City of Chesterfield

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD
922 ROOSEVELT PARKWAY, AUGUST 11, 1993

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 A.M.

A roll call was taken with the following results:

PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Jack Leonard	Councilmember Nancy Greenwood
Councilmember Colleen Hilbert	
Councilmember Susan Clarke	
Councilmember Ed Levinson	
Councilmember Dan Hurt	
Councilmember Alan Politte	
Councilmember Dick Hrabko	
Councilmember Linda Tilley	

Mayor Leonard stated that the City Council was convening to conduct several items of business relating to the flood disaster; thereafter, he stated that the Public Works/Parks Committee would go into its regularly scheduled meeting. He introduced the Chairperson of the Public Works/Parks Committee, Councilmember Politte.

The City Council then acted upon the following matters:

RESOLUTION #140 - CHESTERFIELD VALLEY

Mayor Leonard stated that the City Council had received two versions of a proposed Resolution #140 regarding Chesterfield Valley, which were prepared by City Administrator Herring. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the City Council to consider the version which did not use the words "Monarch-Chesterfield Levee" in the third paragraph, but just used the words "A Levee".

Mayor Leonard then read the proposed Resolution #140 which is attached as part of these minutes.

City Administrator Herring read a statement from Councilmember Greenwood which expressed her support for the Resolution even though she could not attend the meeting. Mr. Herring noted that Ms. Greenwood's letter had been written prior to the present version of this Resolution being prepared.

Each Councilmember then expressed his or her support for this Resolution as follows:

Councilmember Hrabko stated that he supported the Resolution; further he motioned that the City make sure it is also doing all it can to assist the residents in the Chesterfield Valley Area. To achieve this, he recommended that the City Council direct the staff to establish a "hotline" to assist them as well as the businesses; Councilmember Tilley seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Councilmember Tilley stated that she supports the Resolution. She stated that the City is concerned about this disaster, but enough funds will need to be retained by the City for future needs as well as current needs. Other parts of the City could be subject to disasters as well - be it earthquakes or tornadoes.

Councilmember Politte further suggested that the "hotline" discussed by Councilmember Hrabko include a list of agencies or organizations in our City who are ready and willing to help.

Councilmember Hurt stated that he supports the Resolution. He stated that he had advocated for some time the importance of building the City's reserve fund balance and that now that policy is working to the City's favor enabling us to respond to the flood disaster.

Councilmember Clarke stated that she supports the Resolution. She stated that she hoped that all the many volunteers that assisted with sand-bagging will now consider assisting with the clean-up efforts in Chesterfield Valley.

Councilmember Levinson stated that he supports the Resolution. He stated that he sees the Resolution as the beginning of a commitment to the Chesterfield Valley. He stated that the City is resolved to addressing the future of the Chesterfield Valley and that he appreciates the work of Staff toward that effort.

Councilmember Hilbert stated that she supports the policy statement and she would like a report of all that has happened thus far regarding the City's actions in this flood disaster.

It was then motioned by Councilmember Levinson to approve the Resolution; Councilmember Hrabko seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION #139 - SEMA/FEMA ASSISTANCE

The City Council then took up the matter of Resolution #139 which would allow the City to begin the process to receive financial assistance (reimbursements of expenses) from the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Councilmember Politte motioned that Resolution #139 be approved; Councilmember Hrabko seconded; motion carried 7-0.

BUSINESS LICENSE REFUND

Next, the City Council briefly discussed the refund of the 1993 Business Licenses to the Chesterfield Valley businesses. Councilmember Levinson then motioned to refund the 1993 Business Licenses paid by Chesterfield Valley businesses; Councilmember Politte seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

TAX INCREMENT FINANCE DISTRICT PROPOSAL BY CHESTERFIELD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CCDC)

John Langa, Administrator, Chesterfield Community Development Corporation, was then asked by Mayor Leonard to address his written proposal submitted to the city on behalf of the Chesterfield Community Development Corporation (CCDC) for a Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District in the Chesterfield Valley. Mr. Langa briefly explained the law which allows local governments to create TIF Districts for redevelopment purposes. He explained the process by which a TIF Commission would be appointed. The TIF Commission would be a 9-member Commission. The legal mechanism to create a TIF Commission is already in place by the City; 6 members of the CCDC would serve on this Commission and then the City would need to make an appointment from the Rockwood School District, the Chesterfield Fire Protection District, and a 9th member representing all other applicable taxing districts.

