

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD

AT 922 ROOSEVELT PARKWAY, AUGUST 5, 1991

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

A roll call was taken with the following results:

PRESENT

ABSENT

Mayor Jack Leonard	None
Councilmember Betty Hathaway	
Councilmember Nancy Greenwood	
Councilmember Susan Clarke	
Councilmember Jade Gardner Bute	
Councilmember Dan Hurt	
Councilmember Alan Politte	
Councilmember Dick Hrabko	
Councilmember Linda Tilley	

REPORT OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

City Administrator Mike Herring reported that J. J.'s Sports Club, located at 1682 Clarkson Road, is requesting a license to sell liquor on Sunday. A full liquor license for this restaurant/bar was approved by City Council July 15, 1991. It appears the managing officer of J. J.'s Sports Club failed to indicate on the original application that he desired a Sunday sales license as well. This request for Sunday sales has been reviewed and approved by Chief of Police Ray Johnson and Director of Planning/Economic Development Jerry Duepner. A motion was made by Councilmember Hrabko, seconded by Councilmember Tilley, to approve this Sunday sales request. A voice vote was taken with a unanimous affirmative result and the motion was declared passed.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS - MAYOR JACK LEONARD

Mayor Jack Leonard stated that the purpose of the special City Council meeting was to discuss the proposed Community Development Committee. Mayor Leonard reported that the Ad Hoc

Committee of the Economic Development Committee has submitted to City Council an organizational plan, mission statement and membership requirements. The Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce and Civic Progress have both endorsed this project.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Mr. Paul DeMay, President of the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce, 300 Chesterfield Center, expressed his support for the Community Development Committee.

Mr. R. B. Clark, III, a resident who resides at 208 Grand Banks Court, expressed his support for the Community Development Committee.

Mr. Denis St. John, a Chesterfield businessman whose business is located at 670 Cepi Drive, addressed the City Council with his concerns that there seems to be no individual or organization, at this time, where businesses, desiring to relocate in Chesterfield, can obtain information for relocation and expressed his support for the Community Development Committee.

Mr. Michael Doster, a resident who resides at 16364 Bellingham Drive, expressed his support for the Community Development Committee.

Mr. Steve Boriss, a resident who resides at 50 River Bend Drive, expressed his desire to see a more open forum-type meeting to discuss such an important issue as the proposed Community Development Committee.

Councilmember Betty Hathaway expressed her desire to table the establishment of the Community Development Committee at this time until the results of the various community studies, which are in the process, are completed.

Councilmember Nancy Greenwood expressed her support for economic development in Chesterfield, but desires to first obtain the information that will be available after the community studies are completed before establishing a Community Development Committee. In addition, she expressed her concern that perhaps City Council involvement in the Committee could result in a conflict of interest and, therefore, desires to work toward establishing a non-profit, independent, non-political organization.

Councilmember Susan Clarke expressed her desire to have an aggressive attitude in supporting economic development in the community and supported the establishment of a Community Development Committee.

Councilmember Jade Gardner Bute expressed her appreciation to those in attendance who worked so diligently for the past couple of years on this project. She stated that it was her desire not to have this proposed Committee be involved in any part of city government. Councilmember Bute proposed that the city match funds with the Chamber of Commerce, increasing funds as the

Chamber raises more money for economic development. She also added that she desires to see the completion of the community studies that are in the process before supporting the establishment of a Committee, as proposed.

Councilmember Dan Hurt expressed his concerns that the current funding available is not adequate to generate development and that there appears to be a lack of communication between the various organizations who would be involved in economic development. Councilmember Hurt did state that he favored the establishment of the Committee.

Councilmember Alan Politte expressed his support for the Community Development Committee and his desire to see the city government involved so as to retain control over employees and finances. He also proposed that the Committee obtain the status of a Commission.

Councilmember Dick Hrabko expressed his support for the Community Development Committee and his desire to have this organization work with residential real estate development. He also expressed his desire for this Committee to act as ombudsman for small businesses in the process of relocation, as well as encouraging large businesses to relocate in the community.

Councilmember Linda Tilley expressed her appreciation to the Ad Hoc Committee who worked so diligently on this project. She also expressed support for the Community Development Committee as recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee and her desire for the nine (9) individuals serving on this Committee be residents of Chesterfield and recommended that they develop a mission statement, a plan of intent and a budget for City Council review and approval.

There was much discussion between the Councilmembers with regard to the establishment of a non-profit, membership organization, as well as the proposed Community Development Committee.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hrabko, seconded by Councilmember Tilley, to approve the establishment of a Community Development Committee as recommended by the Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee and that the members all be residents of the City of Chesterfield. The motion included the recommendation that the Committee develop a mission statement, plan of intent and a budget to be approved by City Council.

Councilmember Politte submitted an amendment to the motion by suggesting that the are of "health expertise" be added to the list of qualifications for Board Members and suggested that the final list of members for this group represent as many of the categories as possible. In addition, Councilmember Politte recommended that the name of this group be changed from "Council" to "Commission" (Full name: Chesterfield Community Development Commission). Councilmember Hrabko seconded this motion to amend. After some discussion with regard to the categories/qualifications listed on the questionnaire, the consensus of Council was to review same at a later date. A roll call vote was taken on the amendment with the following results: Ayes - Clarke, Hurt, Politte, Hrabko and Tilley. Nays - Hathaway, Greenwood and Bute. The motion was declared passed.

A roll call vote was taken on the main motion, as amended, with the following results: Ayes - Clarke, Hurt, Politte, Hrabko and Tilley. Nays - Hathaway, Greenwood and Bute. The motion was declared passed by a vote of 5 - 3.

Mayor Leonard thanked those in attendance for their interest in this endeavor and the Councilmembers for their understanding and patience in working on this project. Councilmember Greenwood expressed her concern that the way the Committee will be established could pose a conflict of interest and asked the City Attorney to study this issue.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Hrabko, seconded by Councilmember Hurt, 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 7:50 P.M.

Mayor Jack Leonard _____

ATTEST:

Martha L. DeMay, City Clerk