

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 15, 1994

TO: Michael G. Herring, City Administrator

FROM: Michael O. Geisel, ^{ms}Assistant City Engineer

RE: Minutes - Meeting (3/12/94) Public Works/Parks Committee

A meeting of the Public Works/Parks Committee began at 10:00 a.m. on March 12, 1994. Those in attendance included Councilmember Alan Politte, Chairperson, (Ward III), Councilmember Colleen Hilbert (Ward I), Councilmember Ed Levinson (Ward II), Councilmember Dick Hrabko (Ward IV), City Administrator Michael G. Herring, Director of Public Works/City Engineer William C. Hawn, and Assistant City Engineer Michael O. Geisel.

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

- 1A) Councilmember Hrabko motioned to accept the revised minutes from the January 25, 1994, meeting. Councilmember Levinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 4 - 0.
- 1B) Councilmember Hrabko motioned to accept the minutes from the February 24, 1994 meeting. Councilmember Levinson seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4 - 0.
- 2) Assistant City Engineer Geisel explained that the 1994 budget contained \$50,000 for sidewalk construction. There were no specifically identified project locations. Mr. Geisel presented the Committee with potential projects. The first project being along River Valley Drive, West side from the River Bend Elementary School and extending to Olive Street Road. The estimated cost of this project is \$24,225. Mr. Geisel further explained that the Fire District was attempting to acquire this tract and in the event City approval was required, the sidewalk would be constructed in conjunction with development of the parcel. Councilmember Hilbert inquired about a previous sidewalk project along River Valley Drive on the east side, extending from River Valley Court to the apartment complex. Mr. Geisel explained that this project had been abandoned two years ago due to the City's inability to obtain an easement from Mr. Kelly. Councilmember Hilbert requested that she be given an opportunity to discuss this with Mr. Kelly and attempt to work towards easement acquisition. Councilmember Hrabko motioned to allow Councilmember Hilbert to discuss the easement acquisition for a period of time, not to exceed two months, and if successful at obtaining an easement, recommend to the full Council construction of the walk along the east side of River Valley Drive at a cost not to exceed \$24,225. Councilmember Levinson seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4 - 0. Mr. Geisel discussed a second project location along the south side of Deerhorn Drive. This project is estimated to cost \$14,550. Councilmember Levinson motioned to recommend this project to the Committee

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of the Whole. Councilmember Hrabko seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4 - 0.

3) Councilmember Levinson discussed the City's cracksealing program. Mr. Levinson expressed the concern that the 1994 budget proposes to crackseal 20 miles of streets and with over 120 miles of City streets, that this effort may be inadequate. Mr. Levinson suggested that lack of seal and improper drainage are the root causes of most pavement damage. The Committee directed Staff to review the cracksealing program and identify alternatives and costs and to make a recommendation back to the Committee.

4) City Engineer Hawn discussed potential sites for a Public Works maintenance facility as outlined in the memorandum from Assistant City Engineer Geisel dated January 20, 1994. Mr. Hawn explained that the current facility is poorly located, being some seven miles from the central part of the City which adds approximately 15 minutes to each vehicular trip. This time is crucial in snow plowing and other emergency response operation. Mr. Hawn indicated that the facility should be located on a site of 10 to 15 acres with additional room as necessary if stormwater storage ditches or levee reconstruction is necessary on the site. Further, Mr. Hawn indicated that the site size must be viewed with due consideration to the City's growth due to development and expansion by annexations. Councilmember Levinson indicated his support for site "B" which is located West of Chesterfield Airport Road and South of Old Olive Street Road. Councilmember Hrabko inquired if Staff had eliminated all sites further west in the Valley from consideration. Specifically, Mr. Hrabko expressed an interest in the 13 acre site south of Chesterfield Airport Road and East of Valley Center. Councilmember Hrabko expressed his desire to construct the Public Works facility in conjunction with a City Center as an integrated facility on a single site. The Committee directed Staff to complete a needs analysis and to obtain ownership and cost information on the two sites identified.

5) City Engineer Hawn discussed a proposal by Sach's to install a folding curtain wall across the Council Chambers to segregate the area into two spaces. Mr. Herring explained that the City has experienced a shortage of meeting space and conflicts occur at least once a week. Councilmember Hrabko motioned to have Staff request alternative proposals from Sachs to determine if there was a lesser priced wall, but to recommend installation of a curtain wall at a cost not to exceed \$9,341. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hilbert and passed 3 - 1 with Councilmember Levinson opposed.

