



DATE: April 30, 2007

TO: Michael G. Herring, CA

FROM: Brian McGownd, DDPW/ACE

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes, PW\Parks 4/30/07

A meeting of the Public Works/Parks Committee began at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, April 30, 2007. Those in attendance included, Chairperson Mike Casey (Ward 3), Councilmember Barry Flachsbart (Ward 1), Councilmember Lee Erickson (Ward 2) and Councilmember Bob Nation (Ward 4). Also in attendance were: Mike Herring - City Administrator; Mike Geisel – Director of Public Works/City Engineer; Brian McGownd – Deputy Director of Public Works/Assistant City Engineer, and Darren Dunkle – Superintendent of Parks, Recreation and Arts. Mr. Mike Grana of Allied Waste was also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

Agenda Item #IA: Councilmember Flachsbart moved and Councilmember Nation seconded to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2007 meeting. The motion passed, 4 – 0.

Agenda Item #IIA: Chairperson Casey recognized City Administrator Mike Herring. Mr. Herring summarized the recommendation contained within his memo, dated April 23, for two, one-year extensions to the current contract with Allied Waste. Mr. Herring noted that, if endorsed by this Committee and ultimately approved by City Council, the monthly cost for the "basic services" of garbage and recycling would increase from the current rate of \$11.32 to \$11.66, from 8/1/07 - 7/31/08 and then to \$12.01, from 8/1/08 - 7/31/09. These costs reflect an increase of just 3% per year. Mr. Herring affirmed that Allied Waste continued to meet all of the terms and conditions of their current contract and that company representatives were exceptionally responsive and "customer-service" oriented!

Councilmember Flachsbart noted that he planned to vote "NO", since he continues to support allowing residents to contract with the solid waste collection company of their choice. However, he took the occasion to compliment both Allied Waste and Mr. Herring, for the fact that he receives very few complaints, which is a significant improvement over previous years. He pointed out the importance of working with our residents to resolve any service-related issues and noted that Mr. Herring is personally committed to working with residents and Allied Waste to successfully resolve any such issues. Mr. Herring also thanked Allied Waste for their responsiveness and their understanding of the importance of "customer service".

There followed additional questions and comments from the other members of the Committee. Both Councilmembers Erickson and Nation inquired as to the ability to provide "recycling" services to "condo" and/or "apartment" developments. Mr. Herring noted that "multi-family" developments were not typically covered by the current contract and, for a variety of reasons, was difficult to service. He added that Allied Waste currently serves some of those developments, via a negotiated contract. He indicated that he would obtain information from Allied Waste, regarding those developments and forward same to the Committee members. Mr. Herring noted that Chesterfield's rates are very comparable to other cities. Some cities have better rates due to being more densely populated, which reduces collection costs to the company. Additionally, some cities ("A" or "point-of-sale" sales tax cities) pay the entire cost for this service, which also reduces the cost. Most cities are at or above Chesterfield's rates. A neighboring city recently sought competitive bids and awarded a new contract, with rates approximately 11% higher than previous rates. Mr. Herring urged the Committee to accept Allied's offer, for two, one-year extensions, at 3% per year, noting that fuel, personnel and equipment costs are rising at a much higher rate.

Following additional discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Nation, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, to recommend to City Council that the current contract with Allied Waste, for solid waste collection services, be extended for two (2), one-year periods (8/1/07 - 7/31/08 and 8/1/08 - 7/31/09), at a rate of 3% per year. The motion was approved by a vote of 3-1, with Councilmember Flachsbart voting "NO".

Agenda Item #IIB: Mr. McGownd summarized his memo dated April 23, 2007. He said that the requirement regarding the sleeves/conduit was in anticipation of various telecommunication providers installing dark fiber within the City's rights of way. He said that this has not been the case, and that it is Staff's experience that this infrastructure is being installed, as currently required by the Subdivision Ordinance, and is not being utilized by the telecommunication industry. After a brief discussion, **Councilmember Flachsbart moved and Councilmember Nation seconded to recommend approval of an ordinance which deletes subsection (t) of Section 1005.180 of the Subdivision Ordinance, and to forward to City Council for their consideration. The motion passed, 4- 0.**

Agenda Item #IIC: Mr. McGownd summarized his memo dated April 23, 2007. He stated that when the developer started to build the required cul-de-sac; they determined that, due to topography issues, the location of the cul-de-sac needed to shift. Since the record plat had already been recorded, the developer had to dedicate an additional easement to allow for the required shift. That portion of the original easement that is no longer necessary can now be vacated. **Councilmember Flachsbart moved and Councilmember Nation seconded to recommend approval of the easement vacation on Cordovan Commons Parkway within the Villas at Ladue Bluffs, and to forward to City Council for their consideration. The motion passed, 4- 0.**

Agenda Item #IID – After a brief discussion, **Councilmember Flachsbart motioned and Councilmember Nation seconded, to approve the following**

private streets: Bonhomme Grove Court, Chesterfield Grove Road, Ladue Bluffs Crossing Drive and Old Belle Monte Road. The motion passed, 4 – 0.

Agenda Item #IIIA: After a brief discussion, Councilmember Erickson was selected to serve as Vice-chair.

Agenda Item #IIIB: The Committee discussed the Committee Liaison assignments. They agreed upon the following assignments:

Beautification Committee – Councilmember Nation
Chesterfield Arts Commission – Councilmember Casey
Citizens Committee for the Environment – Councilmember Erickson
Parks, Recreation & Arts Citizens Advisory Committee – Councilmember Casey
Public Works Board of Variance – Councilmember Flachsbart
Public Works Citizens Advisory Group – Councilmember Flachsbart

Agenda Item #IV: The next meeting will be scheduled as needed.

Agenda Item #V: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 a.m.

Cc: Mayor John Nations
Department Heads/Executive Staff