



CITY OF CHESTERFIELD

Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting

June 10, 2024

5:00 PM

Conference Room 102-103

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes - February 12, 2024
4. Select Vice-Chairperson to the Public Health & Safety Committee
5. Select Council Liaison to Police Personnel Board
6. Interview of Potential Candidate For The Police Personnel Board
7. Proposed Resolution

The purpose of this proposed resolution is to establish support of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's working definition of antisemitism and its eleven contemporary examples.

8. Police Appreciation Month

This item will include a proposal to create a yearly community appreciation experience on behalf of the City and residents to show support of the City's police officers.

9. Other
10. Next Meeting
11. Adjourn

PERSONS REQUIRING AN ACCOMMODATION TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE PH&S COMMITTEE MEETING SHOULD CONTACT CITY CLERK VICKIE MCGOWND AT (636) 537-6716, AT LEAST TWO (2) BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

MINUTES

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

February 12, 2024

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chairperson Councilmember Mary Ann Mastorakos.

2. Roll Call

Councilmember Mary Ann Mastorakos, Ward II, Chairperson, Councilmember Barb McGuinness, Ward I, Councilmember Michael Moore, Ward III, Councilmember Merrell Hansen, Ward IV, Councilmember Gary Budoor Ward IV, Councilmember Mary Monachella Ward I, Councilmember Aaron Wahl Ward II, Councilmember Dan Hurt Ward III, and Mayor Bob Nation. Also, in attendance was City Administrator Mike Geisel, City Attorney Chris Graville, Nathan Bruns from Mr. Graville's office, and Chief Cheryl Funkhouser and several citizens.

3. Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Moore motioned and Councilmember Hansen seconded to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2023 Public Health & Safety Committee meeting. The motion to carried 4-0.

4. Proposed Ordinance amending sections 210.900 and 220.250 related to firearms regulation

The Committee discussed a proposed ordinance amending the current firearms ordinance in the City of Chesterfield.

City Attorney Graville informed the Committee members that recent changes in the State Statutes result in needed changes so that the current City Ordinances are compliant with State law.

As written, the City Ordinance currently does not allow for the open carrying of firearms, and currently places greater restrictions on concealed carry permit holders than what is allowed under State Law. Chesterfield Bill no. 3481 adds a number of exceptions to the City's open carry prohibitions, such that the list of exception exactly mirrors those identified by the state. The following individuals would still be allowed to openly carry firearms throughout the City, except in the 17 specifically identified location exceptions: Concealed carry permit holders, police officers, game wardens, coroners, National Guard, Judicial officers, process servers, prosecuting attorneys, corporate security, probation officers, firefighters and those engaged in self-defense.

The City is not banning concealed carry. Currently State Statutes generally only prohibit concealed carry of firearms into a select list of 17 locations including, but not limited to the following:

- Police Stations
- Polling places on election day
- Correctional facilities
- Courts
- Government building
- Bars
- Schools
- Child care facilities
- Amusement parks, sports arenas and stadiums
- Places of religious worship
- Public transport
- Private property where "No Weapons Allowed" signs are displayed

An individual already cannot carry a concealed firearm into these locations. The City Code needs to be updated to clarify that this restriction also applies to the open carrying of firearms in the same way that they are currently restricted for concealed carry.

Nathan Bruns added that the proposed amendments would close any loopholes in the conflict between State Statute and City Ordinances.

The Committee members discussed affects of the proposed ordinance on the City Parks, CVAC, and the amphitheater.

There was also discussion regarding leased private property. Nathan Bruns noted that private property owners can put up signage of "No Weapons Allowed".

Councilmember Moore motioned to send the portion of Bill No. 3481 dealing with section 210.900 to City Council with a recommendation of approval. Councilmember Mastorakos seconded.

Discussion among the Committee members centered upon regulation of those people who carry firearms without a concealed carry permit. A Committee member voiced concern that the proposed ordinance was too restrictive. City Administrator noted that the sections of Bill 3481 are inter-dependent and the first section addressing 210.900 could not be separated without modification. Bill 3481 can only move forward as single piece of legislation, not a piece-by-piece motion.

The motion failed: 2-2.

Councilmember Moore placed a new motion before the Committee. He motioned that Bill No. 3481 be forwarded to City Council with a recommendation to approve as currently proposed and provided in the committee packet. Councilmember Mastorakos seconded.

The motion carried 4-0, and will be forwarded to the full City Council for final consideration.

5. Bow Hunting Update

Chief Funkhouser reported that during the past bow hunting season, 67 properties and 5 common ground areas participated in the City's Bow Hunting Program. A total of 60 deer

were harvested during the season; she noted that warm weather was a factor in the lower number of deer harvested this season.

The Police Department will be doing a deer survey (February 21 and 22) to compare with previous deer surveys.

6. No new meeting date was set at this time.
7. Having no further business, Chairperson Mastorakos adjourned the meeting at 6:50 PM.

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Position

Police Personnel Board

Profile

Retired mid-level manager with 32.5 years of corporate managerial experience. Strong supporter of the police with 21 years of volunteer leadership experience with the Chesterfield Police Department.

