

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 8, 1996

TO: Michael G. Herring, City Administrator

FROM: Michael O. Geisel, Director of Public Works/City Engineer

RE: Minutes - Public Works/Parks Committee Meeting, June 26, 1996

A meeting of the Public Works/Parks Committee began at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26, 1996. Those in attendance included Councilmember Alan Politte (Ward III), Chairperson, Councilmember Colleen Hilbert (Ward I), Councilmember Larry Grosser (Ward II), Councilmember Mike Cullen (Ward IV), City Administrator Mike Herring, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Mike Geisel, Assistant City Engineer Bonnie Hubert, and Parks, Recreation and Arts Superintendent Ron Coleman. The following guests were also in attendance: David Human representing the Monarch-Chesterfield Levee District; Karen Irwin, Sandra Martin, and Amelia Bond of AG Edwards, Inc.; Residents Emmanuel Frank and Fred Rupp of Baywood Village; Residents Mike Comens, Nancy Greenwood, and Elaine Finn.

The following items were discussed:

- 1) Councilmember Politte called for acceptance of the minutes from the June 3, 1996 meeting. The motion was made by Councilmember Hilbert, seconded by Councilmember Grosser and approved unanimously, 3 - 0. Councilmember Cullen was not present at the time.
- 2) City Administrator Herring discussed his May 31, 1996 memo regarding the results of the survey about streets and sidewalks. Based on the results of the survey, Mr. Herring recommended that consideration be given to placement of a 1/2 cent sales tax issue on the November 5, 1996 ballot. Karen Irwin of A.G. Edwards summarized how the tax could be used to finance two issuances of general obligation bonds. Revenue from the bonds could be used to finance repair and maintenance of streets, sidewalks, and storm sewers within rights of way. While issuance of the bonds could be approved by a 4/7 majority on one ballot issue, the bonds would have to be issued on two occasions due to the three year time limit on completion of improvements funded by the bonds. After further discussion, Councilmember Cullen moved and Councilmember Grosser seconded to recommending that the 1/2 cent sales tax and general obligation bonds ballot issues be placed on the November ballot. In addition, staff was directed to further analyze the acceptance and maintenance of private streets, excluding apartment and large lot subdivisions, provided the streets are brought up to a

reasonable standard. Information is to be provided to the Committee re: total # of miles of private streets presently contained within single family residential areas and condominium developments (estimated 18.5 miles), as well as the names of the streets involved, a listing of any concerns associated with acceptance of these streets. The motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Hilbert asked that the Planning and Zoning Committee review whether the City should allow private streets to be constructed within future developments. In response to resident's concerns, Karen Irwin indicated that any language in the sales tax ballot issue that indicated revenues from the sales tax would be dedicated to bond retirement would require the sales tax to be passed by a 4/7 rather than simple majority.

3) City Administrator Herring provided an update on the status of the transition between waste hauling contracts. Letters from the City and BFI are to be delivered to residents explaining the terms of the new contract which is effective July 29, 1996.

4) David Human, representing the Monarch-Chesterfield Levee District, summarized the Levee District's request that the City join the Levee District as a co-local sponsor of the proposed 500 year levee. The Levee District is not requesting additional financial support and is also soliciting political support from St. Louis County and the City of Wildwood. An intergovernmental agreement and establishment of a Levee Commission is being considered. Councilmember Cullen indicated that representation on the commission commensurate with the financial contribution would be desirable. The Committee indicated its support of the concept.

5) The Committee reviewed the proposed bill regarding creation of the Chesterfield Transportation Commission. The Committee agreed to the following amendments/modifications to the proposed bill: amendment of the language referencing the CCDC, Chamber of Commerce and Spirit of St. Louis Airport to specify one representative and an initial term of 3 years for each; initial terms of 2 years for the representatives from the Public Works Citizens Advisory Group, the Planning Commission, and the Valley 2000 Coalition; and the initial commissioners being named by the Mayor with approval of the City Council. Councilmember Politte moved that the modified bill be forwarded to the City Council. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cullen and approved unanimously.

6) The Committee opened discussion of goals for the Department of Public Works by reviewing the goals outlined in the 1996 budget. Councilmember Hilbert moved and Councilmember Cullen seconded that the goals be updated to reflect accomplishments and modify any necessary dates. The motion passed unanimously.

7) Parks, Recreation and Arts Superintendent Ron Coleman reported that the City has received a \$17,985.00 grant for installation of 159 trees along Clarkson Road between Baxter Road and Wilson Road. The City's \$5,383.00 share of the grant will be funded from the 1996 highway

beautification account. The Committee commended Mr. Coleman for his success in obtaining grants.

8) City Engineer Geisel explained Councilmember Hurt's request that this Committee reconsider the City's policy to replace trees that have been removed from right of way, and provided details of the incident that brought up Mr. Hurt's request. Affirming the current policy, yet acknowledging the unique circumstances of the incident, Councilmember Hilbert moved to approve an expenditure of up to \$300 to have a nursery replace the dead tree that was removed at 2149 Courtleigh. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Polite and passed unanimously.

9) City Engineer Geisel reported that, due to location and material changes necessary to meet MHTD requirement and accommodate planned changes at Faust Park, the cost for a previously authorized installation of a street light on Olive Boulevard at the entrance to Faust Park will be increased by \$1,000. Councilmember Hilbert moved and Councilmember Cullen seconded to approve the increased expenditure. The motion passed unanimously.

cc: Mayor Jack Leonard
Dept. Heads/Exec. Staff