[Councilmember Hilbert requested that Staff be complimented for their snow removal activities this winter. She explained that despite all of the emergency efforts underway throughout the summer and fall, the City maintenance workers did a "terrific" job during snow removal. The Committee agreed and complimented City Engineer Hawn and his Department.]

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6) City Administrator Herring presented a recommendation from the Mayor's Flood Recovery Task Force that the City contract with the CCDC to prepare a chronological document which describes the occurrences and actions taken leading up to, during, and after the flood event during 1993. Mr. Langa explained that he is currently working with Rockwood School District on a smaller version of this project and it has proved to be a monumental task. Mr. Langa further explained that most of this work would have to be contracted out due to the size and nature of the project. Councilmember Hrabko suggested that this may be a good project for the COROS Fellows. Councilmember Hrabko motioned to recommend this project to City Council in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.

7) Chairperson Politte updated the Committee on the status of the Parks Steering Committee. Mr. Politte explained that the Steering Committee met last Thursday, March 10, 1994. The current plan is to present an Executive Summary to the City Council prior to their special work session meeting on March 23, 1994. Subsequent to that, the Steering Committee will conduct its final meeting on Saturday, March 26, 1994. After this meeting, Booker will put together the detailed study and submit it for consideration a minimum of 10 days prior to the meeting on April 18, 1994, at which time City Council will be asked to endorse the plan and schedule an election.

8) City Administrator Herring discussed the proposed amendments to Ordinance #642 regarding the hours of operation of heavy machinery. The proposed amendments had been sent back to Committee by the Council. Councilmember Hrabko motion to retain the original hours of operation, reduce the distance requirements to 500 feet in section 3, and to create an exception under section 4 granting extended hours as requested by the Home Builders Association, with the exception that Sunday Hours would not commence until 11:00 a.m.. Mr. Hrabko further explained that this exception should be granted unless there was some compelling reason to deny the request. Mr. Hrabko suggested that in such circumstances police officers and inspection personnel would be scheduled to ensure proper construction and safety. Councilmember Hilbert seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4 - 0.

9) Councilmember Hrabko discussed Councilmember Tilley's efforts working with the St. Louis Family Church and other volunteers to have flood debris removed from the fields within the Valley and suggested that the City provide dumpsters for the collection and disposal of these materials. City Administrator Herring explained to the Committee that this cost would not be reimbursable by FEMA and that City personnel and equipment would not be able to go onto private properties. Councilmember Hilbert expressed that she was in favor of such an operation but that cooperation and coordination was essential. She requested that a plan be developed to identify how many dumpsters would be necessary, when, and where they would be necessary. Chairperson Politte suggested that this

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Committee should endorse the activity and leave the details to the Public Health and Safety Committee. Councilmember Hrabko motioned to provide dumpsters, equipment, and staff support with the total cost of dumpster services not to exceed \$10,000. Mr. Hrabko further explained that the City's efforts would be limited to providing the dumpsters and loading accumulated material into the dumpsters at centralized collection sites. Non-City workers would collect the debris and bring it to these sites. Councilmember Hilbert amended the motion to direct Mr. Herring to work with Councilmember Tilley to develop a plan to ensure that all aspects of this process are coordinated. Councilmember Hrabko accepted the amendment, Councilmember Hilbert seconded the amended motion which passed unanimously, 4 - 0.

10) Councilmember Hrabko explained that he had discussed cable television installations within new developments with Mr. Gil Nichols of United Video. Mr. Nichols had expressed frustration that the utility companies would not cooperate in sharing their trenches during initial utility installation. Mr. Nichols informed Councilmember Hrabko that this cooperation exists in other areas and that this lack of cooperation causes delays in installation, as well as increased costs. Councilmember Levinson explained that Laclede Gas and Southwestern Bell often share the same trenches, but Union Electric and St. Louis County Water are not prone to share their trenches. As a result, the cable companies will delay installation of their lines until the lots are finish graded to prevent inadvertent line breakages. Councilmember Hrabko motioned to direct Staff to contact Gil Nichols to discuss the specifics of his concerns and subsequently to contact the various utility companies to encourage them to consider cooperative trenching. Councilmember Politte seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4 - 0.

11) The Committee agreed to schedule their next meeting on Monday, April 11, 1994 at 7:30 a.m.