



AGENDA
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING

Conference Room 202
Monday, May 11, 2026
5:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL -

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of 2-12-2026 Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

IV. SELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

V. SELECTION OF LIAISON TO POLICE PERSONNEL BOARD

VI. MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT

- A. Chairperson Tocco will lead a discussion about the operation of motorized transportation equipment such as e-scooters, ride-on motorized toys, motorized cycles, etc. within the City of Chesterfield.

VII. OTHER

VIII. NEXT MEETING

IX. ADJOURNMENT

PERSONS REQUIRING AN ACCOMMODATION TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING SHOULD CONTACT CITY CLERK VICKIE MCGOWND AT (636)537-6716 AT LEAST TWO (2) BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.



RECORD OF PROCEEDING

MEETING OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE CHESTERFIELD CITY HALL 690 CHESTERFIELD PARKWAY WEST CONFERENCE ROOM 202

FEBRUARY 12, 2026

Chairperson Mary Monachella called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Chairperson Mary Monachella, Ward I
Council Committee Member Lane Koch , Ward II
Council Committee Member Patricia Koch, Ward III
Council Committee Member Gary Budoor, Ward IV
Chief Cheryl Funkhouser
Associate City Attorney Nathan Bruns

ABSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Tocco made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Koch, to approve the December 9, 2025 Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Tocco voiced two amendments to the minutes: First, in the minutes it states that stickers are provided by City Hall. Councilmember Tocco also noted that other stickers that state no solicitors, no peddlers are also permissible. Secondly, regarding the fee structure for legal staff, the listing was not applicable. A vote was taken with a unanimous affirmative result (4,0), and the motion was declared passed with the noted amendments to the minutes.

HALLOWEEN CONDUCT - SEX OFFENDERS

Chief Funkhouser provided information that the current City Ordinance regarding Halloween, Restriction On Conduct – Violations states that any convicted sex offender is required to post a sign stating “no candy or treats at

this residence". In accordance with State Statute, the above language is in violation of the First Amendment, compelled speech, and is not enforceable. Therefore, a proposed ordinance will eliminate that requirement of any signage. The rest of the listed requirements listed in the ordinance remain in effect.

Councilmember Koch made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Budoor, to approve the proposed amended ordinance and forward to City Council recommending their approval. A vote was taken with a unanimous affirmative result (4,0), and the motion was declared passed.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY PROPOSAL TO INCREASE INMATE HOUSING COST

Chief Funkhouser informed Committee members that St. Louis County has sent an amended contract regarding the cost of housing municipal prisoners. Previously the cost was \$50.00 per day (24-hour period) for each prisoner. The amendment now sets the cost at \$75.00 per da (24-hour period) for each prisoner in custody. Chief Funkhouser informed the Committee members that this is a minimal increase considering that very few municipal prisoners are forwarded for holding at the County facility. This increase does not require any budget adjustments.

Councilmember Koch made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tocco, to approve the amendment regarding the increase and forward to City Council recommending City Council approval of the amendment. A vote was taken with a unanimous affirmative result (4,0), and the motion was declared passed

SELF-DRIVING VEHICLES

Associate City Attorney, Nathan Bruns led a discussion regarding the possibility of self-driving vehicles operating in the City of Chesterfield in the near future. The Committee agreed that regulations will be required As part of the currently proposed State House Bill, no other agency or local entity shall prohibit the operation of fully autonomous vehicles, automated driving systems, or on demand autonomous vehicle networks, or otherwise enact or keep in force rules ordinances, or other requirements. The State also names concern for restricting commerce if other entities attempt to restrict these autonomous vehicles (such as trucks).

Mr. Bruns noted that the State would likely pre-empt any municipal attempt to regulate these vehicles.

Noting serious accidents/incidents that have occurred, the Committee members suggested that the City Administrator and Councilmembers actively engage the Municipal League and the City's lobbyist to solicit additional support to allow regulations of these vehicles in Chesterfield.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (ESRO's) PILOT PROGRAM

Chief Funkhouser presented the idea to begin a Pilot Program to staff additional Elementary School Resource Officers. The Department is now

approved to have a total of six Elementary School Resource Officers; to date there are only two. This is because of the fact that the Police Department is short six officers and it is more important to staff police patrol. Chief Funkhouser also noted the officers who are hired have a low interest in these positions because they have been trained to fight crime, not to spend an entire workday inside an educational facility.

Therefore, Chief Funkhouser proposed a new position, the ESRO would be defined in this pilot program and a school safety officer hired specifically to work within the elementary schools. The position would require that the officer be POST certified and that officer would work a five-day work week (Monday-Friday and no shift work). During the summer months, when school is not in session, the officers would be assigned to the City's Park Department to assist with the activities like field sports that are heavily scheduled during the summer months. The ESRO would be hired at a lower salary comparable to the Rockwood School District School Safety Officer. These positions would be funded by the City unlike the School Resource Officers (SRO's) that are funded 75% by the school district and 25% by the City.

The pilot program would be for one year with one officer. If the pilot program is successful, additional ESRO's would be hired the following year.

Councilmember Budoor made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Koch, to approve the ESRO Pilot Program and forward to City Council with a recommendation that they approve the suggested program. A vote was taken with a unanimous affirmative result (4,0), and the motion was declared passed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Cheryl Funkhouser
Chief of Police

Dianne Johnson
Administrative Assistant

Approved: _____