

# COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**WILDWOOD CITY HALL**  
**16860 Main Street**  
**City of Wildwood, Missouri 63040**

**Monday, April 12, 2021**  
**5:00 P.M.**

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Bowlin	X	
Garritano	X	
Flaschar	X	
Jakcsy	X	
Bertolino	X	
Dodwell	X	
Nyhan	X	
Bartoni*	X	
Brost	X	
Clark	X	
Edens*	X	
Remy* (arrived 5:59 pm)	X	
Farmer*	X	
Gillani	X	
McCune*	X	
Rambaud	X	
McCutchen	X	

\* via video conference

## **MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Bowlin asked if the Council had any objection to his comment regarding Waste Connections in the recent Mayor's Report.

## **FOR INFORMATION**

### **Rural Internet Access Committee**

#### **Updates on Rural Internet Access Issues (Wards – All)**

Mayor Bowlin stated a memorandum had been provided for the City Council's review and asked if there were any comments or questions.

## Wildwood Celebration Commission

### **Update on Planned 2021 Wildwood Celebration Event (Wards – All)**

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## Department of Planning

### **Code Enforcement Update – Recent Issues and Trends (Wards – All)**

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## Economic Development Committee

### **Wildwood Business Discounts for Cyclers and Walkers (Wards – All)**

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### **2021 Update to Economic Development Guide - Meeting #3 (Wards – All)**

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### **Economic Development Manager's Report (Wards – All)**

Mayor Bowlin stated a memorandum had been provided for the City Council's review and asked if there were any comments or questions.

### **"Visit Wildwood" Tourism Campaign Update (Wards – All)**

Mayor Bowlin stated a memorandum had been provided for the City Council's review and asked if there were any comments or questions.

Discussion was held regarding the following: distribution of printed piece, campaign audience, and assessing the campaign's success

## Department of Public Works

### **Strecker Road Sidewalk Project (Wards Two and Four)**

Mayor Bowlin stated a memorandum had been provided for the City Council's review and asked if there were any comments or questions.

Discussion was held regarding the following: reason for environmental testing, new owner of the Callahan site, stop work order sign on the Callahan site, easements for 162 and 210 Strecker Road, sidewalk overlay, soil sampling and environmental testing, and Council authorizing environmental sampling and testing.

### **Increased Contract Authorization for Evergreen Forest Curb Replacement Project (Ward Five)**

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## Department of Public Works and Department Planning

### **Update on Birch Forest Drive Turnaround (Ward Five)**

Mayor Bowlin stated a memorandum had been provided for the City Council's review and asked if there were any comments or questions.

## Administration/Public Works Committee

### **Waste Connections Contract Renewal (Wards – All)**

Mayor Bowlin stated a memorandum had been provided for the City Council's review and asked if there were any comments or questions.

## FOR ACTION

## Department of Planning

### **The Reserve at Wildwood (Ward One)**

Mayor Bowlin stated a memorandum had been provided for the City Council's review and asked if there were any comments or questions.

Discussion was held regarding the following: work done by Davey Resource Group, work to be done by Dr. Hammer, delay in completing work by consultants, using additional consultants, and effect of Payne Family Homes' change of ownership.

A motion was made by Council Member Dodwell, seconded by Council Member Garritano, to postpone action on The Reserve at Wildwood to the next City Council meeting. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result and the motion was declared passed.

## Historic Preservation Commission

### **Champions of History Program – Recognition of Individuals for Service to the City (Wards – All)**

Mayor Bowlin stated a memorandum had been provided for the City Council's review and asked if there were any comments or questions.

Discussion was held regarding the following: recognizing Historic Preservation Commissioners, appearance of recognizing only the chair, vice-chair, and secretary on one commission, recognizing the founders of Wildwood, and deferring this item to the Planning and Parks Committee.

A motion was made by Council Member Dodwell, seconded by Council Member Jakcsy, to refer the Champions of History Program to the Planning and Parks Committee with a report at the second City Council meeting in May. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result and the motion was declared passed.

