

A meeting of the Public Works/Parks Committee began at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 30, 2002. Councilmembers in attendance were Chairperson Barry Flachsbart (Ward 1), Bruce Geiger (Ward 2), Connie Fults (Ward 4). Also in attendance were Mayor John Nations, Councilmember Dan Hurt (Ward 3), Councilmember Mary Brown (Ward 4), Councilmember Jane Durrell (Ward 1), Mike Herring – City Administrator, Mike Geisel – Director of Public Works/City Engineer, Brian McGownd - Deputy Director of Public Works\Assistant City Engineer, Darren Dunkle - Superintendent of Parks, Recreation and Arts, and Mike Lambert – Senior Civil Engineer.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda Item #1: Councilmember Geiger motioned to accept the meeting minutes of the PW\Parks Committee from April 3, 2002, as submitted. Councilmember Fults seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 3 – 0.

Agenda Item #2: Mr. Geisel gave a brief presentation on the potential extension of Baxter Crossing Lane to connect with Wilson Road. He explained the history of the proposed extension, discussed how the connection could physically be made, and explained the results from the City’s traffic model in which the proposed connection was added. Chairperson Flachsbart commented that the T-model results showed little or no impact. He asked if the model could be slightly off, and if so, by how much. Mr. Geisel indicated that the model was based upon peak hour volumes and those changes were then extrapolated to calculate estimated daily traffic. Mr. Geisel said that the model calculates the most efficient route for vehicles to travel and that it does not take into consideration horizontal or vertical alignment, nor does it consider the one-lane bridges on Wilson Road. Councilmember Geiger stated that he had visited the site and thought that there may be a sight distance problem at the proposed intersection. Mr. Geisel said that no preliminary engineering had been done and the actual intersection configuration would be determined as a result of a complete engineering design. Councilmember Brown asked what impact the connection would have on the intersection of Wilson Road and Wildhorse Creek Road. Mr. Geisel stated that, as expected, the traffic at this intersection decreases as those motorists who might travel north and east would find the proposed connection safer and more efficient. Councilmember Brown asked if the model took into consideration the traffic on Clarkson Road. Mr. Geisel said that the model was a regional model that took into consideration all of the traffic either generated within, or passing through the City. The results indicate what would be expected during peak traffic flows, with Clarkson and Baxter operating under peak traffic also. Chairperson Flachsbart opened the public comment portion of the meeting. A total of 24 speakers participated. The speaker cards are attached to these minutes. Also attached to these minutes is a petition from the Chesterfield Meadows subdivision, in which they state their opposition to the connection.

Agenda Item #3: After a brief discussion, Councilmember Fults motioned to terminate further consideration of the potential extension of Baxter Crossing Lane to connect with Wilson Road. Councilmember Geiger seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 3 - 0.

Agenda Item #7: Chairperson Flachsbart motioned to table discussion of tree trimming in Claymont Manor subdivision until the next meeting. Councilmember Geiger seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 3 - 0.

Agenda Item #6: Mr. Geisel made a brief presentation regarding the Woodlake whitetopping project. He explained that this whitetopping project consisted of milling off four inches of the existing asphalt pavement and replacing it with four inches of fiber reinforced, seven-sack, Portland Cement Concrete Pavement. He stated that the seven-sack mix, which is one more sack than what is typically used, and that

