



MEMO

To: Board of Public Safety

From: Rick Brown, Director of Public Works / City Engineer

Date: August 6, 2019

Re: Use of Fireworks Within Wildwood

After last month's Independence Day celebration, Board Member Dave Williams, along with Kate Dozier, 2 of 3 trustees for the Nantucket Subdivision (Ward Seven) addressed the City Council at their July 8th meeting. Ms. Dozier noted their concerns with regard to fireworks being discharged illegally within their neighborhood. She stated that in a previous year, a nearby home burned to the ground due to a bottle rocket landing on the roof. In addition, she is also very concerned about the impact that the discharge of fireworks has on some of her neighbors who are suffering with PTSD. Ms. Dozier stated she understood there will always be municipal sponsored fireworks displays, and she acknowledged that the Police can easily become overwhelmed by resident requests to respond to the illegal discharge of fireworks. However, she said that the loud and extremely concussive nature of the fireworks being discharged is very hard on those suffering with PTSD. While Ms. Dozier did not provide any recommended solutions regarding her concern, she asked if the City could review this situation. Therefore, the Board of Public Safety is respectfully requested to further review and consider Ms. Dozier's concern.

Captain Mundel and I will be available for questions or comments on this matter at the August 8, 2019 Board of Public Safety meeting.

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