This item was briefly discussed by the City Council and it was the consensus of the City Council that Mr. Langa be asked to attend the next City Council meeting on August 16, 1993 to further discuss this proposal with them. In the interim, he will develop additional information to provide the City Council.

ADDITIONAL CONCERNS

The City Council then discussed other items of concern.

Councilmember Hrabko further expanded on the issue of setting up a better information system for people to access concerning the flood recovery process. He stated that many people know bits and pieces of what is going on but the City needs a central means to better communicate this information. He asked that Staff be directed to prepare daily updates for the public.

Mayor Leonard stated that the recently formed Chesterfield Valley Recovery Task Force is going to start meeting daily and that this task force can help get out this information. Councilmember Hrabko stated that he thought the City should pursue the "hotline" concept and assign a staff member to help coordinate this process so this information can be available throughout each day. Councilmember Hrabko stated that people have many questions ranging from the water levels in the Chesterfield Valley to access questions.

Mayor Leonard then called on Chief Ray Johnson to discuss the current status regarding access to the Chesterfield Valley. Chief Johnson stated that additional security is being planned as road access to the Chesterfield Valley starts to become available on a limited basis. Six additional military vehicles are being provided to the City to handle this situation. He stated that a

special detachment of the Police Department would be assigned to the Chesterfield Valley but this would not leave the rest of the City unprotected. He stated that as of this date, passes would be issued for street travel in some areas, to qualifying businesses.

A primary access point for street travel in Chesterfield Valley will be Long Road off of Wildhorse Creek Road. He stated that westbound Highway 40 would continue to be closed off at the Long Road exit, once opened. He stressed that access will not be possible to the general public for some time to come.

City Administrator Herring announced that the next meeting of the Chesterfield Valley Recovery Task Force will be Thursday morning, August 12, 1993, 7:30 a.m. He also stated that representatives of the Sverdrup and Booker engineering firms were present and that they were donating time today to the City and would be attending the meeting of the Public Works/Parks Committee following the City Council meeting.

Mayor Leonard then recognized Bill Kirchoff, a member of the Monarch-Chesterfield Levee District, to discuss the current status of the levee. Mr. Kirchoff stated the District has initiated a process with the U. S. Army Corp of Engineers to rebuild the Monarch-Chesterfield Levee to the level of protection which existed prior to the recent breach. He stated that it was probable reconstruction would begin in October, if not sooner. This timing will be dependent upon weather and stopping the water which continues to come through the original break in the levee.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by councilmember Politte, seconded by Councilmember Hrabko, that the meeting be adjourned. A voice vote was taken with a unanimous affirmative result and the motion was declared passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 A.M.

Mayor Jack Leonard

ATTEST:

Martha L. DeMay, City Clerk

Resolution #140

IN RESPONSE TO THE FLOOD DISASTER AFFECTING THE CHESTERFIELD VALLEY, THE CHESTERFIELD CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY OFFICIALLY ADOPT THE FOLLOWING POSITION:

* THAT THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD IS COMMITTED TO WORKING VIGOROUSLY, ON THE FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY AND LOCAL LEVELS, TO ASSIST BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY THIS FLOOD, IN ORDER TO FACILITATE AND ENCOURAGE THE FULL AND COMPLETE RECOVERY OF THE CHESTERFIELD VALLEY; AND,

* THAT THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD SUPPORTS AND ENCOURAGES THE REBUILDING AND STRENGTHENING OF A LEVEE, TO PROTECT THE CHESTERFIELD VALLEY, TO A 500-YEAR DESIGN CRITERIA. AS EVIDENCE OF THIS SUPPORT, THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD HEREBY RESERVES THE SUM OF $1,000,000 FOR USE IN THE PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT OR CONSTRUCTION OF A 500-YEAR LEVEE/DRAINAGE SYSTEM IN CHESTERFIELD, IN COOPERATION WITH AND SUBJECT TO OBTAINING REQUIRED FUNDING FROM APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES AND AGENCIES AND OTHER PUBLIC OR QUASI-PUBLIC ENTITIES OR AGENCIES; AND,

* THAT THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD WILL WORK WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY TO EASE AND SHORTEN THE PERMITTING AND INSPECTION PROCESS REGARDING ANY REBUILDING OR NEW CONSTRUCTION WITHIN THE CHESTERFIELD VALLEY, DURING THIS FLOOD RECOVERY PROCESS.

ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF AUGUST, 1993.

Jack Leonard

JACK LEONARD, MAYOR

ATTEST: Janice Corbin
Deputy CITY CLERK