



## RECORD OF PROCEEDING

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

**DECEMBER 7, 2015**

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The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor Bob Nation led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and followed with a moment of silent prayer.

A roll call was taken with the following results:

PRESENT

ABSENT

Mayor Bob Nation  
Councilmember Barry Flachsbart  
Councilmember Barbara McGuinness  
Councilmember Bridget Nations  
Councilmember G. Elliot Grissom  
Councilmember Mike Casey  
Councilmember Dan Hurt  
Councilmember Bruce DeGroot  
Councilmember Connie Fults

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 16, 2015 City Council meeting were submitted for approval. Councilmember Nations made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Flachsbart, to approve the City Council minutes. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result (7-0-1 – Councilmember Hurt abstained) and the motion was declared passed.

## **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

Mayor Nation announced that Candidate Filing, for the April 5, 2016 Municipal Election opens on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, at 8:00 a.m., in the City Clerk's office, at City Hall.

Mayor Nation also announced that City Hall will be closed at noon on Thursday, December 24 and all day on Friday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday. City Hall will also be closed on Friday, January 1 in observance of the New Year's Day holiday

Mayor Nation announced that the next meeting of City Council has been scheduled for Monday, January 4, at 7 p.m.

Mayor Nation next introduced City Administrator Michael Herring, who read a statement, which he had presented to the Mayor/City Councilmembers, earlier in the evening, officially announcing his retirement, effective March 31, 2016. Mayor Nation expressed his appreciation, on behalf of the entire City Council, for Mr. Herring's service to Chesterfield, since his original appointment, in July, 1988.

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

Mr. Mike Horton, 14151 Ladue Road, thanked Mr. Herring for his years of service.

Mr. Steven Hannah, 293 Ridge Trail Court, President of the River Bend Association, spoke on behalf of a majority of River Bend residents in support of the recommendation to close River Valley Drive.

Mr. Bob Clausen, 16901 Pacland Ridge Drive, also thanked Mr. Herring for his years of service. He also questioned Council on how they plan to pay potential attorney fees to Mr. Kevin O'Keefe, who conducted an investigation on behalf of City Council.

Ms. Marjie Saiter, 1328 Carriage Crossing Lane, spoke in support of continuing the fight to make changes to the St. Louis County tax pool and encouraged all Councilmembers to work together toward this goal.

Former Mayor Bruce Geiger, 14787 Greenloch Court, spoke in support of the FY2016 Budget. He also thanked Mr. Herring for his years of service and the assistance provided to Mr. Geiger during his tenure as both Councilmember and Mayor.

Senator Jane Cunningham, 1602 Timberlake Manor Parkway, thanked Mr. Herring for his many years of service to the City of Chesterfield. She also announced that Representative Sue Allen has arranged for an attorney at the State Capitol, whose expertise is writing municipal law, to prepare a side by side comparison of City ordinances, policies and practices, with state law, and align them for free.

Ms. Wendy Geckeler, 26 Chesterfield Lakes Road, spoke in support of City staff and FY2016 Budget.

Former Councilmember Mary Brown, 62 Chesterfield Lakes Road, thanked Mr. Herring for his years of excellent service, and spoke in support of presenting holiday food vouchers to employees.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

There were no appointments.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Finance and Administration Committee**

Councilmember Barry Flachsbart, Chairperson of the Finance and Administration Committee, made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McGuinness, to approve Resolution No. 418 (Adopts FY2016 Budget) with the elimination of the line item for holiday food vouchers. A voice vote was taken with a unanimous affirmative result and the motion was declared passed.

#### **Planning/Public Works Committee**

Councilmember Connie Fults, Chairperson of the Planning/Public Works Committee, reported that Bill No. 3059 (P.Z. 09-2015, Friendship Village of West County [15239, 15249 and 15255 Olive Blvd.]) will be considered for adoption under the “Legislation – Planning Commission” portion of the agenda.

Councilmember Fults made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Flachsbart, to approve the River Valley Drive Closure Project, including \$155,000 transfer of funds. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Ayes – Grissom, Fults, Flachsbart, DeGroot, Casey, Nations, McGuinness and Hurt. Nays – None. Whereupon Mayor Nation declared the motion passed.

Councilmember Fults announced that the next meeting of this Committee has been scheduled for Thursday, December 10, at 5:30 p.m.

### **REPORT FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Herring indicated that he had no report this evening.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

## NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Flachsbart requested that the Public Health & Safety Committee discuss additional deer control measures, pursuant to a citizen request. Councilmember Flachsbart also requested that Public Health & Safety Committee add an item to their agenda to discuss the topic of requirements for those who wish to solicit donations from churches.

## LEGISLATION – PLANNING COMMISSION

BILL NO. 3059      AMENDS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD BY CHANGING THE BOUNDARIES OF AN “NU” NON-URBAN DISTRICT TO AN “R-4” RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR A 2.13 ACRE TRACT OF LAND LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF OLIVE BOULEVARD AND BRAEFIELD DRIVE (**SECOND READING; PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL**)

Councilmember Fults made a motion, seconded by Councilmember DeGroot, for the second reading of Bill No. 3059. A voice vote was taken with a unanimous affirmative result and the motion was declared passed. Bill No. 3059 was read for the second time. A roll call vote was taken for the passage and approval of Bill No. 3059 with the following results: Ayes – Fults, Casey, DeGroot, Nations, Hurt, Grissom, Flachsbart and McGuinness. Nays – None. Whereupon Mayor Nation declared Bill No. 3059 approved, passed it and it became **ORDINANCE NO. 2878**.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Nation adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

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Mayor Bob Nation

ATTEST:

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Vickie J. Hass, City Clerk