



March 7, 2019

## MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Public Safety Members

From: Joe Vujnich, Co-Interim City Administrator/Director of Planning and Parks

Re: **St. Louis County Police Department – Wildwood Precinct Equipment Needs and Associated Requests** (Wards – All)

Cc: The Honorable James R. Bowlin, Mayor  
The Honorable City Council of the City of Wildwood  
Steve Cross, Co-Interim City Administrator  
John A. Young, City Attorney  
Rick Brown, P.E. and P.T.O.E., Director of Public Works  
Captain James Mundel, St. Louis County Police Department – Wildwood Precinct

### Background and Need Analysis >>>

The Departments of Planning and Public Works have been holding conversations with the St Louis County Police Department - Wildwood Precinct about certain needs of its officers and staff, which have been identified by their leadership relative to improving the efficiency of their activities, safety of the law enforcement personnel, and the security of the public. These discussions have focused on equipment and similar needs. The logic behind these equipment needs is to provide tools the officers can use during their day-to-day efforts relative to their time within the beats, lessening the burden on individuals that might be transported by police officers for safety and enforcement purposes, and reducing risk of injuries to the officers themselves.

The Departments can summarize the equipment and other needs of the Police Department as follows:

1. Live scan workstation.
2. Video cameras for the exterior and interior of City Hall and the interior of the parking garage.
3. Bullet-proof film for the street-side windows that are within the Police Department Area of City Hall.
4. Safety barriers for vehicular control efforts and a trailer to carry them to the event locations for deployment and use.
5. Electronic message boards for traffic control and vehicular safety.

Not all of these items are intended to be acquired in the short term, but rather are part of a larger planning process that will be presented to the Board of Public Safety this spring or early summer. This plan is under development by the parties and intended to create a comprehensive solution for the safety of all people working or visiting City Hall.

### **Recommendation >>>**

The Departments of Planning and Public Works have reviewed the short term list of equipment needs that have been identified and do support them at this time. These items have a cost associated with each of them. These expenses are as follows:

1. **Live scan workstation** – equipment provided at no charge, with the first year of use covered by the manufacturer of the equipment, with subsequent years having a lease payment of \$7,500.00 per year for use, maintenance, upkeep, and repair thereafter.
2. **Safety barriers and associated trailer** - \$75,000.00

The other items in the first list provided in this Memorandum will be identified later in terms of costs.

On tonight's agenda, the two (2) items have been identified, along with their associated costs, both from a one-time purchase perspective or an ongoing lease/maintenance agreement for the work station, and are being supported by the Departments of Planning and Parks and Public Works, along with seeking the endorsement of them by the Board of Public Safety. The details of these two (2) considerations are part of the individual reports on the same that are identified on tonight's agenda as well.

The funding for these short-term purchases would be through Proposition P funds that have been, and are, being collected within St. Louis County and distributed to cities, including the City of Wildwood. Annual collections to the City of Wildwood are approximately \$1,800,000.00, of which some is utilized for the increases in the police service contract from year-to-year. However, funding does exist in the immediate term for the consideration of these items by the City.

### **Reasons for Recommendation >>>**

The reasons for this recommendation can be summarized as follows:

1. Improves efficiency of the officers in their respective day-to-day efforts within the City.
2. Decreases time out of the City for booking purposes, with the purchase of the Live scan workstation.
3. Accommodates services to residents at Wildwood City Hall needing record checks for employment application purposes or other related items.
4. Increases safety standards and protocols at events and other venues, with the purchase of additional barriers.
5. Reduces time officers spend on loading, set-up, retrieval, and unloading related to the barriers.
6. Diminishes the risks of injury to officers' charged with set-up and breakdown relative to the barriers.

If any of the Board Members should have questions or comments in this regard or need additional information, please feel free to contact Captain Mundel, with the St. Louis County Police Department –

Wildwood Precinct, Rick Brown, Director of Public Works, or me. A presentation is planned at tonight's meeting on this matter. Thank you for your consideration of this information and direction on the same.