

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 11, 1996

TO: Michael G. Herring, City Administrator

FROM: Michael O. Geisel, Director of Public Works/City Engineer

RE: Minutes - Public Works/Parks Committee Meeting, April 9, 1996

A meeting of the Public Works/Parks Committee began at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 1996. Those in attendance included Councilmember Alan Politte (Ward III) Chairperson, Councilmember Colleen Hilbert (Ward I), Mayor Jack Leonard, Councilmember-Elect Larry Grosser (Ward II), City Administrator Mike Herring, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Mike Geisel, Assistant City Engineer Bonnie Hubert, Parks, Recreation and Arts Superintendent Ron Coleman, John Langa (CCDC), Darcy Capstick(CCE), Bob Wald(PRACAC), Jan McGah(PRACAC), Jeanne Clauson(CCE), Ken Denson (CCE), Terry Weatherby (PRACAC), Rachel Nolan (PRACAC), Cory Shultz (Booker and Associates), Walter Willis (Patrick Engineering), and Richard Scott (Hunsaker pool consultants).

The following items were discussed:

1) Mr. Coleman discussed conceptual site plans for the Central City Park site, and the Chesterfield elementary site. Mr. Schultz and Mr. Hunsaker made a brief presentation on the park site designs. Phase One of the Central City Park will consist of a leisure pool, 25 yard lap pool, parking, bath house, tennis courts, playground and a basketball court. The Chesterfield Elementary site was a collaborative effort with the Rockwood School District, which will provide for additional informal recreational fields, upgrades to existing play equipment, additional surfaced courts and new active park equipment. Councilmember Politte explained that the PRACAC Committee had fully endorsed both plans as presented. The Committee expressed their support for the proposed plans. Mayor Leonard and Councilmember-Elect Grosser also expressed their support. Councilmember Politte stated his plan to invite all other Councilmembers to a special presentation April 11, 1996.

2) Ms. Hubert explained that the Chesterfield Citizens for the Environment Committee had been working to develop a proposed request for proposals that would be sent out to contractual waste haulers. Within the scope of the RFP, the haulers are limited to collections on specified days, the list of recyclable items has been expanded, a provision to pick up items from evictions and foreclosures is included, and refuse pickup from the bus stop at Justus Post and the Chesterfield Parkway is also included. Ms. Hubert further explained that the CCE had desired to develop a proposal for an exclusive waste collection contract, but that there were several legal issues that as yet had not been resolved. As such, the current proposal is non-exclusive. The Committee requested

that the proposal be modified to include refuse pickup at the bus stop on Olive Street Road adjacent to Route 141. Ms. Capstick, Chairperson of the CCE advised the Committee that the proposal was unanimously endorsed by her Committee. The Committee was supportive of the RFP and instructed Staff to proceed with solicitation of proposals. Mayor Leonard and Councilmember-Elect Grosser added their support. Mr. Herring noted that the bids received would be reviewed by the CCE and their recommendation would be forwarded to this Committee.

3) Mr. Herring explained that due to time constraints, City Staff, in conjunction with the Chesterfield Citizens for the Environment, had submitted a non-binding grant application to expand our waste reduction efforts to the business community. Normally, such a grant proposal would be reviewed/approved by the Council Committee first. The Committee endorsed submission of the grant request.

4) Councilmember Politte discussed the need to develop a Chesterfield Transit Authority to deal with local and regional transportation issues. The Committee discussed several transportation problems that would be addressed by this agency, such as: Transportation from local nursing facilities to the mall, transportation of teenagers to recreational facilities and commercial areas and to encourage the extension of Metro-Link into the Chesterfield area. Mr. Coleman indicated that he had spoken with several other communities and agencies with regard to funding sources and localized transportation systems. He indicated that there is currently a deadline of May 6, 1996, for submission of a grant application for the 1997 funding year. The Committee directed Mr. Coleman to proceed with the grant submission. The Committee also directed Staff to put together specific information relative to the development of a Chesterfield Transit Authority.

