



# WILDWOOD

## Meeting of the BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Thursday, October 9, 2019

Wildwood City Hall Community Room  
16860 Main Street

**DRAFT**

### Committee Members in Attendance:

Marshal Scott Collier

Board Member Denny Welker

Captain James Mundel, St Louis County Police

Board Member James David Williams

Board Member Lynette Baker

Joe Haefer, Metro West Fire Protection District (sitting in for Deputy Chief John Bradley)

Council Member Dave Bertolino

### Absent:

Deputy Chief John Bradley

### Also Present:

Rick Brown, Director of Public Works / City Engineer

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 Williams to amend the minutes in section V. Old Business, A. Deer Management Subcommittee Update, line 4) from, "It was determined that sampling practices should be ongoing, and recommended sampling for the 2019 season." to "It was determined that sampling practices should be ongoing, provided that funding is available, and recommended sampling as a budgetary item for the 2019 season", to more accurately record statements made in that meeting. A motion was made to Amend the minutes by Marshal Scott Collier and seconded by Board Member Lynette Baker. All members voted Aye. A vote was taken to approved amended minutes and all voted Aye.

## **III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- A. Council Member John Gragnani expressed concern for the idea of deer hunting on combined lots east of Hwy 109. The concern is that deer often run and deacease on properties that they are not hunted on, and that those residents may be disturbed and offended. He does not support hunting in high density areas because some residents want the deer hunted and others do not. He is concerned that a shot deer may run into a car, or onto a property of a non-hunter in a nearby neighborhood.

#### **IV. FOR INFORMATION**

##### **A. None**

#### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A. Deer Management Subcommittee Update**

- 1) Deer Management Subcommittee Chair, David Williams, shared an update with the group.
- 2) A Data Analyst with St Louis County Police Department will help create a survey to gauge public opinion and understanding about deer management.
- 3) Dave Williams personally researched the use of traps, and a Clover Trap was recommended by the Missouri Department of Conservation as an option.
- 4) We are interested in learning more about the City of Ellisville and their deer management strategies, as the St. Louis County police conduct their culling program.
- 5) Council Member Dave Bertolino mentioned that he understands that this is a safety issue, an emotional issue, and that the council will like to know what the public's climate in regarding the topic. Public Works Director Rick Brown stated that these subjects will be addressed in the up coming survey.

#### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Concerns with Intersection Sight Distance-Taylor Rd at Sandalwood Creek Dr.**

- 1) Soon after Taylor Road was opened at Hwy 109, the City became quickly aware that there was a sight distance issue. Public Works Director Rick Brown described the sight distance issue, as well as the sight distance study that was conducted by himself and another city team member.
- 2) Council Member Dave Bertolino mentioned that when the road opened, he received two calls regarding this issue, and that Public Works responded immediately by removing trees that were blocking sight, as well as conducting a study.
- 3) Rick Brown proposed approval for an intersection warning sign on Taylor Rd., and to continue monitoring the intersection for further motorist concerns.
- 4) Council Member Dave Bertolino made a motion to approve signage and to continue to monitor the sight distance at this intersection. Board Member Dave Williams seconded the motion and all Board Members voted Aye.

##### **B. Thunderhead Canyon Dr. – Traffic Concerns**

- 1) Director of Public Works, Rick Brown, described a traffic study that was conducted by City Staff under his direction. The traffic study results showed that over 2,000 vehicles a day are travelling on Thunderhead Canyon Drive, whereas a practical limit for a residential street is around 1,000 vehicles per day.
- 2) From a volume standpoint, there is a concern, however, solutions are not simple. If traffic were diverted, it would be to another location where it could increase traffic on another residential street.

- 3) Brown recommended hiring an engineering firm to research traffic calming or diversion options, which would have to be a capital project due to costs.
- 4) Council Member Dave Bertolino made a motion to re-survey the traffic in spring after the Route 109 construction has been completed. Marshal Scott Collier seconded the motion and all Board Members voted Aye.

## **VII. MISCELLANEOUS**

### **A. Barbeque Bash Safety Recap**

- 1) Board Member Dave Bertolino questioned Captain James Mundel about safety at the event. Captain Mundell said that it was well attended, and all safety aspects went well this year.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Dave Bertolino to adjourn and was seconded by Marshal Scott Collier. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Scherer  
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