. This annual report identifies the locations and trends of automobile crashes occurring within the City of Wildwood. Captain Tanner noted that it looks different from previous years because the crime analysis department helped by utilizing their predictive software. They also started tracking roadway conditions and added new categories. Data may not be highlighted but all the data is there,

The Board went on to discuss some of the data while reviewing the report. Items pointed out during the discussion were:

- The intersections with the most crash reports during 2015 were Highway 100 and Westglen Farms, and Highway 100 and Taylor Rd.
- The total numbers of roadway crashes were 587 in 2015, an increase of 25.8% from last year.
- Northern section- following too close; distractive driving
- Look at Highway 100 going East of Taylor, a lot of speeding.
- All the data is there, some items highlighted and some not.

Captain Tanner has asked that the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) reduce speed limits on Highway 100 to make it consistent with Ellisville, but MoDOT hasn't acted.

Board Member Bertolino asked if there were any differences due to roundabouts, and Captain Tanner said accidents are up. However, the police did expect this, the accidents are not serious,

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and they expect the accidents to go down over time once people understand how to drive in roundabouts.

### **B. Internet Exchange Location at City Hall**

The Director of Public Works, Rick Brown, presented the board with the request to implement an “Internet Purchase Exchange Location” at City Hall. Last month, Ward Seven Council Member Jeff Levitt made a suggestion that the City consider this implementation. This has been implemented in other cities, and it has been requested that the Board of Public Safety consider this suggestion as it is believed to be a good service to offer in Wildwood.

Captain Tanner mentioned this already exists at City hall; however there is no formal policy. He mentioned there should be no expectation for someone from City Hall or the Police Department to be present and/or someone watching outside. However those that wish to do an exchange at City Hall are more than welcome to do so in the building during normal business hours.

Board Member Bertolino made the point that typically illegal business would not occur in front of city hall; reassure this is during business hours and not at night.

Board Member Gragnani asked if the Police Department can support this, and Captain Tanner said yes, they can support.

Rick Brown requested they moved forward if the board agrees, and all members of the Board agreed to move forward.

### **C. UAS (Drones)**

The Director of Public Works, Rick Brown, reminded the board that they considered this last fall, however, it is important to create a more formal policy. The Planning and Zoning Director, Joe Vujnich, would like to bring this to the Planning and Zoning commission to create a zoning ordinance.

The Board reviewed the memorandum and information report provided by Rick Brown regarding current Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations. The Board discussed adopting these regulations.

Rick Brown stated that the ordinance can more explicitly state privacy. Board Member Gragnani thought the information report sounded good and to just replace AMA with Wildwood. Board Member Bertolino inquired on what happens if this is passed, will it be a misdemeanor if the ordinance is violated? Per Captain Tanner, this would be a misdemeanor for ordinance violation.

Rick Brown is going to craft an ordinance and present it to the board for review at the next meeting. Once the ordinance is crafted, he will bring to the Planning and Zoning Commission for approval.

## **VI. BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

No agenda items

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## VII. NOT READY FOR ACTION

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

## VIII. OTHER

### A. Deer on Clayton Rd.

Jim and Jillian Descher, residents of Wildwood, were in attendance to address their concern in regards to local deer. The deer are causing a lot of damage despite their best efforts of deer proofing. They cannot put anything in their yard without it being damaged. They mentioned that their neighboring residents would also like to see something done. The herd in the common area appears to be the same deer every year. They understand the rules and regulations; they are just looking for help.

Since the deer appear to live in a small area, the residents inquired if the deer could be targeted.

The board members mentioned that the Descher's are the first residents to have addressed this problem with the board. Calling out the herd and shooting or facilitating managed hunts will not be widely support by residents of Wildwood, even though it may be supported by some. A similar problem has occurred in the city of Town and Country.

The current hunting ordinance is the safest for now, and hunters are also content with the current ordinances. Bow and arrow hunting is not a solution at this time, a good example of that is when a deer was once shot with a bow and arrow, then ran and died in another resident's swimming pool.

Board Member Bertolino mentioned that because of the forest, the deer will always migrate back to this area.

Board member Gragnani asked if the Missouri Department of Conversation could assist. Per Captain Tanner, the Missouri Department of Conservation only issues the permits for managed hunts, they do not actually partake in the hunt.

Marshal Garrett recommended a fertilizer he uses, granular milogante, sterilized human feces. The residents seemed open to trying it. They've been dealing with this issue for a long time and that the deer seem resistant to almost everything they have tried.

The board is aware of an issue with the deer and they don't want an overpopulation of deer causing havoc for residents. Per Board Member Gragnani more deer were killed by cars, than being shot. Board Member Gragnani will check with his contacts at the Missouri Board of Conservation for other possible solutions.

### B. Speeding

During the discussion regarding the Intersection of Dartmouth Crossing Drive at Dartmouth Bend Drive / Dartmouth Crossing Court, the issue of speeding was brought up by a resident in attendance, Scott Passalacqua. Mr. Passalacqua told the board that he is shocked at amount of speeding that occurs on the streets within his neighborhood. Captain Tanner mentioned that the

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police department could conduct a survey of the streets. Mr. Passalacqua gave the board his address, and Captain Tanner said they will get it out there, and the device will need to be attached to a light pole. Once the survey is complete, the police will look at the results.

Board Member Gragnani brought it up that people will continue to cut corners and not always obey the speed limit. However, HOA's should be involved to some extent and he encouraged the residents to start sending out letters to the residents, bringing more attention to the speeding problem.

Mr. Passalacqua asked if speed bumps could be put in. However, the majority of the board members agreed that more residents would complain about the bumps, and because there is a gap in the bumps for emergency vehicles, many drivers learn to maneuver around them.

Board Member Bertolino mentioned there appears to be no conservative effort by owners in subdivisions; yet to see HOA take on these issues. Residents want police to take more of an effort; but it takes the owners effort to really make an improvement. He recommended that residents take on some responsibility, including neighborhood watches; it really takes citizens living on the street.

### **C. Stop Sign Policy**

Based on the stop sign requests at the Intersection of Dartmouth Crossing Drive at Dartmouth Bend Drive / Dartmouth Crossing Court, The Director of Public Works, Rick Brown, would like to further research putting forth a more formal policy for stop sign requests, for future use.

Board Member Bertolino is in support of a formal policy. He recommended that a formal policy should request that residents seek out collaboration with their respective HOA prior to submitting to The Board of Public Safety.

The Director of Public Works, Rick Brown, will research and draft something up for next Board of Public Safety Meeting.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bree Kelchen  
Administrative Assistant