Employment History

Business Consultant

2002-2004

Consultant for small business, specializing in analyzing their business practices and making recommendations for improving its profitability.

Area Manager Southwestern Bell Telephone (AT&T), Tulsa, Houston, St. Louis

June, 1969-November 2001

Experience in the following departments: Accounting, Data Systems, Marketing, Sales, and Procurement including contracting. At the time of my retirement, I was responsible for the purchasing offices in five states with purchase volume of over two billion dollars.

I was assigned to the new Purchasing Department at the time that SWBT was divested from AT&T. I was responsible for staffing, development of methods and procedures and the procurement of real estate for the offices in the five states.

During my years with the telephone company, I received several awards including the top two awards that the company offered:

Theodore N. Vail Metal for Valor

Nova Award for Innovation

Volunteer Service

Volunteer In Police Service

I have 21 years as a volunteer and coordinator for the Chesterfield Police Department VIPS program. I am responsible for the operations of the organization including recruitment, development, and training of members, procedural development and coordination of police activities with the VIPS.

Equine Assisted Therapy

I served as a volunteer with this organization for almost 10 years. They provide horse therapy for developmentally-disabled children

Civilian Emergency Response Team Coordinator for Chesterfield

I served as coordinator for the CERT program for Chesterfield for around 3 years. It was disbanded due to lack of funding.

Board of Directors at Ellisville Athletic Association

I was a member of this board for 8 years. We were responsible for the running of the association. During my tenure, we built the new ball park at its current location. I also coached a team there for 9 years.

Board of Directors at St. Martin's School for Developmentally Disabled Children

I was a member of this board for 3 years. The board was responsible for overseeing the operation of the school including fund raising.

Education

I graduated from the University of Tulsa with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. I was second in my class and received the Wall Street Achievement Award.

Skills

Employee development, ability to work in a team, adaptability, effective time management, customer service, ability to multi-task, communication, leadership, and managerial skills.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD, CITY COUNCIL, IN SUPPORT
OF THE INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE WORKING
DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM**

WHEREAS, antisemitism, including harassment on the basis of actual or perceived Jewish origin, ancestry, ethnicity, identity, affiliation, or faith, remains a persistent, pervasive, and disturbing problem in American society; and

WHEREAS, Jews continue to be a targeted minority in the United States and are consistently the most likely of all religious groups to be victimized by incidents of hate, and such incidents are increasing at an alarming rate; and

WHEREAS, the deadliest attack against the American Jewish community took place on October 27, 2018 at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, killing eleven worshippers and injuring several more; and

WHEREAS, nearly 60 percent of religious-based crimes in the United States were committed against Jews, according to the 2019 FBI Hate Crime Report, even though Jews represent only two percent of the U.S. total population; and

WHEREAS, elected officials and government institutions have a responsibility to protect people from acts of hate and bigotry, including antisemitism, and must be given the tools to do so; and

WHEREAS, valid monitoring, informed analysis and investigation, and effective policy-making all benefit from accurate and uniform definitions; and

WHEREAS, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (“IHRA”), by consensus vote of its member states, adopted a “Working Definition of Antisemitism” (“IHRA Working Definition”) in May, 2016, which has become the internationally recognized, authoritative definition for use by governments and international and organizations; and

WHEREAS, that definition reads in full as follows:

“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.

To guide IHRA in its work, the following examples may serve as illustrations:

Manifestations might include the targeting of the state of Israel, conceived as a Jewish collectivity. However, criticism of Israel similar to that leveled against any other country cannot be regarded as

antisemitic. Antisemitism frequently charges Jews with conspiring to harm humanity, and it is often used to blame Jews for 'why things go wrong'. It is expressed in speech, writing, visual forms and action, and employs sinister stereotypes and negative character traits.

Contemporary examples of antisemitism in public life, the media, schools, the workplace and in the religious sphere could, taking into account the overall context, include, but are not limited to:

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.*
- Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective - such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.*
- Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.*
- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).*
- Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.*
- Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.*
- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor.*
- Applying double standards by requiring of it a behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.*
- Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis.*
- Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.*
- Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.*

Antisemitic acts are criminal when they are so defined by law, for example, denial of the Holocaust or distribution of antisemitic materials in some countries.

Criminal acts are antisemitic when the targets of attacks, whether they are people or property such as buildings, schools, places of worship and cemeteries are selected because they are, or are perceived to be, Jewish or linked to Jews.

Antisemitic discrimination is the denial to Jews of opportunities or services available to others and is illegal in many countries.

WHEREAS, the IHRA Working Definition has proven to be an essential tool used to determine contemporary manifestations of antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, the IHRA Working Definition is utilized by various government and law enforcement agencies in monitoring, training, and education, including the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHESTERFIELD CITY COUNCIL, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council supports the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism, including the eleven contemporary examples.

Section 2. The City Clerk shall deliver certified copies of this resolution to the Chair of the St. Louis County Human Relations Commission and the Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League in St. Louis.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

This resolution passed and approved on this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Presiding Officer

Bob Nation, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vickie McGownd