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To: Mike Herring, City Administrator

From: Mike Geisel, Director of Public Works/City Engineer

Date: 10/3/97

Re: Minutes - Public Works/Parks Committee Meeting, September 30, 1997

A meeting of the Public Works/Parks Committee began at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 30, 1997. Those in attendance included Councilmember Barry Streeter (Ward II), Chairperson, Councilmember Allan Sheppard (Ward I), Councilmember Alan Politte (Ward III), Councilmember Mary Brown (Ward IV), City Administrator Mike Herring, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Mike Geisel, Assistant City Engineer Bonnie Hubert, and Parks, Recreation and Arts Superintendent Ron Coleman. The following guests were also in attendance: Jane Durrell, Chairperson of the Chesterfield Historical Commission; Jerry Duepner, Merl Wilson and Kathy Higgins of Sachs Properties; Paul Higgins; Sheri Bilderback and Tom Krull representing the Home Builders Association; John Hicks of Booker Associates; Richard Godwin and Marilyn Johnston. The order in which agenda items were addressed was adjusted to accommodate guests at the meeting. The following items were discussed:

Item 1) Councilmember Streeter called for acceptance of the minutes from the July 9, 1997 meeting. The motion was made by Councilmember Politte, seconded by Councilmember Brown and approved unanimously.

Item 11) City Engineer Geisel summarized a request from the Missouri Department of Transportation for support and confirmation that the realignment of Wild Horse Creek Road with Chesterfield Airport Road to the south as a through movement at the existing intersection was included in the City's Comprehensive Plan. Property owners affected by the project, Mr. Richard Godwin and Dr. Marilyn Johnston, informed the Committee that no agency had informed them the project was under consideration, that information relative to the project was difficult to obtain, and that someone had also aggressively pursued purchase of their property. After discussion and explanation that no City funding was being requested for the project

and discussion relative to existing safety concerns at the Wildhorse Creek Road and Chesterfield Airport Road intersection being expressed by the Public Health and Safety Committee, **Councilmember Politte moved and Councilmember Streeter seconded to authorize the City Administrator to inform the Missouri Department of Transportation that the realignment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the City supports improvements that would increase safety in the area. The motion passed unanimously.**

Item 12) Ms. Jane Durrell, Chairperson of the Historical Committee explained the Committee's desire to maintain the Conway Family Cemetery and their unsuccessful past attempts to obtain permission from St. Louis County to do so, as well as their request for the City to request title to the property. After discussion concerning long term maintenance and liability concerns, **Councilmember Streeter motioned to authorize City Administrator Herring to correspond with the County to request permission for the Historical Commission to access the property as caretakers. If this is unacceptable to the County, the City Administrator will explore the County's view of deeding the property to the City and request City Attorney Beach's opinion regarding liability. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brown and passed unanimously.**

Item 15) Ms. Durrell explained the Committee's development of Century House recognition certificates to be bestowed upon the owners of Chesterfield area homes that are a minimum of 100 years old and are currently occupied. **Councilmember Politte moved and Councilmember Brown seconded approving dissemination of the certificates. The motion passed unanimously.**

Item 16) Ms. Durrell requested approval of one of two dates, November 8 or 15, 1997, for the ceremony that is to be held to bestow the Century House recognition upon the owners. The Committee indicated that either date was acceptable and applauded the Historical Committee's efforts.

Item 2) Councilmember Streeter suggested that the City study White Road and Conway Road in view of anticipated County's future efforts to transfer maintenance responsibilities to the City. The Committee directed staff to identify specific improvements that should be made to each to bring them up to minimal construction standards. Councilmember Brown suggested that the two roads could be added to the summary of councilmembers' concerns in the report developed by the Traffic Issues Moratorium Panel. Councilmember Politte reported that the Police Department had previously identified certain concerns in response to a request from the Public Health and Safety Committee. City Engineer Geisel indicated that the roads are generally substandard throughout as compared to the City's current standards. **Councilmember Streeter motioned and Councilmember Brown seconded to direct staff to develop a list of attainable improvements that could be forwarded to St. Louis County as requests for improvements. The motion passed unanimously.**

Item 3) City Engineer Geisel reported on the status of the wetland mitigation plan for Chesterfield Valley. The Corps of Engineers has forwarded the revised permit to the City for execution. The Monarch-Chesterfield Levee District has agreed to modify the existing Intergovernmental agreement such that they would physically construct the wetland mitigation bank and recoup their costs as developers impacted wetlands. Wetlands would be sited on City owned property north of the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex (CVAC) and on land owned or to be purchased by the Levee District for borrow material for the 500 year levee. A conservation easement would need to be established over the site. City Administrator Herring reported that this project would consolidate approximately 86 acres of scattered wetlands on properties throughout the Valley into two high quality wetland areas totalling approximately 120 acres. The City will become the permitting authority and property owners who wish to utilize wetland areas will have the option to purchase credits from the wetland bank. A portion of the improvements for the CVAC cannot be constructed until the bank is initiated. Both wetlands areas could be used to develop trails for recreational use. **Councilmember Politte moved to authorize City Administrator Herring to execute the 404 permit approving the wetlands mitigation plan and a conservation easement on the City property to be used for the purpose, and to recommend that the full Council approve an amendment to the intergovernmental agreement with the Levee District to specify that the District will assume the costs and arrange for the design and construction of the wetlands bank with reimbursement being forwarded as the City collects funds from property owners who purchase credits from the wetlands bank. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brown and passed unanimously.**

