

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 3, 2004
TO: Michael G. Herring, City Administrator
FROM: Chief Ray Johnson
SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Public Health & Safety Committee met on Thursday, September 2, 2004. Those in attendance included Chairperson Barry Flachsbart, Ward I, Councilmember Barry Streeter, Ward II, Councilmember Bruce Geiger, Ward II, Councilmember Michael Casey, Ward III, and Councilmember Connie Fults, Ward IV. Also in attendance were City Administrator Michael Herring, Chief Ray Johnson and several citizens.

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM by Councilmember Casey.

1. Approval of Minutes – March 11, 2004

Councilmember Casey motioned and Councilmember Flachsbart seconded to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2004 meeting. The motion carried 2-0 (Councilmember Casey and Councilmember Flachsbart approved the minutes; Councilmember Streeter and Councilmember Fults were not members of the Public Health & Safety Committee on March 11, 2004).

2. Election of Vice-Chair/Police Personnel Board Liaison and Drug Abuse Task Force Liaison

Councilmember Flachsbart motioned and Councilmember Fults seconded to appoint Councilmember Casey to the position of Vice Chairman of the Public Health & Safety Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Flachsbart motioned and Councilmember Fults seconded to appoint Councilmember Casey as the liaison to the Police Personnel Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Streeter motioned and Councilmember Casey seconded to appoint Councilmember Fults as liaison to the Drug Abuse Task Force. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Adult Entertainment/Display Issues

Councilmember Flachsbart led a discussion of a proposed resolution and proposed ordinances submitted by City Attorney Doug Beach relating to the regulation of public display of potentially sexually-offensive materials. Two citizens addressed the Committee and provided examples of items considered offensive and voiced their approval for legislation to restrict adult entertainment and sexually-offensive displays. During discussion, it was noted that the proposed Resolution would need to be enacted before the ordinances could be considered. The Resolution would, in effect, establish “community standards”. The ordinances could then restrict certain business,

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displays, etc. The Committee agreed that the vast information provided by City Attorney Beach needed additional clarification. Councilmember Casey motioned and Councilmember Streeter seconded to invite City Attorney Beach to attend the next Public Health & Safety Committee to explain the process and impact of the enactment of these ordinances. The motion carried unanimously. The Committee members agreed all Councilmembers could/should also be invited to attend this meeting.

7. No Smoking In Restaurants

Councilmember Flachsbart led a discussion regarding the possibility of prohibiting smoking in area restaurants. He noted that the City of Arnold recently passed legislation that will prohibit smoking in restaurants and the City of Ballwin is considering a similar measure. Pat Lindsey of St. Louis University Tobacco Prevention Center, Viviane McKay of the St. Louis County Department of Health, Gordon Dymowski of the National Council of Alcoholism & Drug Abuse and Zack Bluestone spoke in support of smoke-free restaurants and provided a short presentation to support this issue. Ms. Lindsey noted that several restaurants in Chesterfield are already smoke free. Mr. Streeter noted that there was no representation from the Chamber of Commerce nor restaurants at this meeting to state their concerns. Councilmember Flachsbart motioned and Councilmember Casey seconded to table this issue for a future meeting to allow area businesses to comment. The motion carried 4-0.

9 Proposed Ordinances – Traffic Issues

A. Speed Limit on Edison Avenue

The Committee reviewed a recommended ordinance to increase the speed limit on Edison Avenue between Long Road and Baxter Road, from 35 MPH to 45 MPH. Councilmember Flachsbart motioned and Councilmember Streeter seconded to change the speed limit to 45 MPH. There was discussion regarding safety concerns on that stretch of road because of the many joggers and cyclists who utilize that area and also the many curb cuts along the road. Chief Johnson explained that the City Engineering Division had determined that the average speed driven by 80% of ALL drivers on this road was 45 MPH. He noted that studies have shown that those drivers will drive at this speed, regardless of the posted speed limit. The motion failed 2-2 with Councilmember Flachsbart and Streeter voting “yes”, and Councilmember Fults and Casey voting “no”.

B. Parking Restriction – Barons Way Drive

The Committee reviewed a request from the Trustees of Stonebriar subdivision to restrict parking from 8AM – 10AM and 12 Noon – 2PM on weekdays on Barons Way Drive. The Committee members noted that the subdivision trustees had followed City policy and obtained 90% support from those within the affected area. Councilmember Fults motioned and Councilmember Casey seconded to recommend approval of this proposed ordinance to City Council. The motion carried 4-0.

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4. SMART Trailer (Speed Monitory Trailer) Information on City Web Page

The Committee discussed the feasibility of placing traffic count information from the SMART trailers on the City web page. After discussion the Committee agreed that there was no interest in this particular information being placed on the web site.

5. Red Light Violations – Camera Enforcement

Councilmember Flachsbarth motioned and Councilmember Streeter seconded to direct Mr. Herring to send letters to all Chesterfield State Representatives and State Senators, requesting that they consider supporting enabling legislation to allow camera enforcement at electric signals and stop signs within the cities in Missouri that wish to use this technology. The motion carried 4-0.

In regard to red light violations, Chief Johnson reported that the Police Department annually writes between 800 to 1,000 summonses and will continue active enforcement.

6. Local Emergency Plan – Re-Write

Chief Johnson presented a rewritten copy of the City's Emergency Operations Plan. This Plan re-write was developed through a federal grant in order to better organize the City of Chesterfield plan in relationship to other St. Louis County emergency planning operations. The content of the plan was not materially altered, just re-formatted. However, since the original plan had been adopted by Resolution, the Committee felt it appropriate to seek Council approval of this plan. Therefore, the plan and an adopting Resolution will be forwarded to City Council for their consideration and action. This action was approved on a motion by Councilmember Casey, seconded by Councilmember Streeter, and approved unanimously.

Chief Johnson also provided copies of the newly developed Lafayette Area Mayors Organization Evacuation Plan. This plan has been developed by the eight contiguous municipalities in the West County Area.

The Committee members thanked Chief Johnson for the Police Department's work on both of these projects.

There were no additional items to discuss. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

ATTENDANCE AT SEPTEMBER 2, 2004 PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

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