



WILDWOOD
Meeting of the
BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Thursday, November 8, 2018
Wildwood City Hall Community Room
16860 Main Street

Committee Members in Attendance:

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

Absent:

Board Member Denny Welker

Also Present:

Rick Brown, Director of Public Works / City Engineer
Brendan Maher, Civil Engineer
Erin Shank, Urban Wildlife Biologist, Missouri Department of Conservation

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 Tim Jax to approve the minutes from the October 4th, 2018 meeting. Board Member Dave Bertolino seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion was approved.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Traffic cut through and 109 intersection on Eatherton Road

- 1) Willard Rogers - Intersection at Eatherton and Route 109 has a difficult angle, and the amount of traffic makes the angle insufficient for sight, and it causes significant back up. You have to swing into the southbound lane of Route 109 to have sight distance. Intersection should be moved north so it meets at a 90 degree angle.
- 2) Dan Baker - There should be a turn lane in center at Route 109, bike lanes on Eatherton, post signs about not cutting through, more radar in this area. He is not in favor of redoing the bridge because it will increase traffic. Please limit speed on Eatherton.
- 3) Elaine O'Sullivan- Concerned about intersection of Route 109 and Eatherton Rd. and visibility and speed of traffic traveling on 109. It is difficult to turn out of Eatherton onto Route 109. Could speed be reduced in this area and add a flashing yellow?
- 4) Bill Bowersox - Lives on Orville and Eatherton Rd, it is hard to get out of his driveway. In the morning it appears that entire Route 109 lane turns right (north) onto Eatherton.
- 5) Geoff Ladue - Eatherton and Route 109 is the most dangerous intersection. He

- discourages his teenager from using it and makes him go around the other way.
- 6) Asim Raza - He won't let his teenage kids use Route 109 and Eatherton Rd. Topography of Eatherton is dangerous. It is a heavily used cut through and only works as a shortcut when speeding. Fixing this issue should be a top priority. Please find a solution.
 - 7) John Purcell- Lives on corner of Route 109 and Eatherton. He says turning south onto Route 109 from Eatherton requires two people. Personally, has heard 6 car wrecks on that corner. There have been 4 wrecks on his own property. People often use the turn north onto Eatherton to see what their cars can do in terms of speeding. Something needs to be changed. Either terminate the road or make it a 90-degree turn. The road has no centerline. He would provide help if changing topography or selling the corner of his property to the city work improve the situation.

B. The need for a roundabout at BA and 109.

Rus Rosener - A roundabout at BA and Route 109 should slow traffic. Why does the speed limit increase from 50 to 45 on 109? He witnessed a fatal accident between Route BA and Eatherton on Route 109. Because of the hill school buses and tractor trailers cannot stop easily.

C. Pond Road as a potential cut through when the bridge is replaced.

Tom Smith- He would like a sign that says "Local Traffic Only" and a sign at I-44 and Gray Summit to detour trucks to Route 141. Without these, trucks will detour through Route 109, neighborhoods, Pond Road area, and other local routes that are not safe for truck traffic. He provided a diagram for local traffic only and no trucks.

D. Woodland Meadows Association

Marilyn Gilbert- Thanks the board for their work in getting the left turn lane on a list for MODOT. She is afraid that all the MODOT improvements that we are asking for will make her request go further down on the list or take longer.

E. Use of ROHV on City Roadways

Dillon LaFavor- He has purchased a vehicle that is not an ATV but not a standard vehicle. By definition it is a farm vehicle, so he cannot get it licensed or titled, even though it has brakes, seat belts, and insurance. He would like the city to help define this vehicle in the code so he can properly seek a special use permit to drive it from his house to the park and the pool, approximately within 3 miles of his house. Police say if its on the road it has to be a motor vehicle and must be licensed.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Deer Management- Public Education Campaign

1) Ms. Erin Shank, with the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) was present and provided information relative to public education. Dan McCune asked Ms. Shank about recommendations for Wildwood that the Board may not have thought of. She provided the following comments:

