

MINUTES

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

JUNE 24, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairperson Mary Monachella.
2. Roll Call

Councilmember Mary Monachella , Chairperson, Councilmember Patricia **Tocco**, Ward I, Councilmember Lane Koch, Ward III, Councilmember Gary Budoor, Ward IV, Councilmember Barbara McGuinness, Ward I, Councilmember Mary Ann Mastorakos, Ward II, Councilmember Merrell Hansen, Ward IV, Elliot Brown, Assistant City Administrator, Nathan Bruns, Associate of the City Attorney, Amanda Hurley, Administrative Assistant to the City Administrator/Mayor, Deputy City Clerk, Chief Cheryl Funkhouser. The meeting was also attended by citizens, Mr. Rob Kilo and Mr. Dennis Ganahl.

3. Approval of Minutes

After reviewing the minutes of the February 25, 2025 meeting, Chairperson Monachella motioned and Councilmember Tocco seconded to approve the minutes. The motion carried 4-0.

4. Selection of Vice-Chairman for the Public Health & Safety Committee

Councilmember Koch motioned and Councilmember Monachella nominated Councilmember Gary Budoor to the position of Vice-Chairman. The motion carried 4-0.

5. Selection of a Liaison to the Police Personnel Board.

Councilmember Budoor motioned and Councilmember Monachella nominated Councilmember Budoor to be the Liaison to the Police Personnel Board. The motion carried 4-0.

6. Solicitation Discussion

Amanda Hurley and Nathan Bruns presented information regarding the recent increase in solicitation issues and present information for the committee to consider regarding how to address the issues.

Discussion ensued regarding recent complaints from residents regarding aggressive behaviors by solicitors. The administrative process of granting solicitor certification was discussed. The Committee members discussed the possibility of a new ordinance that would define solicitation practices and note that certification may be revoked on activities such as trespassing, peace disturbance, and aggressive behaviors. The Committee members agreed that an ordinance should give authority to revoke the certification.

Committee members suggested that this subject be considered as an article in a future newsletter and possibly list those businesses that have approved certification.

Mr. Bruns will develop a proposed ordinance for the Committee to consider at a future meeting. He will review ordinances that may be currently in place at surrounding municipalities while researching content for the new ordinance.

7. Code Enforcement Update On Problem Properties Within The City

Elliot Brown supplied updates on the current actions of Code Enforcement within the City. The Committee reviewed the types of complaints received and action on those complaints throughout the City. He requested guidance on future enforcement practices.

The Committee members recommended possible leniency on times for the removal of trash cans from the street and also clarification of storage of trash receptacles on corner lots where the trash can may be seen from a side street. The removal of dead/diseased trees was discussed as well as removal of invasive plant life from common ground areas in subdivisions or forested areas. The designation of overgrown vegetation encroaching on sidewalks and streets as nuisances was discussed.

The Committee members asked Mr. Brown to draft an ordinance updating the relevant sections of code that were discussed and to present it to the Public Health & Safety Committee for review at their next meeting.

8. Draft Ordinance Amending Minimum Standards of Maintenance For Buildings and Structures Within the City

A draft ordinance was provided to the Committee members updating the abatement hearing process for exterior maintenance issues. The ordinance outlines the process beginning with a violation notice to initiate the process and the steps to be taken to mitigate the problems. The progression of each step was discussed with stop-gaps described for each step along the way.

There was much discussion regarding the process and the Committee recommended care in relationships with older citizens experiencing difficulty with maintenance issues.

Councilmember Budoor motioned and Councilmember Tocco seconded to approve the draft ordinance and move it on to the City Council with a recommendation for their approval. The motion carried 4-0.

9. Revision of Ordinance 2708 – Social Hosting of Underage Drinking and Loud and Unruly Gatherings

Chief Funkhouser noted that the Police Department has been undergoing a review of ordinances and found that Ordinance 2708 had not been updated to reflect the recent State Law change in the definition of the age of a juvenile to any person under the age of eighteen (18). Upon review, Councilmember Budoor motioned and Councilmember Koch seconded to update the current ordinance and recommend the revised ordinance to City Council for their approval. The motion carried 4-0.

10. Proposal For A Resolution Affirming the City of Chesterfield's Commitment to Public City

The Committee reviewed a proposed Resolution affirming the City of Chesterfield's Commitment to Public Safety. This resolution is a requirement to submit an application into acceptance into Missouri's Blue Shield Program. Acceptance into the Blue Shield Program requires the local government abide by select criteria and reporting requirements and would enable the police department to apply for grant funding only available to Blue Shield participants.

Upon review, Councilmember Monachella motioned and Councilmember Lane seconded to move this proposed resolution on to City Council with a recommendation for their approval. The motion carried 4-0.

11. Proposal For A Resolution To Adopt The 2025-2030 St. Louis Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

The Committee reviewed a proposed Resolution for the City to adopt the 2025 St. Louis Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. This resolution is required in order to apply for State grants if needed in the future.

After a short discussion, Councilmember Budoor motioned and Councilmember Koch seconded to approve this proposed resolution and move it to City Council with a recommendation for their approval. The motion carried 4-0.

12. Proposal to Reinstate the Police Captain's Position

Chief Funkhouser updated the history of the positions of Captain in the Police Department. There were three Captains until 2004 when Captain Dunn was promoted to the rank of Major/Assistant Chief. Upon further review of duties assigned to the remaining two Captains, it became evident that the third position of Captain is a necessity to efficiently manage personnel and ensure that responsibilities are distributed evenly. This is especially important with future growth within the City with additional development.

After discussion, Councilmember Monachella motioned and Councilmember Koch seconded to recommend approval to reinstate this position and be moved on to City Council with recommendation for their approval.

13. There was no other business
14. No new meeting date was assigned.
15. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.