Item 4) City Engineer Geisel reported that the Federal Emergency Management Association has indicated that they will remap the floodplain in Chesterfield Valley as part of the recertification process. FEMA has indicated that they would be willing to consider the stormwater pump station construction as an enhancement as part of the re-mapping. The City would need to supply additional data which the Consultant who designed the pump stations could develop for a cost not to exceed \$20,357. Property throughout Chesterfield Valley would benefit from the re-mapping of the flood plain. Accordingly, TIF funding could be considered for the project. **Councilmember Politte moved and Councilmember Brown seconded to authorize application for TIF funding for the project. The motion passed, 3-1, with Councilmember Sheppard voting in opposition.**

Item 5) Councilmember Politte reviewed the recommendations of the Transportation Commission and the letter they prepared for City Council's consideration in sending to encourage the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council to make a definitive commitment, prior to the November election, to extend Metrolink to West County. City Administrator Herring summarized activity on the topic to date between the Lafayette Mayors Association and East-West Gateway. East-West

Gateway has committed to conduct a west area study in the same timeframe in which they conduct and north and south route study. The Mayor has requested being placed on the panel and this is likely to occur. In addition, it has been suggested that the County obtain the land that could be used to extend Metrolink to give consideration of the West extension a head start on the other proposals. **Councilmember Politte moved and Councilmember Sheppard seconded to authorize City Administrator Herring to write a letter of encouragement to East-West Gateway to publicize their commitment to study the west route. The motion passed unanimously.**

The Transportation Commission also prepared a letter of support for the City to include in its application for an ISTE A Enhancement Funds grant for construction of a walkway/trail along Chesterfield Parkway. A transmittal letter was sent by the City in the application submitted this date. The Committee had authorized application in previous years, but a grant has not been awarded for the project to date.

The Committee reaffirmed its decision regarding citizen committees obtaining support from outside entities - the formal nature of letters requires prior authorization; informal contacts are appropriate without prior authorization from the Public Works/Parks Committee.

Item 6) The Committee forwarded the Traffic Issues Moratorium Panel report recommendation, with the additional of White Road and Conway Road to the list of councilmembers' concerns to the Transportation Committee for review. A copy of City Engineer Geisel's review of the document will also be forwarded.

Item 7) City Engineer Geisel summarized key points in the proposed revised grading and excavation ordinance and Model Sediment and Erosion Control Guidelines developed by the Public Works Citizens Advisory Group. Clearing and grubbing would be classified as activities requiring a permit and a stormwater pollution prevention plan would be developed for each site. It is anticipated that the proposals developed by the Tree Preservation Moratorium Panel will be incorporated into this ordinance. Councilmember Brown pointed out that there may still be a conflict with different groups opinions regarding when a clearing permit should be issued relative to Site Development Plan approval. **Councilmember Sheppard moved to recommend approval of the proposed ordinance and guidelines to the City Council. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brown and passed unanimously.**

Item 8) City Engineer Geisel reviewed the revisions to the existing steep street grade policy that have been recommended by the Street Issue Moratorium Panel. The maximum grade has been increased from 10 to 12% and tree retention has been added to the justification criteria for approval of steep grades. **Councilmember Street moved and Councilmember Sheppard seconded to recommend approval of the policy to the full Council. The motion passed unanimously.**

Item 9) Parks, Recreation and Arts Superintendent Ron Coleman reviewed the preliminary draft of the pool operation plan. The Committee noted that consideration of increasing non-resident fees to make use of City facilities by non-residents less attractive must be balanced with the need to generate adequate revenues, and suggested guest fees for residents guests be considered. The Committee commended Superintendent Coleman on his Division's work in developing the plan.

Item 10) City Engineer Geisel reviewed his September 25, 1997 memo concerning cost reductions for the Central City Park construction contract. The Council empowered this Committee to authorize proposed reductions and funding allocations. **Councilmember Politte moved to approve the reductions as proposed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brown and passed unanimously.**

Item 13) City Administrator Herring reviewed concerns expressed by a citizen regarding paying for pickup of bulky and/or white goods refuse and suggested that the City investigate costs for supplying a seasonal pickup of items. **Councilmember Streeter moved and Councilmember Brown seconded to authorize City Administrator Herring to investigate with BFI what would be involved in instituting a semi-annual bulky and white good pickups. The motion passed unanimously.**

Item 14) City Engineer Geisel reviewed a request from Service International, Inc. to obtain permission from the City of Chesterfield to occasionally use the grassed portion of the Public Work Facility property for overflow parking. After discussion of liability, security, setting precedence, and lack of a policy, **Councilmember Sheppard moved to deny the request. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Politte and passed 3-1 with Councilmember Brown voting in opposition.**

Councilmember Sheppard moved and Councilmember Politte seconded to direct staff to develop a policy, addressing liability and security issues, for use of this site. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 17) Councilmember Sheppard brought up traffic concerns expressed at the last Council meeting by a property owner on Forest Crest Drive – speeding, running stop signs, traffic in general. The resident would like the City to consider measures such as one-way streets or restrictions at certain times of the day to control traffic. City Engineer Geisel reported that the Public Health and Safety was considering a traffic calming measure on Country Ridge Drive. The Forest Crest concern was referred to the Public Health and Safety Committee for consideration.

Councilmember Politte moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Streeter and passed unanimously. No future meeting was scheduled.

CC: Department Heads