- a) She suggested that we reach out to key landowners in the affected area who could, by existing ordinance, allow hunting on their land.
- b) We should also communicate with subdivision homeowner associations that have common ground within creek areas. These drainage areas are key deer habitat.
- c) The following cities have common ground hunting areas: Chesterfield, Ballwin, maybe Manchester, Maryland Heights, Unincorporated St Louis

County, Town and Country, Creve Coeur.

d) Some have meetings about deer management that say you only get to vote if you show up.

e) Only Ellisville and Town and Country have actual management plans.

f) Chesterfield has a no-feeding ordinance. We should consider enacting a no-feeding ordinance. Per state statute, it is illegal to feed a deer beyond 100 feet of a home structure, but this can be made more restrictive through a city ordinance. Feeding the deer increases risk of spreading disease, as well as increasing areas where deer congregate.

g) We could study areas of high deer crash incidents and work with landowners, or parks to address the problem.

h) Increasing hunting east of Route 109 should help alleviate the issue and alleviate the deer with no fear of humans.

2) Marshal Dan McCune asks about extended hunting seasons and bag limits.

a) Erin states that extending the season on MDC properties could be a possibility and that she will ask MDC about it.

b) It is currently prohibited by St Louis County code to allow hunting on county property, although this is up for discussion. Possible deer management at Greensfelder has been discussed.

c) Babler is managed by the Department of Natural Resources (State Parks) and they would need to be contacted and asked if it would be possible.

3) The Board discussed a plan to educate the public, as well as create a plan for management. There was a motion made by Tim Jax and seconded by Dave Bertolino to create a subcommittee for the deer management and include three (3) members of the public in addition to representatives from the Board of Public Safety. All present voted in favor.

B. Eatherton Road Cut-Through Traffic

1) Council Member Dr. John Gragnani was present with the residents and explained to those representing the Eatherton Road cut-through traffic complaint that they need to petition their local State Representative Bruce DeGroot, to get the intersection of Route 109 and Wildhorse Creek Road moved up on their list, which will help with the cut through problem.

2) The Board discussed the safety of the intersection, potential traffic restrictions, and what hours would be ideal for traffic restrictions. They discussed possible long term and short-term resolutions.

3) Board Member Tim Jax made a motion to implement turn restrictions on Route 109 and Route CC at Eatherton Road and to engage an engineer to evaluate potential roadway improvements to address the stated concerns at Route 109. It is proposed to restrict right turns on northbound Route 109 from 6:00-9:00 AM and left turns on westbound Route CC (Wild Horse Creek Road) from 4:00-7:00 PM, with exceptions for local traffic, per the recommendation of the City Attorney. Another part of the motion was to approach MODOT for a timeline on the intersection improvement at Route 109 and Wildhorse Creek, as well as if they have plans to address the Eatherton Road turn.

C. City Priorities for Future Improvements to MoDOT Roads.

The Board discussed whether to condense the list into one smaller list or to create two lists. They agreed to present both lists - an overall and a breakdown, so that Council members can keep track of projects in their wards.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Pond Road- Route 109 Traffic Concerns

- 1) The Board discussed that traffic will be detoured from I-44 to Route 141, but trucks and traffic will find a way through the area.
- 2) Board Member Tim Jax said that traffic counts should be done ahead of construction. Traffic counts should be taken prior and after the start of construction. Rick Brown will move to create the study. He will add number of through trucks to the traffic study.

B. Use of Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles (ROHV) on City Roadways.

- 1) Resident Dillon LeFavor requested that the city allow him to apply for a special use permit to use his ROHV on public streets within the City.
- 2) The Board discussed various issues associated with this vehicle permit request including: that the state does not allow it to be titled, that once you let one person do this, it opens up for all persons to be allowed, and that the city request notes on past issues like this from the City Attorney.

C. Strecker Road speeding concerns.

Director Rick Brown reviewed the memorandum associated which included traffic studies of Strecker Road. Dave Bertolino made a motion that based on data provided that no action is required. Tim Jax seconded the motion and all voted Aye.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Board Member Dan Bertolino and seconded by Board Member John Bradley to adjourn. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Scherer
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