

DATE: May 24, 2006
TO: Michael G. Herring, CA
FROM: Mike Geisel, DPW\CE



SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes, PW\Parks 5/23/06

A meeting of the Public Works/Parks Committee began at 7:33 a.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2006. Those in attendance included, Chairperson Hurt (Ward 3), Councilmember Bruce Geiger (Ward 2) and Councilmember Connie Fults (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, Bonnie Hubert – Superintendent of Engineering, Darren Dunkle – Superintendent of Parks, Recreation, and Tony Lamantia and Steve Cannon of Allied Waste..

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 a.m.

*** To be discussed at the 6/5/06 meeting of City Council.**

Agenda Item #1: Councilmember Geiger moved and Councilmember Fults seconded to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2006 meeting. The motion passed, 3– 0.

Agenda Item #2: Chairperson Hurt motioned to select Councilmember Durrell as Vice-Chair of the Public Works/Parks Committee. Councilmember Fults seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 3 – 0.

Agenda Item #3: The Committee discussed the Committee Liaison assignments. They agreed upon the following assignments:

Beautification Committee – Councilmember Fults
Chesterfield Arts Commission – Councilmember Geiger
Citizens Committee for the Environment – Councilmember Durrell
Parks, Recreation & Arts Citizens Advisory Committee – Councilmember Fults
Public Works Board of Variance – Councilmember Geiger
Public Works Citizens Advisory Group – Councilmember Hurt

Councilmember Fults motioned to accept the Committee Liaison assignments as recommended. Councilmember Geiger seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 3 – 0.

*** Agenda Item #4: Chairperson Hurt next introduced both Steve Cannon and Tony Lamantia, with Allied Waste, who were in attendance and then recognized City Administrator Herring who first summarized his memo, dated April 18, 2006, which he had previously forwarded to Mayor Nations and the entire City Council. Mr. Herring noted that the current contract with Allied Waste would expire, at the end of July 2006. However, based upon the overall performance of Allied Waste, he recommended exercising the option that the City had previously negotiated, of extending the current contract, at an across-the-board increase of just 3%. Given the increase in fuel prices, this proposed price increase is very competitive. Mr. Herring noted that he had not received any questions/comments or suggestions from any member of City Council, prior to this meeting.**

He also shared with the Committee that, at the request of Chairperson Hurt, he had provided a copy of his memo to Ms. Darcy Capstick, Chairperson of the Citizens Committee of the Environment (CCE) and afforded her and the members of CCE the opportunity to comment on the proposed extension of the current contract with Allied Waste. In addition to receiving her memo (see attached), Mr. Herring noted that he had spoken with Ms. Capstick. Ms. Capstick indicated that CCE supported the recommendation to extend the current contract with Allied Waste, but suggested a few changes to said contract, for consideration by the Committee. Mr. Herring next reviewed each of the recommendations contained within Ms. Capstick's memo. Of the seven recommendations, the Committee did NOT support #1, 3 or 5. However, RE: #5, it was noted that only 108 households currently contract for rear-yard collection and only 683 households currently contract for 2x/week curbside collection. This is out of a total of over 12,000 households! The Committee urged Allied Waste to seek grant funds, in order to provide larger recycling containers to all Chesterfield residents and commended Allied Waste for its "single-stream recycling" program. Allied Waste agreed to provide FREE, on-going trash service to ANY City-sponsored event and agreed to also participate in the Annual Tree Day event. Mr. Herring noted that he would work with Ms. Capstick and Allied Waste to develop an updated "Hauler's Guide for Trash and Recycling" and, finally, Allied Waste will continue to seek and support other efforts to secure grant funds to encourage recycling and other appropriate measures to reduce landfill dumping.

Councilmember Geiger asked if the all "single-family" residences were REQUIRED to contract with Allied Waste, to whom the City has awarded this exclusive franchise. Mr. Herring responded "YES", but that he would double-check the contract and all related ordinances, previously adopted by City Council. Mr. Herring noted that the contract does not apply to condo developments, apartment complexes or commercial properties.

Councilmember Fults noted that Ward 4, which has regular Friday collections, continues to suffer when misses or other service delivery problems occur. She asked if crews could be assigned to work on Saturdays to respond if/when calls result. Mr. Herring noted that, currently, the only way to resolve such situations was for the Ward 4 Councilmembers or him to call Mr. Lamantia, after hearing from upset residents. In response, Mr. Cannon and Mr. Lamantia committed to establishing regular Saturday office hours, with Customer Service Reps assigned to work from 8am to 12noon and crews will be assigned to work to respond to calls that arise.