fiber reinforcement was mixed into the concrete. Councilmember Fults asked if the base material that the concrete was placed on had to be in good condition. Mr. Geisel replied that while the base material did not need to be completely sound, it should be reasonably preserved in order to use it as a base material. He explained that trucks damaged selected locations of the existing asphalt after it was milled and that the contractor milled too deeply in an area at the intersection of Judson Manor and Land-O-Woods. Councilmember Hurt asked if the concept of whitetopping was run through the Public Works Citizen Advisory Group. Mr. Geisel said that it had not been submitted to the PWCAG. He stated that the PWCAG was not a management board and that maintenance issues had not been sent to them in the past. Councilmember Geiger asked if this was the first time that whitetopping had been used by the City. Mr. Geisel said yes, this was the first time for the City. He said that whitetopping had been used a few years ago at Spirit Airport and been used in other areas of St. Louis County. Councilmember Geiger asked if there were other locations within the City that this concept could be applied. Mr. Geisel said there were a very limited number of other potential locations. He mentioned that Councilmember Hurt was interested in a possible project for the Seasons at Schoettler subdivision in Ward 3. Whitetopping dates back to the early 1900's. He provided information regarding the pavement cores that were taken on Judson Manor and Land-O-Woods and the Department's efforts to communicate with area residents regarding the project. He mentioned that this is the same notification process that is used on all projects and that it has provided excellent communication channels in the previous decade. For some currently unknown reason, there were problems with the notification letters mailed for this project and several were returned by the Post Office. Initially, addresses were obtained from the mailboxes of those homes and apartments in the project area. He said several of the letters were returned to the City because the address, according to the Post Office, did not exist. A second letter was sent based on addresses obtained from the St. Louis County Assessor's tax rolls. The second letter was also sent to residents in the Judson Manor Subdivision. Several of these letters were also returned by the Post Office. He went on and showed pictures of the streets prior to construction, during construction, and after construction was completed. Councilmember Geiger asked what is the design life of whitetopping as compared to a normal concrete replacement. Mr. Geisel stated that a 30-year design life is used for streets that are totally reconstructed with concrete, and that whitetopping is expected to have a life exceeding two-asphalt overlay applications and that little or no interim maintenance is required. Mayor Nations asked if Mr. Geisel thought that the project was a success. Mr. Geisel stated that he thought that the project was very successful, however, he was disappointed about the problems that occurred regarding the communication. Mayor Nations stated that he thought the project was a success, and that it looked great. He congratulated Mr. Geisel and the Public Works Department for their efforts. Chairperson Flachsbart asked if other methods of posting the notification had been discussed, such as placing the notice in the yard utilizing a small plastic stick that is placed in the ground with the letter attached. Mr. Geisel said that he was open to any suggestions and would look into Chairperson Flachsbart's suggestion. Councilmember Fults stated that she thought the project looked great, but wanted to know why a mailbox was thrown up into the resident's yard. Mr. Geisel said he was not notified about the mailbox issue, and therefore was unable to address the problem. Chairperson Flachsbart asked about the problems that were associated with the traffic control signs that were knocked. Mr. Geisel stated that, as with the mailbox issue, he was not notified of the signs being down. Mr. Allan Sheppard, 826 Judson Manor, spoke to the Committee. He stated that he was not in agreement with what Mr. Geisel said regarding the project. He said there was nothing wrong with the street and that it did not need to be whitetopped. Chairperson Flachsbart asked Mr. Sheppard to share with the Committee his thoughts

regarding the problems that were associated with this project so that they could be addressed. Mr. Sheppard said that the letter dated March 13, 2002, stated that Land-O-Woods was to be repaired. He said that the letter did not mention that Judson Manor was also to be repaired. Mr. Geisel said that he wrote this letter, therefore, he took responsibility for the error. Mr. Sheppard mentioned a sign that had been placed in his yard and that it had fallen or blown down multiple times. He also expressed concern over excavated areas behind the curbs that had not yet been backfilled. Mr. Geisel explained that City crews were replacing curbs prior to the whitetopping project and that they had been instructed to stop work until the whitetopping was complete and they could recommence, unimpeded. He said that Public Works Maintenance crews were now back on the job and would complete the curb replacement and backfilling. Mr. Sheppard questioned the stability of the existing base and expressed concern that its condition had not been taken into consideration. Mr. Geisel said that he was confused by Mr. Sheppard's comment. He said that previously, Mr. Sheppard had said that there was nothing wrong with the street and that it did not need to be repaired. It seems contradictory to suggest, that after 25 years of satisfactory pavement performance, that the subsurface condition of the street is poor. If this had been the case, the original street would have had potholes and the pavement would have been severely degraded. Mr. Sheppard also pointed out that the City had not maintained the one-way traffic and detour as outlined in the notification letter dated April 8, 2002. Mr. Lambert explained that the detour had been originally established as planned, but residents simply would not comply with the directional restrictions and obey the detour. Therefore, the detour was adjusted to reflect the traffic route that the motorists were using. Mr. Sheppard mentioned that his neighbor's mailbox was tied up to his mailbox and that it had not yet been re-set back to its original location. Councilmember Fults asked Mr. Geisel about getting this mailbox relocated. Mr. Geisel stated that it would be taken care of tomorrow. Chairperson Flachsbart thanked Mr. Sheppard for his comments. The areas of concern that were brought up that need to be addressed include project notification, notifying residents that are on the boundary of a project, even though the work is not being done in the front of their house, monitoring of the traffic control signage, and the stability of the traffic control signs.

Agenda Item #8: Mr. Geisel gave a brief history of previous dialogue between the City and St. Louis County regarding improvements to White Road. He stated that the County had previously committed to three projects; widening and curve alignment at the Montessori School, creek bank and shoulder repairs at the bridge south of Dungate, vertical alignment changes and widening north of Dungate. He said the City previously sent correspondence of support for the project north of Dungate, but for a reduced roadway width. Discussion ensued regarding this project. Former Mayor Nancy Greenwood addressed the Committee and stated that she was not in favor of St. Louis County's proposed project to improve White Road north of Dungate to the extent proposed by St. Louis County. After further discussion, **Chairperson Flachsbart motioned to direct the City Administrator to send a letter to St. Louis County, which reiterates the City's position, as stated in the previously sent letter dated September 27, 2001.** Councilmember Geiger asked if upon receiving the letter, would St. Louis County abandon the three projects that they have planned for White Road? After some discussion, Mayor Nations stated that he was in favor of the City taking control of roads within the City that are located in residential neighborhoods in order to preserve the character of the neighborhoods. **Councilmember Fults seconded the motion which passed, 2 – 1, with Councilmember Geiger voting in opposition.**

