



WILDWOOD

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Bowlin and City Council Members

From: Steve Cross, City Administrator

Date: July 21, 2021

Re: Accessibility Compliance and Suggested Improvements

At the July 12, 2021 Council meeting, Council Member Clark asked the City to review the current City policies regarding accessibility for disabled individuals and to investigate ways to increase these current accessibility efforts. Based on this request, Council Member Clark, Director of Planning Vujnich, Director of Public Works Brown and City Administrator Cross met on July 15, 2021 to discuss these issues. A number of items were discussed including:

1. Installing signage in the City's parks that incorporate Braille
2. Ensuring the proposed Village Green incorporates all current and future standards regarding accessibility
3. Replacing narrow sidewalks with wider, wheelchair friendly sidewalks
4. Developing a survey for the City's residents seeking input on ways to improve accessibility throughout Wildwood
5. Promoting the PIN Sticker Program (Potentially Impaired or Non-Verbal Person) used by the Wildwood Police
6. Developing a list of resources for residents with disabilities
7. Including a line item in the budget for funding accessibility issues
8. Improving communication to the City's residents regarding how they may be able to attend Council and Committee meetings in person
9. Revising the Department of Planning's plan review process and checklists to specifically inquire of any developer of a project within this community whether it has met and/or exceeds requirements related to accessibility and related universal design standards and, if not, how to achieve them.
10. Implementing equipment/procedures to allow for communications with the deaf using TTY (TeleTYpe), TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf), or TT (Text Telephone). Providing training to the City's telephone operators.

In addition to the above, we have reached out to the Central Institute for the Deaf to speak with the Director. She is a Wildwood resident and will be invited to meet with us at City Hall to gain her perspective regarding improvements the City can implement to provide greater accessibility for the deaf. We plan to schedule a similar meeting with this individual's counterpart at either the St. Louis Society for the Blind or the Missouri School for the Blind to gain her perspective on improvements the City can implement regarding the visually impaired.

It is our plan to pursue implementation of as many of the items above that can be accomplished within the current budget. If Council has other suggested items that should be included within this project, please let us know.

Thank you.

SVC