

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2022

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chairman, Councilmember Aaron Wahl.

2. Roll Call

Councilmember Aaron Wahl, Ward II (Chairman), Councilmember Dan Hurt, Ward III, Councilmember Merrell Hansen, Captain Cheryl Funkhouser, and Chief Ray Johnson.

3. Minutes – October 17, 2022

Councilmember Hansen motioned and Councilmember Hurt seconded to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2022 meeting. It was noted that the minutes reflected the request of Councilmember Dan Hurt to discuss the installation of a bullet proof glass safety barrier at the customer service representatives' front desk of City Hall and that item does not appear on the agenda for the meeting this evening. Chief Johnson informed the Committee members that the costs were not yet available so this issue was not placed on the agenda. Councilmember Hurt asked that the issue be placed on every future agenda until it is discussed with a final motion from the Committee. The minutes were approved 3-0.

4. Proposal for Satellite Office – St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney

Chief Johnson described a planned project to establish a County Prosecuting Attorney satellite office at Chesterfield City Hall. This office would operate on a trial basis two days a week and allow officers and resident victims/witnesses access to the St. Louis Prosecuting Attorney staff without travelling to Clayton. The Prosecuting Attorney assigned to Chesterfield would occupy an office near the Municipal Court area and would provide his/her own cell phone and laptop computer and printer, and would require nothing other than use of desk space and access to Wi-Fi. The prosecuting attorney would not have/require access to the City computer network. Chief Johnson informed the Committee members that Municipal Prosecuting Attorney Tim Engelmeyer is supportive of these plans.

Councilmember Hurt inquired about cost and any revenue to the City. Chief Johnson replied that there no direct costs or revenues but the convenience to officers' time when applying for warrants would be an asset.

Councilmember Hansen motioned to recommend approval of the proposal. Councilmember Wahl. Seconded. During discussion, Councilmember Hurt recommended that there be a yearly review of this proposal. Chief Johnson replied that this is a verbal agreement with the St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney's office and the City of Chesterfield may pull out at any time.

The motion carried 3-0. This item will be placed on the next City Council agenda.

5. Deer Sampling Survey

Chief Johnson briefed the Committee members on the intent of the Police Department along with the Public Works Department to conduct a deer sampling survey. The last survey was done in 2019. This survey will give an idea on the deer population within the City of Chesterfield. The survey will follow guidelines of the State Department of Conservation and the outcome used for future planning for control of the deer population. There was no action by the Committee required regarding this item.

6. Councilmember Wahl reminded Committee members that the Alternative Court proposal will be discussed at the Finance & Administration meeting on Monday, December 12th.
7. The meeting adjourned at 5:58 PM