The Council Planning/Parks Committee meeting was called to order by Chair McCutchen, at 6:36 p.m., on June 16, 2020, in a virtual format (Zoom Webinar).

I. Welcome and Roll Call:

The roll call was taken, with the following results:

PRESENT – (6)
Council Member Bartoni
Council Member Remy (left early)
Council Member Dodwell
Council Member Bopp (arrived late)
Council Member McCune
Chair McCutchen

ABSENT – (2)
Council Member Gragnani
Council Member Garritano

Other City Officials present:
Joe Vujnic, Director of Planning and Parks
Kathy Arnett, Assistant Director of Planning and Parks
Gary Crews, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation
Travis Newberry, City Planner

II. Approval of Minutes from the Committee’s Meeting of May 19, 2020

A motion was made by Council Member McCune, seconded by Council Member Bartoni, to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2020 meeting. A voice vote was taken to approve the motion, with unanimous, affirmative result. The motion was declared approved by Chair McCutchen.

III. Public Input (opportunity for the public to speak to any Action Item on Tonight’s Agenda)

David Hutson – Offered several comments/suggestions concerning the Noise Code for Constant Emitters of Noise. His comments/suggestions are part of this evening’s minutes in letter form.

Nancy Fischer – Offered comments/suggestions concerning the on-going noise issue near her residence, over the last seven (7) years from the Lisk property and the aquaculture that is operated there. She noted when tests were performed in
early to mid-April, the noise virtually disappeared due to the testing of a quieter motor. She advised however, before the end of the month, the loud motor noise returned. She wanted to know if the aquaculture system had a schedule or deadline in place for the quieter motors to be installed. The question was also asked as to what will happen if Mr. Lisk builds a home, or other buildings, and the noise returns.

**Gil Smith** – Concurred with the comments of Nancy Fischer and wanted to know if there is going to be a way to inspect the aquaculture facility on the Lisk property, if the loss of permitted uses on his property were to be eliminated.

**IV. Action Items**

**a.) Planning Matters – Two (2) Items Ready for Consideration**

**1.) Work Plan for Review of Previous Changes to the Zoning Ordinance and Noise Code for Constant Emitters of Noise (Wards – All)**

Director of Planning and Parks Vujnich provided an overview of the *Past Amendments to the NU Non-Urban Residence District of the Zoning Ordinance and Impacts on Constant Emitters of Sound*. In summary, he advised the Zoning Ordinance and the Noise Code Ordinance were amended in 2017. It was noted the amendments addressed future issues with aquaculture activities that might be present but did little to address concerns about the noise of the existing aquaculture facility on Wild Horse Creek Road. Thereafter, another issue concerning a constant emitter of noise relative to a water feature was presented to the City. Director of Planning and Parks Vujnich advised the *Past Amendments to the NU Non-Urban Residence District of the Zoning Ordinance and Impacts on Constant Emitters of Sound* have constantly been questioned in various ways, since being put into effect by all parties involved with the aquaculture operation and is now being questioned relative to the waterfall structure. The question presented to the Committee is whether the Zoning Ordinance Sections and the Noise Code Sections of the City's regulations should receive additional review and new options be considered.

Discussion among Committee Members included the following: the fact this issue has been presented/discussed by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council; the fact the City Council ask the Committee to entertain/review this matter; the fact the owner of the existing aquaculture facility wants permitted uses returned to his property, but does not want to lose the grandfathering status his operation currently has in place; the fact the complainant concerning the noise of the waterfall, wants the same restrictions/requirements for noise placed on it as required of the aquaculture facility; the opinion placing unreasonable restrictions on water features could open a big can of worms; the opinion the water feature being questioned by the complainant is of a scale not likely to be repeated/duplicated anywhere in the City; the opinion the City should not impose restrictions that take away property rights; the suggestion to address all constant emitters of noise (traffic, music, and construction activity were given as examples); the fact that Dr.
Thunder, during his testing/investigation, was able to eliminate annoying noise at the current aquaculture facility at the beginning of April (but the noise returned by the end of April); the comment that newer motors were much quieter than the original/existing motors at the aquaculture facility; whether a timeline, or schedule, for motor replacement could be recommended to the owner of the aquaculture; and the suggestion not to make ordinances/regulations concerning water features so tight that it affects future water feature installations.

A motion was made by Council Member Dodwell, seconded by Council Member Bartoni, to send the two (2) groupings suggested by the Department (the aquaculture and water feature) back to its staff for further research and analysis. The results of the research and analysis should be brought back to the Committee at a future meeting. A voice vote was taken to approve the motion, with unanimous, affirmative result. The motion was declared approved by Chair McCutchen.