Agenda Item #9.: Mr. Geisel briefly summarized the proposed ordinance regarding the installation of

water main improvements within the Edison Road Right of Way, while maintaining Missouri American Water Company's rights, as if the main were located on private easement. After a brief discussion, **Councilmember Geiger motioned to recommend approval of the ordinance, and to forward to City Council for further consideration. Councilmember Fults seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 3 - 0.**

Agenda Item #10: Mr. Geisel briefly summarized the CLOMR regarding the Howard Bend Levee District. Responding to a question, Mr. Geisel said that the letter of support would not commit the City to anything. **Councilmember Geiger motioned to direct the City Administrator to submit the CLOMR on behalf of the City. Councilmember Fults seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 3 - 0.**

Agenda Item #11: Mr. Geisel summarized the project, as well as the memorandum of understanding. Mr. McGownd provided a copy of the construction plans, which identified the portions of Wildhorse Creek Road and Chesterfield Airport Road that would be relocated. Mr. Geisel stated that the memorandum of understanding was going to be revised, but the obligations related to the City would not be affected. The Memorandum of Understanding would be an agreement between the City of Chesterfield, St. Louis County, and Sachs Properties. He said Sachs Properties would fund the project, and that by agreeing to the project, the City would take over the maintenance responsibilities of the relocated portion of Chesterfield Airport Road, from it's intersection with relocated Wildhorse Creek Road to Baxter Road. **Chairperson Flachsbart motioned to recommend approval of the agreement as it relates to the responsibilities and obligations of the City of Chesterfield, and to forward to City Council for approval, and authorizing the City Administrator to execute the agreement once finalized. Councilmember Fults seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 3 - 0.**

Agenda Item #12: Mr. Geisel stated that there was some internal confusion regarding the City Hall Facility Use Policy, specifically the use of the building on weekends. He said that the policy currently states that any Sunday usage was on a fee basis. Mayor Nations stated that he feels that City Hall is a public building and should be available to civic groups without charge, seven days per week. Discussion ensued regarding making the building available seven days a week. Mr. Geisel said that the Building Maintenance Division was not staffed appropriately to man the building seven days a week and that the previous policy permitted free use of the building Monday through Saturday, but Sunday usage was on a fee basis for all users. After some further discussion, **Councilmember Geiger motioned to revise the policy to make the building available to community groups, seven days per week immediately, and to direct Staff to prepare a staffing plan to accommodate such usage permanently. Councilmember Fults seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 3- 0.** *(No action has been taken on this item pending further discussion. The language contained herein, including the ultimate recommendation made by the Committee, is subject to change, as the Committee has further discussions with regard to this subject.)*

Agenda Item #13: **Councilmember Fults motioned to approve the escrow release for private streets within plat 3 of the Picardy Subdivision. Councilmember Geiger seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 3 - 0.**

Agenda Item #14: Chairperson Flachsbart asked if a Fourth of July celebration was being considered for 2002 or 2003. Mr. Dunkle stated that it was too late for 2002, therefore, the discussion would be with regard to a Fourth of July celebration in 2003 and subsequent years. Mr. Dunkle stated that he had conducted a survey of several of the surrounding communities to determine what type of an event that they put on, and the associated cost. He estimated that the minimum budget for a Fourth of July event, as a small beginning event that could be expanded each year, would be \$40,000. Mayor Nations stated his support regarding a Fourth of July celebration in the City of Chesterfield. Mr. Geisel stated that he and the Public Works Department were very supportive of the idea, and would do everything necessary to make the event happen, as directed by the City Council. However, there are significant logistical concerns that must be overcome to conduct such an event. Problems include establishing the location of the event, staffing issues, and parking issues. After some discussion, **Councilmember Geiger motioned that in concept, the Committee felt that a City of Chesterfield Fourth of July celebration was a good idea, directed Staff to include \$40,000 in the proposed 2003 budget for this purpose and directed Staff to prepare a concept strategic plan to be presented at the next Committee meeting. Chairperson Flachsbart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 3 - 0.**

Agenda Item #4: Councilmember Geiger motioned to select Councilmember Casey as Vice-Chairman of the Committee. Councilmember Fults seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 3 - 0.

Agenda Item #5: The Committee discussed Committee Liaison assignments. They agreed upon the following assignments:

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

The next meeting of the PW\Parks Committee is scheduled for July 24, 2002, in Conference Room No. 101 located at City Hall.

cc: Mayor John Nations
Department Heads/Executive Staff