Councilmember Hurt next discussed his concerns regarding current billing practices by Allied Waste. Billing is for services not-yet-provided, yet, if bills are not paid, in advance, late notices are generated and late fees are applied. Mr. Lamantia explained that the billing is handled exclusively by the Houston office of Allied Waste. **Mr. Hurt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Geiger, to ask Allied Waste to change the current practice and lengthen the time before any delinquent notices are sent and/or late fees are applied. The motion was approved unanimously.**

With all of the above in mind, **a motion was made by Councilmember Fults, seconded by Councilmember Geiger, to recommend to City Council that a one-year extension of the current contract be approved, with a cost increase, across-the-board, of just 3%. The motion was approved unanimously.**

Agenda Item #5: Mr. Geisel summarized his memo dated May 16, 2006, regarding West Drive. In response to a question from the Committee, he stated that the engineering survey and design could not be performed in-house, and would therefore have to be contracted out to a consultant. He estimated the cost to be between \$75,000 and \$100,000. Councilmember Fults expressed concern regarding investing \$75,000 to \$100,000 in the design of a project without knowing how any of the residents felt about the idea of widening the road that abuts their property. Mr. Geisel stated that in order to discuss how the road project would impact adjacent property, a design would have to be completed first. After a brief discussion, **Councilmember Fults moved and Councilmember Geiger seconded to direct the City Administrator to enlist the help of our insurance carrier, as well as City Attorney Heggie to determine the exposure, if any, that the City may have due to the current sub-standard condition of West Drive. The motion passed, 3– 0.**

Agenda Item #6: Mr. Geisel summarized his memo dated May 15, 2006, regarding the storage yard at the Public Works Facility. He applauded the efforts of the street maintenance division, and said that due to the warm, dry winter the maintenance division was able to perform grading and storm sewer installation, progress on the transformation of the storage yard was far ahead of schedule and has saved the significant future budget dollars. He explained that the Department will continue with the planned and budgeted first phase of construction of an architectural fence. He said this work will begin later this year. He reminded the Committee that the \$75,000 budget would be sufficient to fence the entire yard, but only the first segment. Future segments would be proposed in annual budget requests. Mr. Geisel further explained that the Department intended to proceed with adding rock and possibly paving a portion of the storage yard, using existing budgeted funds within the division. The Committee recognized the efforts of the street maintenance division employees and concurred with Mr. Geisel's intention to proceed with the project using existing budgeted funds.

Agenda Item #7: Mr. Geisel provided a brief update of the levee trail project. He explained that in response to the Committee's direction, the design team had re-visited the rest area design. The Committee reviewed the revised design proposal and expressed their support. Mr. McGownd expressed that the project will proceed to final design and construction as soon as land acquisition is complete.

Agenda Item #9a: Chairperson Hurt expressed concern that the concept plan for the pool improvements had not gone through Committee prior to the last Council meeting. He stated that, in the future, he would like to see concept level plans brought to the Committee for their information. The Committee indicated that they were not interested in reviewing detailed engineering plans or slowing the process, but would like the opportunity to look at conceptual level plans.

Agenda Item #9b: Councilmember Fults expressed concern about the poor condition of North Outer Forty Road. She stated that due to the CVAC, traffic on this road is very heavy during the summer, and felt that the road should be maintained properly. After a brief discussion, **Councilmember Fults moved and Councilmember Geiger seconded to direct the City Administrator to send a letter to MoDOT requesting that they maintain North Outer 40 Road in an acceptable and safe condition. The motion passed, 3– 0.**

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Agenda Item #9c: Councilmember Geiger requested an update on the engineering work that was being done on the project to extend Calliope Place from its current terminus in the Nooning Tree subdivision to Olive Boulevard. Mr. Herring stated that he would work on getting this information to Mr. Geiger.

Agenda Item #9d: Mr. Geiger stated that the hill opposite Faust Park, adjacent to Olive Boulevard needed to be mowed, and maintained in a better condition. Mr. Herring stated the he had already sent a letter to St. Louis County requesting that they maintain this hillside. He said he would pass along the County's response to the Committee.

Agenda Item #9e: Councilmember Geiger stated that he felt it would be a good idea to have a discussion regarding the status of Proposition P. Councilmember Hurt agreed. After a brief discussion, the Committee decided to hold a special meeting to discuss this issue, at a date to be determined. The entire City Council will be invited to this meeting which was tentatively scheduled for June 26, 2006 at 7:30 am. .

Agenda Item #8: The next regular PW/Parks Committee has been tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 24, 2006 at 7:30 am in Conference Room 101 at City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Cc: Mayor John Nations
Department Heads/Executive Staff