

RECOMMENDATIONS - PUBIC WORKS/PARKS COMMITTEE

The Public Works/Parks Committee met Thursday, January 9, 1992. Those in attendance included Councilmember Jade Gardner Bute, Chairperson - Ward II, Councilmember Nancy Greenwood - Ward I, Councilmember Alan Politte - Ward III, Councilmember Linda Tilley - Ward IV, Mayor Jack Leonard, City Administrator Mike Herring and Director of Public Works/City Engineer Bill Hawn.

The following is a listing of those items discussed/recommendations made by this Committee at this meeting:

1. Chairperson Bute first explained a request for reimbursement of expenses submitted by the Historical Committee. After a brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to authorize reimbursement of expenses as requested.
2. The Committee next reviewed the enclosed ordinance, which would amend the existing Heavy Equipment Ordinance to impose stricter fines/penalties for violation of said ordinance. Chairperson Bute indicated that Councilmember Susan Clarke had inquired of City Attorney Doug Beach as to the constitutionality of establishing fines such as these, which could be levied on an hourly basis. Chairperson Bute informed the Committee that she had contacted City Attorney Beach to discuss this matter. At the present time, Mr. Beach had not completed his research into the question raised by Councilmember Clarke. Following discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend adoption of this proposed ordinance, pending review by City Attorney Doug Beach as to its constitutionality.
3. The Committee received, filed and took no further action with regard to the enclosed letter from the City of Eureka, regarding the establishment of a Route 109 Advisory Committee.
4. The Committee next reviewed the memo, dated December 23, 1991, from Director of Public Works/City Engineer Bill Hawn, recommending acceptance of various streets within the Chesterfield Estates Subdivision, Ward IV. Following a brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to direct Mr. Herring to contact City Attorney Doug Beach and request his assistance in the preparation of an ordinance which would officially accept these streets as public streets within the City of Chesterfield.
5. Director of Public Works/City Engineer Bill Hawn and Mr. Herring next provided a general overview of City Attorney Doug Beach's letter, dated January 3, 1992 (see enclosed). A general discussion ensued with regard to the escrow process and how escrow funds are ultimately approved for release by the City.

(Councilmember Dan Hurt - Ward III arrived at 7:45 A.M.)

A general discussion took place with regard to a letter submitted by Councilmember

Dan Hurt - Ward III, dealing with the Westerly Development and on-going complaints submitted by residents of the Georgetown Subdivision. Mr. Herring and Mr. Hawn repeated their observations with regard to Mr. Beach's letter, dated January 3, 1992. Following some additional discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to direct City Attorney Beach and Jerry Duepner, Director of Planning/Economic Development, to amend the current escrow agreements to enable the City to establish a two (2) week time limit for developers to correct deficiencies during construction of their development.

A detailed review of Councilmember Hurt's letter ensued with regard to paragraph "A". It was noted that City Attorney Beach's letter does not indicate that the City could recover costs expended in providing maintenance to detention facilities located on the Westerly Development site. The Committee directed Public Works Engineering Staff to inspect the detention facilities on a weekly basis to insure that they are functioning properly. With regard to Paragraph "B", Mr. Hawn commented that this was not a requirement of the ordinance adopted by City Council, authorizing this development. Following discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to direct Staff to send a letter to MSD, requesting that they perform the work indicated within said paragraph. With regard to Paragraph "C", the Committee directed Staff to send a letter to the developer, giving him two (2) weeks to complete this work. With regard to the requests contained within Paragraph "D", Mr. Hawn indicated that this work was not required within the ordinance adopted by City Council, approving the Westerly Development. With this in mind, the Committee voted 3 - 0 - 1, with Councilmember Politte abstaining, to not address this issue until development occurs in the future to the southwest of this development. With regard to Paragraph "E", the Committee voted unanimously to direct Staff to send a letter to St. Louis County, asking for a timetable within which all channels and culverts along Schoettler Road would be cleaned enabling stormwater to flow northward along Schoettler Road.

The Committee next began a general discussion with regard to Page 2 of Councilmember Hurt's letter. Following this discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to submit to the entire City Council the question of whether or not a special meeting of City Council should be held to discuss the issue of stormwater. Mr. Herring commented that City Attorney Beach was presently reviewing the City's liability/responsibility with regard to the stormwater issue. Mr. Herring also commented that it might be appropriate to refer this matter to the Public Works Citizens Advisory Group for study and discussion. The Committee decided that such a referral would await discussion by the entire City Council of this matter. Everyone present agreed that it would be inappropriate to attempt to discuss this matter at the up-coming retreat being planned by City Council.

6. The Committee next reviewed a request from the Thousand Oaks Subdivision Trustees that the City of Chesterfield send a letter to the State Highway Department. Apparently, the Trustees paid for subdivision entrance lights which were removed during the current construction along South Highway 40, and the State has refused to pay for their relocation and replacement. Following discussion, the Committee

voted unanimously to direct Staff to send such a letter to the State Highway Department.

7. Chairperson Bute next commented with regard to the recent article prepared by Assistant City Administrator/Personnel Director Brenda Love Collins, and submitted to the Missouri Municipal League. Councilmember Bute commended Ms. Collins for her efforts in this regard.
8. The Committee decided to schedule its next meeting for Wednesday, January 22, 1992, at 7:30 A.M.

If you have any questions with regard to any of the items noted above, please contact Chairperson Bute, any other member of this Committee or me prior to our next City Council meeting.