## Department of Administration

### **2021-2025 Strategic Planning – Phase II and III (Wards – All)**

#### **Review of Strategic Plan Goals and Sub-Goals**

Mayor Bowlin stated a memorandum had been provided for the City Council's review and asked if there were any comments or questions.

Discussion was held regarding the following: completion dates for strategic plan goals and sub-goals, projects moved further out for completion, prioritization and funding for Green Pines Park trail, and sidewalks and paths near Green Pines Park.

### **Funding Source Discussion**

Discussion was held regarding the following: possible internet access providers, funding for internet access, communicating and meeting with legislative representatives, and moving forward with internet access while managing risks and preserving options for the City regarding funding.

### **Recommendation Regarding Desired Funding Option for Repairs and Restoration of Certain Locations in the Identified Watershed Areas (Wards – All)**

Mayor Bowlin stated a memorandum had been provided for the City Council's review and asked if there were any comments or questions.

Discussion was held regarding the following: funding options discussed by the Planning and Parks Committee, Watershed Erosion Task Force and Economic Development Committee, parks and stormwater sales tax as a funding option, funding provided by the City, educating the public, and duration and amount of the sales tax.

A motion was made by Council Member Remy, seconded by Council Member Bertolino, for legislation to be prepared for the April 26, 2021 City Council meeting to propose a ½-cent parks and stormwater sales tax on the November 2021 ballot.

Discussion was further held regarding the following: vote on the sales tax by the Planning and Parks Committee, informing residents where sales tax funds would go, delaying placing the sales tax on the November 2021 ballot, approval of an ordinance by the City Council, effect of watershed and erosion problems, citizens and entities campaigning for the sales tax, the City not promoting political issues, committing to a sales tax while needing to fund internet access, receiving revenue through online sales taxes, overwhelming citizens with taxes, prioritizing internet access over erosion, citizens wanting erosion issues fixed, work done by the Watershed Erosion Task Force Education Subcommittee, looking at other options before requesting more funding, no sunset clauses for taxes that fund projects, wasting taxpayer money, and ballot certification deadline.

A motion was made by Council Member McCune, seconded by Council Member Bartoni, to suspend the rules and allow Council Member Remy to speak for a third time. A roll call vote was taken on the motion with the following results: Ayes – Garritano, Flaschar, Jakcsy, Bertolino, Dodwell, Nyhan, Bartoni, Brost, Clark, Edens, Farmer, Gillani, McCune, Rambaud, and McCutchen

Nays – None

Abstain – Remy

Absent – None

Whereupon Mayor Bowlin declared the motion approved.

Discussion was further held regarding the following: funding sources other than a sales tax, Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District repair responsibilities, estimated cost to mitigate watershed and erosion issues, and how Wildwood compared to other cities in sales tax rates.

A motion was made by Council Member McCutchen, seconded by Council Member Garritano, to postpone legislation on a ½-cent parks and stormwater sales tax proposal until: the City Council could be educated on information developed by the Watershed Erosion Task Force Education Subcommittee and how that information would be distributed to the public, and to specify plans in order to be understood fully for the ballot.

Discussion was further held regarding the following: having more information on internet access than erosion.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion to postpone with the following results:

Ayes – Flaschar, Jakcsy, Brost, Clark, Gillani, Rambaud, McCutchen, and Garritano

Nays – Bertolino, Dodwell, Nyhan, Bartoni, Edens, Remy, Farmer, and McCune

Abstain – None

Absent – None

Whereupon Mayor Bowlin declared the vote a tie. Mayor Bowlin broke the tie by voting no, and declared the motion defeated.

Discussion was further held regarding the following: funding from the American Rescue Plan Act.

A roll call vote was taken on the main motion with the following results:

Ayes – Jakcsy, Bertolino, Dodwell, Nyhan, Bartoni, Clark, Edens, Remy, Farmer, McCune, Rambaud, McCutchen, and Flaschar

Nays – Brost, Gillani, and Garritano

Abstain – None

Absent – None

Whereupon Mayor Bowlin declared the motion approved.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Flaschar, seconded by Council Member Brost, to adjourn the Work Session at 7:03 p.m. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result and the motion was declared passed.