2. Commercial Vehicle Definition and Traffic Code Regulations (Wards – All)

Director of Planning and Parks Vujnich reminded the Committee of an inconsistency that exists between the Zoning Ordinance and the City’s Traffic Code regarding where commercial vehicles can be parked and staged in residential zoning district designations located within the City of Wildwood. A decision had been made to change the Traffic Code to mirror the Zoning Code’s definition relative to the long-term parking of commercial vehicles within the public rights-of-way areas. He noted however, that some City Council Members felt that a hardship would be placed on some individuals, if not allowed to park commercial vehicles in a residential setting and, therefore, the Department was asked to review ordinances of other municipalities for their definition of commercial vehicles and develop a revised option for the City’s Zoning Ordinance that would allow for certain commercial vehicle parking in residential areas. Director of Planning and Parks Vujnich advised that most of the ordinances reviewed treated commercial vehicle parking in residential settings in much the same way, as the City of Wildwood has in the past, which is to prohibit it. It was noted that most ordinances handled commercial parking in residential areas based on weight or dimension/size of the vehicle. Director of Planning and Parks Vujnich presented a proposed ordinance modification/change to definitions of a commercial vehicle and their parking, according to weight (the key being 10,500 pounds).

Discussion among Committee Members included the following: whether the time limit listed in the ordinance for parking commercial vehicles in residential areas was appropriate; the assumption that commercial vehicles could be parked in residential areas with logo and wrappings; whether adjusting the weight of the vehicle in the proposed ordinance would actually have any effect on the parking of commercial vehicles; and the opinion if addressing the current conflict/inconsistency between the two (2) ordinances was not of an urgent nature and more research should be done by the Department.
Director of Planning and Parks Vujnich advised the Department would conduct further research and bring additional information to the Committee at the July 2020 meeting.

b.) Parks Matters – Five (5) Items for Consideration

1.) Discussion on Reopening of Park Facilities, including the Dog Park, Pavilions, Restrooms, and Playgrounds (Ward – All)

Director of Planning and Parks Vujnich presented a proposed schedule for the reopening of Wildwood park facilities. He noted the City would be following the schedule of the St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation, the largest department of this nature in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area. He noted for the Committee all the facilities in the City are ready to open, but sanitation issues present health concerns and financial challenges.

Discussion among Committee Members included the following: how often restroom facilities would need to be cleaned/sanitized; the fact the opening of Anniversary Park, Old Pond School, and Glencoe City Park, will be much less complicated than opening Community Park; and the fact that all areas will be posted with signage, especially Community Park.

A motion was made by Council Member Bartoni, seconded by Council Member Dodwell, to accept/endorse the schedule proposed by the Department for the reopening of the City’s park and recreation facilities. A voice vote was taken to approve the motion, with unanimous, affirmative result. The motion was declared approved by Chair McCutchen.

2.) Discussion on Scheduled Events Through the Remainder of Summer 2020 (Wards – All)

Director of Planning and Parks Vujnich presented a listing of City Events that have been cancelled to this point in 2020 and recommendations on the remaining events scheduled for the remainder of the year. He noted the Plein Air Event, originally scheduled in May, has been tentatively rescheduled for September 26, 2020. The Boards and Commission Appreciation Event, originally scheduled for May, has tentatively rescheduled for some time in December. The future of the New Resident Picnic, Back to School Party, and Tour De Wildwood are undetermined currently. All other events have been cancelled.

A motion was made by Council Member Bartoni, seconded by Council Member Dodwell, to accept/endorse the scheduling/cancellation decisions made by the Department for City events through the remainder of the year. A voice vote was taken to approve the motion, with unanimous, affirmative result. The motion was declared approved by Chair McCutchen.
3.) Update on Virtual Recreation Programs and Events (Wards – All)

Assistant Director of Planning and Parks Arnett provided an overview of the virtual events the City has presented to the residents of Wildwood. She noted several virtual events are scheduled through the end of June and numerous events are in the planning stage for the rest of the year. Assistant Director of Planning and Parks Arnett advised the Committee the Department has received very positive comments from those residents and others who have participated in the virtual events.

4.) Update Report on Facility Reservations, Event Registrations, and Ongoing and Long-Term Maintenance Costs for Parks and Trail Facilities (Wards – All)

The Committee was advised to contact Assistant Director of Planning and Parks Arnett with any questions or comments.

5.) Update on Parks and Recreation Action Plan (Wards – All)

The Committee was advised to contact Superintendent of Parks and Recreation with any questions or comments.

c.) Executive Session Pursuant to RSMO 610.021 – No Items for Consideration

V. Not Ready for Action – Planning and Parks Matters – Four (4) Items

Nothing ready for discussion.

VI. Other Matters

A question was presented concerning discussions on lighting the asphalt trails in Town Center, especially around the bicycle/pedestrian bridges. Director of Planning and Parks Vujnic advised he hoped to bring information back to the Committee in July.

A question was asked about planting trees for the City Founders (Founders Forest) and wanting to revisit the potential of such a program. Director of Planning and Parks Vujnic advised the discussion would be placed on a future agenda.

It was suggested to develop a list of Founders for the Committee to refer to for this purpose.

VII. Closing Remarks and Adjournment.

Director of Planning and Parks Vujnic and Chair McCutchen summarized the evening’s meeting and a motion was made by Council Member Dodwell, seconded by Council Member Bartoni, to adjourn. A voice vote was taken to approve the motion, with unanimous, affirmative result, and it was declared approved by Chair McCutchen at 8:08 p.m.