5) Councilmember Politte explained that he had asked that the issue of plan review be placed on the agenda due to concerns that developers had expressed regarding the time involved in obtaining final approvals. Mr. Geisel explained that, at the previous request of Mr. Herring, Staff has been working to develop a proposal to deal with the occasional peaks that cause significant backlogs in the plan review sequence. He indicated that the new Director of Planning would be starting on 4/15/96 and that the Planning and Public Works Departments would collaborate to develop a proposal that would subsequently be forwarded to the appropriate Council Committees. Mr. Langa indicated that he had been working with several developers attempting to secure plan approvals through the City. He stated that once plans had been submitted to the City, Staff had been very cooperative in working with the engineers and owners to expedite their approvals. He specifically complimented Ms. Hubert and Ms. McElhanon for working with the American Pulverizer group.

6) Mr. Geisel explained to the Committee that the St. Louis County Water Company had determined that a 12" water main must be constructed along the road adjacent to the Public Works Maintenance Facility, as opposed to the 8" line originally planned to serve this facility. Mr. Geisel indicated that a change order would be prepared and forwarded to Council to fund the additional charges resulting from the increased size of the water main and that these charges, although directly incurred by the City, would be offset by funds that would otherwise be paid to the Water Company

for inspection and tax charges. Mr. Geisel indicated that he did not have the final costs or change order prepared, but the net result would be that the Water Company would decrease their fees by the amount of monies that would be necessary to increase from an 8" water line to a 12" water line. The project remains under budget and on time. This change order will require approval at the next Council meeting.

9) Mr. Herring explained that the City had been given a preliminary copy of St. Louis County's revised proposal to delete several streets from the Arterial Road System, thereby transferring the maintenance of these streets to the City. He reminded the Committee that they had taken a position on the streets identified by the County for transfer of maintenance and that the preliminary report did not reflect the City's position. Subsequently, Mr. Herring had sent a letter to Mr. Fischesser, Executive Director of the Municipal League, expressing this concern. Mr. Herring also advised the Committee that Mayor Leonard was serving on the Municipal League Committee which was developing uniform criteria for the transfer of these road maintenance responsibilities. Mayor Leonard advised the Committee that it was St. Louis County's desire to negotiate the transfer of maintenance responsibilities with each municipality, but that the Municipal League should develop a criteria basis from which to work.

10) Mr. Herring advised the Committee that the City had recently received bids for the three stormwater pump stations within Chesterfield Valley. He reminded the Committee that the City had, in 1993, received a disaster recovery grant which provided for \$909,000 of City and Federal funds for this project, on a 25-75 basis. As a result of the interior drainage analysis conducted by Booker, the magnitude and scope of this project has increased dramatically. The current project provides for three stormwater pump stations, each capable of discharging 60,000 gallons per minute from the Valley. Although final bids and other related costs are being tabulated, it is expected that the total cost to construct these pumps will be between \$3.3 and \$3.5 million. Mr. Herring further explained that Staff had been working with the Levee District, Ms. Irwin, with A. G. Edwards, Mr. Mello, attorney for CCDC, and Mr. Langa to develop ideas for funding these improvements. It appears that the difference between the grant amount and the construction costs will be able to be fully funded through dollars captured within the Valley, using the Tax Increment Financing District. Staff is working on a mutual cooperation agreement with the Levee District which would facilitate this funding and the subsequent construction of the pump stations. Due to the constraints of the disaster recovery grant and the bids submitted, the City is faced with a tight schedule to execute the agreement and secure the funding source. Mr. Herring explained that he wanted to provide this information to the Committee in order to facilitate the final approval process, once the mutual cooperation agreement is finalized. The Committee concurred with Staff's actions and directed Staff to proceed with developing a recommendation regarding the necessary funding source. (NOTE: Subsequently, the Valley TIF Commission has voted to endorse the use of TIF dollars for this purpose.)

cc: Mayor Jack Leonard
Dept. Heads/Exec. Staff