

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 14, 1995

TO: Michael G. Herring, City Administrator

FROM: Michael O. Geisel, Director of Public Works/City Engineer

RE: Minutes - Public Works/Parks Committee Meeting, December 13, 1995

A meeting of the Public Works/Parks Committee began at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 1995. Those in attendance included Councilmember Alan Politte (Ward III), Chairperson, Councilmember Ed Levinson (Ward II), Councilmember Mike Cullen (Ward IV), City Administrator Mike Herring, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Mike Geisel, Assistant City Engineer Bonnie Hubert, Parks, Recreation and Arts Superintendent Ron Coleman, Street Superintendent Mike O'Connor, Rick Roberts and John Cowling, representing the Estates at Baxter Lane subdivision, and Laura Peterson and Elaine Marcelino, observing the meeting for a class at Parkway South High School.

The following items were discussed:

- 1) Councilmember Politte called for acceptance of the minutes from the October 17, 1995 meeting. The motion was made by Councilmember Levinson, seconded by Councilmember Cullen and approved unanimously.
- 2) Assistant City Engineer Hubert reviewed her December 7, 1995 memo recommending attachment of the escrow for the Estates at Baxter Lane subdivision. City Engineer Geisel explained that the City would work with City Attorney Doug Beach to follow a procedure to seek bids and contract to have the necessary repairs made, incur the costs of same, and then take legal action to recover the costs. Councilmember Levinson advised that the ordinance for the subdivision required the developer to reach agreement for treatment of the previously existing portion of Baxter Lane and the developer has failed to do this. He requested information about what action the City could take in this regard. City Engineer Geisel indicated that was a zoning ordinance violation and that he would check with the City Attorney to determine what action could be taken. **Councilmember Levinson moved to take the necessary action to attach the escrow for the subdivision. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Politte and passed unanimously.** The developer will be notified of the City's intent by certified mail. Councilmember Levinson repeated his desire to use escrow funds to repair Baxter Lane, if possible.
- 3) Councilmember Politte discussed the need for additional signage for City Hall. He noted the additional signage that was added above the Conway Road/Roosevelt Parkway street sign, as well

as the directional sign at Olive Street Road. City Administrator Herring circulated photographs of additional information placed on the sign at Roosevelt Parkway and Olive Boulevard and pointed out the monument sign that Sachs Properties has erected adjacent to 922 Roosevelt Parkway, which indicates "City of Chesterfield". The Committee directed Staff to pursue changing the sign legend to read "Chesterfield Government Center", or something similar. City Administrator Herring will contact Sachs Properties about making the change.

4) Councilmember Levinson requested an accounting of the various trust funds established in Chesterfield by St. Louis County which are currently active. City Engineer Geisel stated that the trust funds are usually in arrears and used to repay developers for the costs they incur up front on improvements. **Councilmember Levinson moved and Councilmember Cullen seconded to have Staff obtain information relative to St. Louis County trust fund areas and current account balances. The motion passed unanimously.**

5) City Engineer Geisel discussed his December 8, 1995 memo regarding letters of map revision (LOMR) for the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps. Based on the apparent limited benefit realized as compared to the significant cost that would be incurred, Mr. Geisel does not recommend that the City undertake action to initiate LOMR's to remove properties that have been elevated above the flood plain from the flood plain. After discussion, **Councilmember Levinson motioned to direct City Staff to prepare a letter for the Committee's review, which would notify the owners of the affected properties that their properties are still depicted to be in the flood plain. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Politte and passed unanimously.**

6) Councilmember Politte discussed his thoughts relative to a trolley that could service local attractions, businesses, and other destinations within Chesterfield. He referenced similar operations in Kansas City and Alton. Councilmember Levinson suggested that the Bi-State Development Agency be contacted about localized service and that the Historic District that is being pursued on Chesterfield Airport Road be serviced by the proposed route. City Administrator Herring reported that, in response to his recent inquiry, Bi-State has indicated it would not provide localized service; however, Mr. Herring indicated that grants and business/community support could be pursued. **Councilmember Politte moved and Councilmember Levinson seconded to have Staff research the concept in more detail. The motion passed unanimously.**

7) City Administrator Herring next announced that Bi-State will be extending more direct service to Chesterfield Mall, beginning March 1, 1996. Additionally, a tentative decision has been made by Bi-State to extend service into the Chesterfield Valley, especially between the hours of 6am-8am and 2pm-4pm, Monday-Friday. Mr. Herring noted that once Bi-State confirms this action, efforts will be made by the City and the Chamber to communicate to Valley businesses about this new bus service. Ridership will determine whether this new bus line continues. Mr. Herring noted that this decision by Bi-State comes as a result of efforts on the part of the City and the Chamber of Commerce. This will be a significant positive consideration for new businesses considering locating in the Valley.

8) City Engineer Geisel discussed the Chesterfield Citizens for the Environment suggestion that

subdivisions be given a plaque to attach to their subdivision entrance monuments for participating in Tree Day, to show that these subdivisions are members of the "Green Team". Mr. Geisel advised the Committee that funding levels had not yet been identified. At this time, the Committee needs only to express its support for the concept. There will also be the need to clarify with the City Attorney how/if City funds can be used for providing plaques, to be attached to private property. **Councilmember Levinson moved and Councilmember Politte seconded that the Committee supports the idea. When additional information has been provided, Staff will contact City Attorney Beach, if City funding is being requested. The motion passed unanimously.**

9) Councilmember Levinson reported that the Historic Commission is discussing placement of historic markers throughout the City, possibly at the entrances to City parks, and along trails contained therein. After discussion of concerns about potential conflicts if the markers were to be disturbed or relocated in the future, the Committee agreed to ask the Historic Commission to pursue the matter and refer the issue to the Parks, Recreation and Arts Citizens Advisory Committee.

10) City Engineer Geisel introduced Street Superintendent Mike O'Connor who discussed Departmental operations and his vision for the City's future. The members of the Committee welcomed Mr. O'Connor to the City and expressed their support for his efforts in coordinating/directing the operations of the Street Division.

11) The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

cc: Mayor Jack Leonard
Dept. Heads/Exec. Staff