City of Chesterfield

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD AT 690 CHESTERFIELD PARKWAY WEST

NOVEMBER 8, 2014

Mayor Bob Nation called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

A roll call was taken with the following results:

PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Bob Nation	Councilmember Nancy Greenwood
Councilmember Barry Flachsbart	Councilmember Mike Casey
Councilmember Derek Grier	
Councilmember G. Elliot Grissom	
Councilmember Dan Hurt	
Councilmember Bruce DeGroot	
Councilmember Connie Fults	

THOSE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: City Administrator Mike Herring; City Attorney Rob Heggie; Director of Public Services Mike Geisel; Parks/Recreation Director Tom McCarthy; Community Services/Economic Dev. Director Libbey Tucker; 3 members of the Press and 2 citizens

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Mayor Nation noted that he might need to leave the meeting, before its completion, due a previous engagement and stated that, with that in mind, he wanted to share some comments.

He began by thanking Staff for the work that they had put forth, in developing their recommendation. He commented that he would have preferred to have several different options to review. He suggested that, from his perspective, there was no need to rush to make any decisions regarding how the City might continue its support for The Arts.

Councilmember Flachsbart noted, on behalf of Councilmember Greenwood, that the "Public Arts Master Plan" was currently "outdated" and needed to be amended, due, primarily, to the multiple references in said "plan" regarding "Chesterfield Arts". He then made a motion to remove the "Public Arts Master Plan" from the City's website and that Staff be directed to review same and forward recommendations, to the appropriate City Council Committee, for amending/updating this document. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Grissom. A voice vote was taken, with a unanimous affirmative result and Mayor Nation declared the motion as passed.

Mayor Nation next recognized Mr. Herring, who provided a brief history of the direction previously provided by City Council, regarding the work product that Staff had produced and which would be discussed at this morning's meeting. He thanked everyone for attending and for making time, on a Saturday morning, for this important discussion. He commended Staff for their work and indicated his support for their recommendation. He then introduced Ms. Tucker, who provided a brief overview, before turning the presentation over to Mr. McCarthy. Both Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Geisel summarized the information/recommendation contained within their MEMO, dated October 8 and then opened the floor for questions/comments.

In response to a question, Mr. Geisel clarified that Staff's proposal would be to ADD just one position: Recreation Specialist. The proposed position of "Arts and Entertainment Superintendent" would be filled by an internal promotional process. Mr. Geisel further clarified that the "Preferred Option" was the only option that would enable the City to move forward, building upon the accomplishments/successes of the past.

Councilmember Flachsbart made a motion that the name of the "Parks and Recreation Citizens Advisory Committee (PRCAC)" be changed to "Parks, Recreation and Arts Citizen Advisory Committee (PRACAC)" and that this Division of the Department of Public Services be changed to reflect this same name, along with Mr. McCarthy's title. There was general discussion that this action should wait until a vote has been taken regarding Staff's recommendation and NO SECOND was made to this motion.

Further discussion ensued regarding Staff's "Preferred Option". Mr. Herring pointed out that, as previously directed by City Council, he had included $100,000 in the Parks Sales Tax Fund budget, for FY2015, for "The Arts". This was the amount previously budgeted for Chesterfield Arts, for services provided to the community, and including this amount in the budget would confirm that the City was maintaining its same level of commitment for "The Arts". With that in mind, he had directed Staff to assume that $100,000 was the amount that would be available to fund any additional costs associated with their recommendation. Mr. Geisel pointed out that, while their "Preferred Option" would be

funded, in its entirety, by that $100,000, Staff would likely forward annual requests/suggestions for "project funding", much like what had happened in the past.

Mayor Nation expressed displeasure with the fact that "public art" previously obtained by Chesterfield Arts was not owned by the City, even though the City had contributed significant annual amounts to Chesterfield Arts. He urged City Council to address/rectify that situation, going forward.

Councilmember Fults then led a discussion regarding the "Parks and Recreation Citizens Advisory Committee (PRCAC)", noting that the "Public Arts Master Plan" had been developed with significant public input and that if/when the City were to amend the name to "Parks, Recreation and Arts Citizens Advisory Committee (PRACAC)", that efforts be made to find citizens with a knowledge/awareness/support for public art. Mr. Herring indicated that, per the motion made earlier in this meeting, Staff would be preparing recommendations for amending the "Public Arts Master Plan". He suggested that the proposed expansion/name change of the PRCAC and a discussion of its composition would also be forwarded to the appropriate City Council Committee, at the same time. There was general consensus that this would be a "CITY" Committee and that appointments would be made by the Mayor, with the concurrence of the City Council.

Mayor Nation recognized Dr. Alan Politte, a former City-Councilmember, who spoke in support of Staff's recommendation and suggested the use of Parks Sales Tax funds to purchase public art, in the future. In response to a question from Mayor Nation, Mr.Heggie indicated that he would research that question and forward a report to Mr. Herring, for distribution. Mr. Herring noted that Staff would be approaching Chesterfield Arts, as detailed within Staff's October 8 MEMO, to negotiate an agreement regarding public art currently located on City property and would forward any recommendations to the appropriate City Council Committee.

Mayor Nation indicated that, as previously mentioned, he would need to leave, in order to attend another meeting that he had committed to attend. He turned the meeting over to President Pro Tem Elliot Grissom. President Pro Tem Grissom asked if there were any motions. [NOTE: Mayor Nation did not leave the meeting.]

Councilmember DeGroot made a motion to approve Staff's recommendation, re: the "Preferred Option", utilizing the $100,000 which Mr. Herring had indicated was already contained within the proposed FY2015 Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fults. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Flachsbart indicated his support for the other option submitted by Staff, which did not include any additional Staff. Mr. Geisel again clarified that that particular "option" was not endorsed by Staff and would, in effect, be a step back. Councilmember Hurt asked for clarification that the motion only includes the "staffing" and funding aspects of the "Preferred Option" and that the discussions regarding the composition/function/Mission Statement of the "PRCAC/PRACAC", amendments to the "Public Arts Master Plan and the public art currently located on City property would be forwarded to the appropriate Committee of City Council. Both Councilmember DeGroot and Councilmember Fults agreed with that

"clarification". A voice vote was taken and the motion passed, by a vote of 5-1, with Councilmember Flachsbart voting "NO". President Pro Tem Grissom declared the motion as passed.

There being no further business to conduct, President Pro Tem Grissom adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

_____
Mayor Bob Nation

_____
Pres. Pro Tem Elliot Grissom

ATTEST:_____
Michael G. Herring, City Administrator