



# WILDWOOD

June 21, 2022

The Honorable City Council  
City of Wildwood, Missouri  
16860 Main Street  
Wildwood, Missouri 63040

**Re: Consideration of Purchases for Community Park Restrooms' Wastewater System (Ward One)**

Council Members:

**BACKGROUND >>>** At the June 2022 Committee meeting, the Department advised the members of the Committee about a recent set of issues relating to the Community Park's permanent restroom facilities. Typically, these issues revolve around vandalism or users just not following the simple rules to ensure improvements are protected from unintended damage. When such actions occur, the City addresses them with its complement of contractor and trade professionals. The intent of these efforts is to keep them functional and always safe to use.

The Committee would note that service to the restrooms is provided by the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD), which required the Community Park site to be annexed into its jurisdiction and then provide a design to force effluent from it to Windsor Crest Subdivision's pump station and thereafter from that facility across State Route 109 into the Caulks Creek Watershed. The park site is located within the Bonhomme Creek Watershed, which does not have any type of public treatment plant located within it. The process to treat wastewater effluent from the park is dependent on grinder pumps at the facility and the key pump stations to the east.

Recently, both of the grinder pumps at the park malfunctioned and required the closure of the restrooms. The malfunctions were part blockage, but also age and past damage from items being flushed in the toilets that had caused issues. It is important to note the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) required two (2) pumps to be installed, one (1) as the primary and the other as a back-up. In this most recent cited instance, both pumps were disabled. The system has a storage tank, but is limited in its capacity. Fortunately, the plumbing contractor was able to restart one (1) of the two (2) pumps, but one (1) them could not be repaired.

In discussion the situation with plumbing contractor, It was recommended one (1) grinder pump be purchased to replace the broken and unrepairable unit, but this individual also recommended replacing the other, given age and current conditions. This second, operating unit could then be stored and used

in emergencies, such as the most recent outage. This approach, according to the contractor, will ensure any future issues can be mitigated easily, while providing reliable service for many years to come.

This approach, based upon the bid provided by the plumbing contractor, notes the two (2) pumps can be purchased at a cost of \$9,534.60. This cost does not include the installation charges. The Department did note to the Committee the installation charges will cause the cost to install the two (2) new pumps, and removing the others, at an amount that will exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00). The amount of the equipment cost is such the input and direction was sought by the Committee Members, in order to ensure its membership agreed with this approach. Funds do exist for a purchase of this nature. These funds are part of the Capital Improvements Program for 2022.

**COMMITTEE ACTION >>>** The Committee discussed the matter and concurred the planned approach is prudent and will address an issue that will allow the restroom facilities in Community Park to remain open, despite maintenance issues. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend the Department proceed with this purchase and replacement program to ensure the Community Park's restroom facilities remain functional and reliable for all visitors to them.

**CONTACT INFORMATION >>>** If any of the City Council Members should have any questions or comments regarding this information, please feel free to contact the Department of Planning and Parks at (636) 458-0440. This item has been placed on tonight's Work Session Agenda under 'For Information' and, if any City Council Member would like to discuss this matter, the Department of Planning and Parks will be available for such. Thank you for your consideration of this information.

Respectfully submitted,

**CITY OF WILDWOOD PLANNING AND PARKS COMMITTEE**

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Planning and Parks Committee

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