

Memo

To: Mike Herring, City Administrator
From: Mike Geisel, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
Date: July 7, 1998
Re: Minutes – Public Works/Parks Committee Meeting, June 23, 1998

A meeting of the Public Works/Parks Committee began at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, June 23, 1998. All members of the committee were in attendance: Councilmember Barry Flachsbart (Ward I), Chairperson; Councilmember Barry Streeter (Ward II); Councilmember Dan Hurt (Ward III); and Councilmember Mary Brown (Ward IV). Also in attendance were Mayor Nancy Greenwood, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Mike Geisel, Director of Finance and Administration Jan Hawn, Superintendent of Engineering Operations Bonnie Hubert, Terry Weatherby, Bob Wald, and Jade Bute of the Parks, Recreation and Arts Citizen Advisory Committee (PRACAC), and Darcy Capstick – Chairperson of the Citizens Committee for the Environment.

The order in which agenda items were addressed was adjusted to accommodate the guests in attendance.

Item 1) Councilmember Brown moved and Councilmember Streeter seconded to accept the minutes of the May 21, 1998 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 2) Councilmember Flachsbart moved and Councilmember Streeter seconded to recess for executive session for discussion of personnel matters as provided in RSMO 610.021 (3) 1994. The motion passed on a roll call vote: Flachsbart – aye; Streeter – aye; Hurt – aye; and Brown – aye. Executive session was adjourned at approximately 6:10 p.m. and the meeting continued.

Item 5) Terry Weatherby of the Parks, Recreation and Arts Citizens Advisory Committee (PRACAC) reported that as requested by this Committee, the PRACAC had developed recommendations for the next priorities for Park construction and with the assistance of Dan Bockert of Booker Associates assigned costs to those items. He reviewed the priorities and a survey that the PRACAC had prepared regarding parks amenities and funding sources. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding concerns about the accuracy of the estimates, the appropriate timetable for the next phase, passive vs. active use of parks, obtaining land before the costs increase, completing the existing parks before addressing new parks, soliciting donation of services for some items, performing an opinion survey prior to proposing a ballot issue, the merits of conducting another resident survey, the merits of sales tax vs. property tax as a revenue source, other capital needs throughout the City, and the need to complete Phase

l improvements. **Councilmember Streeter motioned and Councilmember Brown seconded to recommend to the full City Council that a no tax increase bond issue be put on the November ballot. The motion failed, 2 – 2, with Councilmembers Hurt and Flachsbart voting in opposition.**

Item 3) City Engineer Geisel reviewed his June 19, 1998 memo regarding the remaining balance in the Levee Drainage Fund and construction of a levee access road. **Councilmember Brown moved and Councilmember Flachsbart seconded to transfer the remaining balance in the Levee Drainage Fund, approximately \$130,000, to the Parks Construction Fund and that a rock access road be constructed at the interior toe of the levee at the Chesterfield Athletic Complex to provide access to properties outside of the main levee.** After discussion of other uses for the funds, Councilmember Hurt called the question. The motion to call the question passed unanimously. **The original Brown/Flachsbart motion then passed, 3 – 1, with Councilmember Streeter voting in opposition.**

Item 4) Superintendent of Engineering Operations Hubert reviewed her June 17, 1998 memo regarding the need to obtain a new consultant for St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District Grant Agreement No. 97073 for recycling education and events. She advised the Committee that the original consultant went out of business and a contract is being negotiated with the next successful firm who had responded to the original request for proposals. Due to time constraints, the contract will be awarded in phases. The contract will be forwarded for approval at the next Council meeting. Darcy Capstick of the Citizens Committee for the Environment (CCE) acknowledged the extra work this caused the CCE and staff, then encouraged the Committee to promote the Fashion Show of recycled content products which will be held September 12 and to refer any residents of multifamily complexes interested in recycling to the Customer Service Center for assistance under another grant.

Item 6) Councilmember Hurt informed the Committee about the need that subdivisions throughout the City have for dredging the siltation that has accumulated in stormwater retention lakes. He advised the Committee that the County will allow the City to use a dredge owned by the County, but not the subdivisions. In addition, disposal of the dredged material is a problem. If the locations were identified, the City could assist the trustees in coordinating their efforts and the dredged material could be spread on City property in the Valley for future use. **Councilmember Hurt moved and Councilmember Flachsbart seconded to direct staff to inventory the subdivisions that have water features and determine approximately how much siltation had built up.** After discussion regarding whether the County would allow the use of the dredge on private property and the appropriateness of the City being involved in the matter, **the motion failed, 2 – 2, with Councilmembers Brown and Streeter voting in opposition.**

Councilmember Brown moved and Councilmember Flachsbart moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting of the committee was not scheduled.

cc: Mayor Nancy Greenwood
Department Heads/Executive Staff