

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 20, 1992

TO: Michael G. Herring, City Administrator

FROM: William C. Hawn, Director of Public Works/City Engineer *WCH*

RE: Minutes - Meeting (2/20/92) Public Works/Parks Committee

A meeting of the Public Works/Parks Committee was held on February 20, 1992. Those in attendance included Councilmember Jade Bute, Chairperson, (Ward II), Councilmember Alan Politte (Ward III), Councilmember Nancy Greenwood (Ward I), Councilmember Linda Tilley (Ward IV), Mayor Jack Leonard, City Administrator Michael G. Herring, and Director of Public Works/City Engineer William C. Hawn.

The following is a listing of those items discussed by the Committee at this meeting:

1. Councilmember Tilley informed the Committee that she has talked to Mr. Vomberg, who resides at 15057 Old Clarkson Road, concerning the stormwater situation at his address. She commented that Mr. Vomberg will not sign the hold-harmless agreement unless the City replaces both culverts with one large pipe. She stated Mr. Vomberg feels that if the culverts are not fixed properly, he does not want to be responsible for maintaining them when they clog. Mr. Vomberg also does not want to bear any of the financial responsibility for fixing the culverts, because he claims he did not have the water problem until the Baxter Ridge Subdivision was developed. Councilmember Tilley suggested that the City fix this problem by installing one 48" pipe. In exchange for this work, Mr. Vomberg would have to sign the hold-harmless agreement prior to the City performing any work. The total estimated cost for this work is \$10,000.00. A general discussion ensued, with concerns expressed that, if the culvert is not repaired properly, stormwater runoff will continue to erode and flood Old Clarkson Rd. Councilmember Tilley made a motion that the City fix the culvert with the 48" pipe, relieving the City of all responsibility with Mr. Vomberg signing the hold-harmless, and the City bearing the entire cost at \$10,000.00. The agreement must transfer with the property. Chairperson Bute seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-1, with Councilmember Greenwood voting "no". Funds to cover this expense will need to be transferred from the Contingency Fund.

2. Councilmember Tilley reviewed the issue of a City Leaf Vacuuming program, as contained within a memo prepared by Brenda Love Collins, Assistant City Administrator. Councilmember Tilley indicated that she does not feel the City should consider this program at this time. After

discussion, the Committee agreed not to consider this program. Everyone commended Ms. Collins for her research on this subject. As a result of further discussion concerning composting, Mr. Herring was directed by the Committee to invite representatives from Environmental Industries and Browning Ferris Industries to the next meeting of this Committee to discuss compost services and the rates changed by each company.

3. Director of Public Works Hawn updated the Committee on the Chesterfield Valley Study. The firms of Black & Veatch and Development Strategies have focus group meetings scheduled for February 20, 1992, with "Property Owners", "Business Owners", "Citizens Concerned for the Environment", and "Developers in the Valley". Mr. Hawn explained that the Phase I Chesterfield Valley Study is on schedule with completion set for July of this year. Upon receipt of the study and final report, the Committee plans to schedule a public meeting for the consultant to present the report findings to the public. The Committee asked that a one-page summary of the Request For Proposal for this study be prepared and distributed to the entire Council. Additionally, when the Task Force meets to review the study findings, the entire Council is to be invited to attend.

4. Director of Public Works Hawn updated the Committee on the Westerly Project. Mr. Hawn advised that the stormwater catch basin problem in Westerly, towards the rear of the property, has been corrected with a berm and is now picking up surface storm water. The storm water is no longer by-passing this basin. The west detention basin will be cleaned out when the weather breaks. The east detention basin, at the front of the property, does have some silt at the bottom and City inspectors have put the Developer on notice that the basin needs to be cleaned out.

The Committee requested that Mr. Hawn follow up on the request for Parkway School District to construct a detention basin on the school property, by sending a letter, with copies to the Committee and Mayor Leonard. The Committee also requested Mr. Hawn to follow-up with MSD regarding the Committee's request to construct a swale behind this property.

City Administrator Herring opened the discussion on amending escrow agreements. As proposed, such an amendment would allow the City to have site problems corrected, if the developer fails to correct the problem, as directed by the City. Councilmember Politte made a motion to request the City Attorney and Staff to prepare changes in ordinances/policies/procedures, regarding amending escrow agreements. Councilmember Greenwood seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. City Administrator Herring informed the Committee of the request from the Historical Committee to be reimbursed for expenses in the amount of \$164.25. Councilmember Politte made a motion to reimburse the Committee. Councilmember Greenwood seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. Chairperson Bute announced that a public meeting regarding the Parks Study - Phase I will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 1992 at 7:30 PM. Councilmember Politte updated the Committee on the Parks Study Phase I, and noted that the property values shown for those parcels to be further studied are only assessed values that the County uses for tax purposes. Chairperson Bute stated that, at the public meeting, it would be a good idea to make available the Parks Study Survey results as handouts for information, and the Committee agreed. The Committee also directed Mr. Herring to invite all members of the Parks, Recreation and Arts Citizens Advisory Committee to this meeting.

7.a. Chairperson Bute reviewed the process that the City went through regarding establishing restrictions on parking during snow removal. City Administrator Herring stated that warnings had been issued to citizens during the first two snowfalls, when they violated the parking prohibition. Since there were warnings issued previously, during the last snowfall, tickets were issued. The Committee agreed that there has been sufficient notification to the citizens and to subdivision trustees concerning this policy, either through the City's Newsletter or direct mailings to Trustees.

b. Chairperson Bute noted that at the last Ward II Trustee meeting, it was mentioned that in the Greenleaf Valley Subdivision there is a very steep hill. The trustees were requesting that this street be put on the snow priority street list. She made a motion to add Greenleaf Valley Dr. to the snow removal list as a priority street. Councilmember Tilley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

c. Councilmember Tilley noticed that on some of the County & State streets, when driving at night, it is very hard to see the striping on the roads. Baxter Road is one of the major roads that needs re-striping. She also suggested putting more reflectors, or reflective paint, on the roads to make the lane markers more visible at night. Councilmember Tilley made a motion requesting that Mr. Herring contact St. Louis County and request that Baxter Road, from the powerline to Clayton Road, be re-striped. Councilmember Greenwood seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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d. Councilmember Tilley made a motion, regarding the safety and visibility of the streets at night, to request that the Police Department survey the streets at night for visibility problems, especially regarding the need to re-stripe. Councilmember Politte seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

e. Councilmember Tilley noted that there is a stop sign on Timberlake, at the North Outer Road, that is blocked by a big sign put up by the State Highway Department. She requested that Staff contact the State Highway Department to request that the sign be moved from in front of the stop sign. This was approved unanimously by the Committee.

8. Councilmember Greenwood stated that she was concerned over the issue of the deterioration of older subdivisions. She suggested investigating other municipalities regarding "appearance" or "housing" codes. She made a motion to ask that the Planning & Zoning Committee look into this issue and determine what if any action should be taken by Staff. Councilmember Tilley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

9. Chairperson Bute announced that the next meeting of this Committee will be held on Thursday, March 19, at 7:30 AM.

10. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.