

MEMORANDUM

DATE: **October 29, 2002**

TO: **Michael G. Herring, City Administrator**

FROM: **Chief Ray Johnson**

SUBJECT: **PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Public Health & Safety Committee met on Monday, October 28, 2002. Those in attendance included Chairperson Mary Brown, Ward IV, Councilmember Barry Flachsbart, Ward I, Councilmember Barry Streeter, Ward II, Councilmember Michael Casey, Ward III. Also in attendance were Mayor Nations, Councilmember Dan Hurt, Ward III, Councilmember Connie Fults, Ward IV, City Administrator Michael Herring and Chief Ray Johnson and members of the Police Reserve Unit.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Councilmember Brown.

1. Approval of Minutes – September 30, 2002

Councilmember Casey motioned and Councilmember Streeter seconded to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2002 as amended. The motion carried 4-0.

5. Police Reserves – Proposed Change to Municipal Ordinance

Chairperson Brown summarized this issue noting that the Public Health & Safety Committee had voted at the September 30th meeting to recommend that the City Council approve an amended ordinance relating to the powers and duties of the Police Reserves, to align them to current State Statute and in compliance with CALEA standards. City Council had returned this issue to the Public Health and Safety Committee for review, prior to its second reading.

Councilmember Flachsbart requested clarification of the events that led to the request for the change in the ordinance.

Chief Johnson explained the administrative changes made by the POST Commission that motivated the change. Essentially, a license for Police Reserves was eliminated in any First Class County. Chief Johnson explained the rules outlining the State's requirements for Peace Officers. He also explained that the Department is undergoing preparation for CALEA certification and outlined those requirements regarding Reserve Officers and/or auxiliary officers. The amended ordinance would bring the Department's operation in line with both the current State Statute and CALEA standards, by eliminating "certified" or "non-certified" from the current ordinance and affecting the power of arrest from two reserve officers. Essentially, the Reserve Unit would then continue to operate as it does now.

Liability issues were discussed. Councilmember Streeter noted that CALEA certification should have a positive impact regarding exposure of the City to liability.

Several members of the Reserve Unit addressed the Committee with their concerns.

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City Attorney Doug Beach reported that he had been in contact with State officials regarding this issue. He noted that no changes are expected to the State Statute within the near future and that the proposed amended ordinance would align with the current Statute.

After discussion, Councilmember Streeter motioned and Councilmember Brown seconded to return the proposed amended ordinance to City Council, for final consideration and adoption. The motion carried 3-1 with Councilmember Flachsbart voting "NO".

2. Stop Sign Request – Benton Taylor Lane/Benton Taylor Drive

Mr. Herring reported that a formal request for stop signs at the intersection of Benton Taylor Lane and Benton Taylor Drive had been received. The request was accompanied by a letter from the subdivision trustees and a petition signed by 90% of the residents in the affected area. This street is a "non-through" City street; therefore, all criteria to the Stop Sign Policy have been met for the approval of placement of a stop sign at this intersection.

[Mayor Nations arrived at this point.]

Councilmember Casey motioned and Councilmember Brown seconded to send this on to City Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion carried 4-0.

3. Stop Sign Policy

The Committee members discussed the current Stop Sign Policy. Chairperson Brown noted that there is confusion among area residents regarding the policy. Residents believe that if they send a letter with the accompanying petition of 90% of the affected residents that the stop sign will then be installed. However, the current policy still requires that the request go before the Public Health & Safety Committee and then City Council to be considered for approval. There were no recommendations to change the policy. The Committee directed City Staff to make residents aware of the entire process, when a request for a stop sign is received. [Note: Mayor Nations left the meeting, at this point, to attend the Planning Commission meeting.]

4. Toll Roads/Street Corner Solicitations

Councilmember Flachsbart noted that during the September 30th meeting of the Public Health & Safety Committee, an amended policy regarding toll roads and street corner solicitations was submitted to City Council. This amended policy noted that several organizations would still be allowed to solicit at street corners because they had been doing this long before the City of Chesterfield had incorporated. The organizations previously grand-fathered were CFPD Firefighters and Old Newsboys Day. Mr. Flachsbart noted that the Knights of Columbus had been left off that list. After discussion, it was decided to amend the list to include the CFPD firefighters, Old Newsboys and the Knights of Columbus, by virtue of these groups' actions prior to incorporation of the City of Chesterfield

There was no other business. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

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Reserve Officer Frank T. Brennan
Reserve Officer Tom Spalding
Reserve Officer Jim Liebe
Reserve Officer Chester Elliott
Reserve Officer Jim Collins
Reserve Officer Alex Wilson
Reserve Officer Steve Schulte