

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 5, 1991

TO: Michael G. Herring, City Administrator

FROM: William C. Hawn, Director of Public Works/City Engineer 

RE: Minutes - Meeting Public Works/Parks Committee

A meeting of the Public Works/Parks Committee was held on December 5, 1991. Those in attendance included Councilmember Alan Politte (Ward III), Councilmember Nancy Greenwood (Ward I), Councilmember Linda Tilley (Ward IV), City Administrator Michael G. Herring, and Director of Public Works/City Engineer William C. Hawn.

The following is a listing of those items discussed by the Committee at this meeting:

1. City Administrator Herring explained the storm sewer locations and the topography in the vicinity of 1907 Buckingham. Residents at the meeting were Ed Hartzke, Rita Bergoudian and J. Avismeyer. During a recent rain, the Bergoudian's lower level flooded as a result of water ponding in the rear yard. City Public Works crews were immediately dispatched to the location, at which time the water was down and the sewer was running clean. Mr. Herring explained that the water was gathering between the two residences, which resulted in the flooding. Pictures were submitted as proof of the damage. The residents are requesting the City's assistance in trying to enlarge the sewer system. Mr. Herring, in turn, asked the Committee to authorize an Engineering evaluation of the storm sewer system. Councilmember Alan Politte made a motion for Staff to conduct an Engineering evaluation of the storm sewer problem and recommend corrective action and develop cost estimates. Councilmember Politte's motion also requested the City Attorney to review the City's ultimate responsibility. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Councilmember Linda Tilley introduced Mr. Vomberg, a resident who lives on Old Clarkson Road, who has a storm water problem that he would like addressed. There is a culvert on his property which runs under his driveway. The resident claims that in 1984, when Baxter Ridge was developed, he began to experience storm water problems. There is a 48" outflow pipe that runs from Baxter Ridge into a creek. The creek flows to the culvert under his driveway. During heavy rains, water flows over his driveway. Mr. Vomberg contacted St. Louis County in 1986 to investigate, and they concluded that the pipe should have never been placed in that location and, according to Mr. Vomberg, agreed to fix it. The County widened the end of the pipe and put rocks in to try and slow

down the flow of water. This was not very effective. Mr. Vomberg stressed the point that the present situation is causing major damage to his property and to the street. Councilmember Tilley made a motion to have Engineering Staff study this problem and develop a solution to the problem with associated costs. The City Attorney should also make a determination as to the responsibility of the City to fix this problem. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Works Director Bill Hawn updated the Committee on the Capital Street Project. The paving has all been completed and the work remaining involves sodding and cracksealing. Mr. Hawn stated that every day the work is not completed, \$250.00 per day is being deducted from the amount owed to the contractor. The last payment to the contractor is being withheld until the project is finished.

4. City Administrator Herring explained the Westbury storm drainage problem in the vicinity of #5 Glen Cove. Storm water is coming off of Olive and the existing storm sewer system cannot handle the volume that comes through. When this storm water drains, it floods a good percentage of the subdivision. Mr. Herring is asking for direction on how to proceed in trying to address this situation.

Councilmember Linda Tilley motioned for staff to evaluate this problem and develop a proposed fix and cost estimate, also to solicit the City Attorney's opinion as to the City's responsibility to fix it. The motion passed unanimously.

5.a. City Administrator Herring informed the Committee that Environmental Industries has a notice going out to residents reminding them of the changes concerning composting, effective January 1, 1992. This should be delivered by the second week in December.

b. City Administrator Herring next explained what restrictions are in effect in regards to garbage collection. Mr. Herring indicated that our ordinance needs to be amended in order to prohibit collections throughout the City, prior to 7:00 AM. The Committee voted unanimously to approve such an amendment, and authorized the City Attorney to prepare same and submit it to City Council.

c. City Administrator Herring next discussed a proposal for a City clean-up day. Councilmember Tilley will discuss this matter with the Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment, to seek clarification as to what is being proposed. The Committee took no further action.

6. City Administrator Herring next explained the proposed closing of Old Clarkson at Clarkson. The Missouri Highway Department plans on closing the street on the 10th of December, and will erect all the necessary barricades, etc.

7. Public Works Director Hawn next explained a problem with developers not complying with the heavy equipment operation ordinance. The developer for the Brookhill subdivision recently chose to ignore this ordinance, which states that heavy equipment is not to be operated past 6:00 PM. The Committee voted unanimously to direct Mr. Herring to contact the City Attorney to seek clarification of the ordinance and inquire as to the City's ability to issue violation notices, even if City inspectors are on-site to insure quality construction practices are followed.

8. Public Works Director Hawn explained to the Committee that there are no plans to activate the Shell Oil Pipeline through the City. Shell is, in fact, looking to either formally abandon the pipeline, or find an alternative use for the right-of-way.

9. Public Works Director Hawn advised the Committee of the upcoming meeting of the Public Works Citizens Advisory Group, which is to be held on Tuesday, December 17, at 7:00 PM. The Home Builders Association will make their presentation regarding their justification to reduce our street pavement thickness to 6 inches. The current requirement for new streets within the City is 7 inches.

10. City Administrator Herring explained the Highway Beautification Committee had their first meeting. The next meeting will be held on Monday, the 27th of January at 4:00 PM. They are looking at what can be done to landscape Hwy 40, in the median areas, and at all interchanges. They are also looking at Clarkson/Olive median areas, from Schoettler Road (Chesterfield Parkway) south to new Baxter Road, the Chesterfield Parkway, east of Clarkson/Olive, and the new intersection (proposed) of Ladue and Olive.

11. Director of Public Works Hawn explained that the City is working to get the developer of Wilson Manors to remove silt from the lakes in Chesterfield Lakes. Attorneys for the City and DeShetler Homes are attempting to work out the details.

12. The Historical Committee is asking for expense reimbursement totaling \$3453.48. The Committee voted unanimously to approve these reimbursements.

13. Councilmember Nancy Greenwood announced that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, December 19, at 5:30 PM.

14. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.