

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 11, 1997

TO: Michael G. Herring, City Administrator

FROM: Michael O. Geisel, ^{not} Director of Public Works/City Engineer

RE: Minutes - Public Works/Parks Committee Meeting, February 11, 1997

A meeting of the Public Works/Parks Committee began at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 1997. Those in attendance included Councilmember Alan Politte (Ward III), Chairperson, Councilmember Mike Cullen (Ward IV), City Administrator Mike Herring, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Mike Geisel, Parks, Recreation and Arts Superintendent Ron Coleman, and City Attorney Doug Beach. Also in attendance were Councilmember Linda Tilley, Ward IV and approximately 8 other visitors.

Chairperson Politte advised the group that the PW/Parks Committee did not have a quorum and as such, could not make any decisions, but suggested that certain discussions could take place to facilitate a further understanding of issues.

The following items were discussed:

- 1) City Engineer Geisel discussed his memorandum dated 2/4/97 regarding the proposed partial reimbursement of costs to Sachs Properties for the relocation and improvement of Swingley Ridge between Olive Blvd. and Nardin Drive. He indicated that he had spoken with bond Counsel that this was a valid use of bond funds and had discussed the project with City Attorney Doug Beach. Mr. Geisel recommended that the City reimburse Sachs properties for actual construction costs, not to exceed \$250,000 for the reconstruction of Swingley Ridge Drive and that a draft memo of agreement be prepared for the next PW/Parks meeting. Councilmember Politte indicated that the Post Office was also in the process of remodeling their building and the road construction would compliment their improvements. No further action was taken.
- 2) City Engineer Geisel explained that, pursuant to direction from the PW/Parks Committee, he had received an opinion from City Attorney Doug Beach that the City could establish a program to reimburse property owners on private streets for their costs related to snow removal services, as outlined in his memorandum dated 2/6/97. Mr. Geisel explained that based upon the cost for the City to provide these services with in-house equipment and personnel, that any such recoupment should be limited to actual costs incurred by the private street development or \$12,500, whichever is less. During extremely harsh winters, additional reimbursements could be considered commensurate with budget increases in the salt and abrasives account. No further action was taken.

- 3) City Engineer Geisel explained that Councilmembers Tilley and Flachsbart had referred the issue of stormwater standards and erosion control to the Public Works/Parks Committee in response to a detailed letter prepared by the Ward IV residents. Mr. Geisel further explained that since this referral, the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District had adopted more rigorous standards for stormwater control. He indicated that Staff would be prepared to recommend adoption of the revised standards, with certain exceptions that are currently in effect, by the next Committee meeting. The Committee referred the larger issue of erosion and siltation control to the Public Works Citizens Advisory Group.
- 4) City Engineer Geisel discussed his memorandum dated 1/28/96 regarding options for the reconstruction of Wilson Road. Mr. Geisel explained that the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council, which is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the I.S.T.E.A. program, and the Missouri Department of Transportation stated unequivocally that if federal funds were to be used for Wilson Road project, the project must include reconstruction of the one-lane bridge and the steep hill grade. Councilmember Cullen inquired what the costs would be if the road improvements were limited to guardrails, widening to provide a consistent cross-section through the area of The Forest subdivision, roadside ditches, re-surfacing from Chesterfield Lakes northward to Wild Horse Creek road, and reconstruction of the south portion of the road from Chesterfield Lakes to Wilson View sufficient to correct the blind vertical curves. Mr. Geisel indicated that he had done some preliminary estimates and that the resurfacing and guardrail would cost approximately \$277,000 and that the southern road improvements would cost approximately \$955,000. Cumulatively, the project would cost approximately \$1,232,000, plus rights-of-way, easements, and contingencies. This project would need to be phased to minimize the inconvenience to residents. Mr. Geisel advised the group that he could see no reasonable means of maintaining full access through Wilson Road during construction due to the grade changes, but that the project would be broken into small segments which would allow incrementally more subdivisions full access as the project progressed. Mr. Herring noted that proceeding in this manner would require a decision by City Council to release the I.S.T.E.A. Funds presently committed for this project and identification of a funding source, since no other funds have been appropriated for this project. No further action was taken.
- 5) On a motion by Councilmember Cullen, seconded by Councilmember Politte, the Committee voted to go into executive session to discuss property acquisition. A roll call vote produced the following results: Cullen - Aye, Politte - Aye.
- 6) The Committee members came out of executive session and adjourned the meeting at 8:30 a.m..

No future meeting was scheduled.