

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 14, 2002

TO: Michael G. Herring, City Administrator

FROM: Chief Ray Johnson

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Public Health & Safety Committee met on March 13, 2002. Those in attendance included Chairperson Michael Casey, Ward III, Councilmember Barry Flachsbart, Ward I, Councilmember Bruce Geiger, Ward II, Councilmember Charles Scheidt, Ward IV, Councilmember Mary Brown, Ward IV, City Administrator Michael Herring, Chief Ray Johnson and. Also in attendance were Mr. Mr. Daniel Bloom and Mr. Frederick Berger of Riezman & Berger, P.C., and members of the public. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Councilmember Flachsbart.

1. Approval of Minutes – January 15, 2002

Councilmember Geiger motioned and Councilmember Flachsbart seconded to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2002. The motion carried 2-0-1 (Councilmember Scheidt abstained and Councilmember Casey had not yet arrived at the meeting).

2. Spirit of St. Louis Airport Issues

Mr. Bloom, along with Mr. Berger, addressed the Committee members regarding the Spirit of St. Louis Airport issues. He noted his previous successful experience regarding land use litigation and legislation. Mr. Bloom related the options available to the City of Chesterfield and also limitations. He stressed the fact that St. Louis County has greater control over the Airport as the proprietor of the Airport. Mr. Bloom suggested that his firm investigate St. Louis County's authority regarding the Airport and also that the City of Chesterfield engage in dialogue with County officials. Mr. Berger noted that his firm would also investigate FAA, OSHA, State and Federal issues regarding the Airport operations. Mr. Bloom stated that his firm would research information and then present a plan of action for the City to work toward practical solutions and negotiations with the Airport.

Councilmember Geiger asked if there was any conflict of interest with the firm of Riezman & Berger taking on this issue. He noted that Mr. Bloom is a resident of Chesterfield and the firm also has a member who is a current member of the State Legislature. Mr. Berger replied that the member of the firm who is a member of the State Legislature was ending his term and not seeking re-election and also that Mr. Bloom would not be the only member of the firm working on this issue. He would be one member of a group effort and that it would be totally unbiased.

Mr. Herring noted that the Chesterfield City Council had previously limited the appropriation for this project to \$15,000.00. However, the most recent proposal submitted by the firm of Riezman & Berger, there was no specific description of the services/products to be provided for \$15,000.00. Mr. Bloom replied that the firm could complete the phases listed for \$15,000.00 or less and that an exact proposal listing dollar amounts would be forwarded to the City Administrator by Monday, March 18, 2002. (Mr. Bloom and Mr. Berger left the meeting, at this time.)

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Councilmember Geiger reiterated that the first phase of this process will be a gathering of information and that an impartial analysis would be important to represent both sides of the issues. Councilmember Scheidt agreed.

The Committee then reviewed the proposal previously submitted by the firm of Green, Hennings & Henry. It was noted that their proposal was above the \$15,000.00 allotted by City Council.

Councilmember Scheidt motioned and Councilmember Flachsbart seconded to forward to City Council the forthcoming bid (which would clearly outline the dollar amount for the scope of work within the \$15,000.00 limit) from Riezman & Berger. The motion carried 2-1 (Councilmember Geiger voted "NO" and Councilmember Casey had not yet arrived at the meeting).

Councilmember Flachsbart motioned and Mr. Geiger seconded to have Mr. Herring also request a firm proposal from the firm of Green, Hennings & Henry for Phase 1 & 2 of the Environmental Studies and Phase 1 of the Aviation Study, and to also forward same to City Council. This motion carried 3-0.

Councilmember Scheidt motioned and Councilmember Geiger seconded to amend the Agenda for the March 18, 2002 City Council meeting to include Spirit Airport Consultant. The motion carried 3-0.

3. Proposed Municipal Ordinances

Item A (Sale of Tobacco Products to Minors) and Item B (Purchase and Possession of Cigarettes/Tobacco Products) were held until inconsistencies are resolved.

Item C (Blocking of Vehicular Traffic) – Committee members reviewed this proposed ordinance. Councilmember Geiger motioned and Councilmember Scheidt seconded to recommend that City Council approve this ordinance, with a change in wording in Section 1, paragraph 3 replacing "the Police Department or the Fire Department" with "or other public service agency serving Chesterfield". The motion carried 3-0.

4. Police Department Accreditation Process

Chief Johnson reminded to the Committee that the Police Department has started the process of accreditation. Part of this process necessitates the attendance at several training conferences by not only the Chief of Police, but also the City Administrator, as an assurance of commitment by the City (City Administrator Herring and Chief Johnson will attend the CALEA Conference on March 20-23). The process will include a mock on-site inspection and then a 3-day on site visit by CALEA assessors. The process will conclude with a final review by a board from CALEA. Councilmember Flachsbart motioned and Councilmember Scheidt seconded to express continued support for the ongoing efforts by the Department to seek accreditation. The motion carried 3-0.

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5. Citizen Contact Bureau – Chesterfield Mall Office

Chief Johnson related the history of the Citizen Contact Bureau at Chesterfield. He noted that the location was originally established as a convenience for citizens, while the Police Department was located in Chesterfield Valley. Originally, the office was federally funded, under a grant. When the funding ended, Chesterfield Mall had agreed to help fund the operational cost by donating \$20,000.00 (\$10,000.00 per year for two years) and the City of Chesterfield contributed the remaining cost. The total cost of operation for the office is approximately \$60,000.00 per year. Chief Johnson noted that since the Police Department has now relocated to the new City Hall, the Mall Office is no longer as critical in terms of public convenience. Mr. Herring also reported that Mayor Nations and he had met with representatives of Chesterfield Mall and they were unsure of any future funding because the Mall has been sold to another management company. Based upon all of this, Chief Johnson recommended that the City close the Citizen Contact Bureau at Chesterfield Mall.

Councilmember Casey motioned and Councilmember Flachsbart seconded to recommend the closure of the Citizen Contact Bureau at Chesterfield Mall, within a reasonable period of time. The motion carried 3-0 (Councilmember Scheidt had left the meeting). Committee members requested that Chief Johnson notify Chesterfield Mall management.

6. Adjourn

Councilmember Flachsbart motioned and Councilmember Geiger seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

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