

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 1, 2002  
**TO:** Michael G. Herring, City Administrator  
**FROM:** Chief Ray Johnson  
**SUBJECT:** PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

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The Public Health & Safety Committee met on September 30, 2002. Those in attendance included Chairperson Mary Brown, Ward IV, Councilmember Barry Flachsbart, Ward I, Councilmember Barry Streeter, Ward II, Councilmember Michael Casey, Ward III, Mayor John Nations, Councilmember Connie Fults, Ward IV, City Administrator Michael Herring and Chief Ray Johnson. Also in attendance was Mr. Bruce Morrison, Airport consultant, and members of the public. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Councilmember Brown.

1. Approval of Minutes – March 13, 2002

Councilmember Flachsbart motioned and Councilmember Casey seconded to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2002. The motion carried 2-0-2 (Councilmembers Brown and Streeter abstained).

3. Spirit of St. Louis Airport Consultant Report

The Committee members reviewed a report submitted by Mr. Bruce Morrison of Green, Hennings & Henry, regarding the Spirit of St. Louis Airport. Councilmember Streeter voiced his conclusion that, based upon the report prepared by Mr. Morrison, the City of Chesterfield has almost no authority to regulate operations. Mr. Morrison noted that the Spirit of St. Louis Airport is currently voluntarily undertaking a Part 150 noise study and is gathering data as it relates to the areas adjacent to the airport. It was noted that Spirit of St. Louis Airport must get FAA approval to enact changes at the airport. Councilmember Streeter noted that the City of Chesterfield has zoning authority for the area surrounding the airport; however, claims of nuisance against the airport must await the results of the noise study.

Regarding environmental issues at the airport, Mr. Morrison noted that all documentation was readily available from the airport, as required by federal regulation.

Councilmember Casey voiced his opinion that the report was well done and that no further action on the part of the City of Chesterfield is possible until the noise study is complete.

The Committee members agreed that the report made them aware of environmental issues to monitor and gives the City the tools for public involvement with future contact with the airport officials.

Councilmember Streeter motioned and Councilmember Casey seconded to receive and file the report, and to authorize payment for the report. After discussion the motion carried 4-0.

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Councilmember Casey motioned and Councilmember Flachsbart seconded to direct that City staff monitor significant operational changes at the airport and to add this issue back to the PH&S Committee agenda, when the airport completes the noise study. The motion carried 4-0

Councilmember Flachsbart motioned and Councilmember Brown seconded to attempt to get a corrected copy of Mr. Morrison's report onto the City's website. After discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

2. Election of Vice Chair and Police Personnel Board Liaison

Councilmember Flachsbart motioned and Councilmember Streeter seconded to appoint Councilmember Casey as Vice Chairman of the Public Health & Safety Committee. The motion carried 4-0.

Councilmember Streeter motioned and Councilmember Streeter seconded to appoint Councilmember Flachsbart as the liaison to the Police Personnel Board. The motion carried 4-0.

4. Traffic Enforcement Zones

Chief Johnson informed the Committee members of a traffic enforcement initiative currently under discussion. The plan would be to select several areas where traditional traffic enforcement efforts have failed and establish them as "traffic enforcement zones" where they would be identified with signage alerting motorists that fines may be doubled for infractions in those specific areas. Upon Discussion by the Committee, Councilmember Casey voiced his opinion that the SMART trailers do an adequate job of alerting motorists of speed and that additional signage would be unnecessary. Councilmember Streeter disagreed noting that problem areas need special attention. Councilmember Casey motioned and Councilmember Flachsbart seconded to table this issue and encourage Chief Johnson to enforce the current enforcement areas with great vigor. After discussion, the motion carried 3-1 with Councilmember Streeter voting "no".

5. Traffic Signal – 141 & Olive

Councilmember Flachsbart noted ongoing safety concerns at 141 & Olive when westbound traffic on Olive attempts to turn southbound onto Woodsmill Road (141). It was noted that eastbound traffic on Olive has a longer green light and westbound motorists are unaware that the eastbound traffic does not stop at the same time as westbound traffic. It was noted that this is a State Highway intersection. After further discussion, Councilmember Flachsbart requested that this issue be tabled until a future meeting.

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11A. Traffic Cameras at Intersections

Councilmember Flachsbart motioned and Councilmember Brown seconded to have a letter prepared to State legislators requesting that the State pass legislation allowing the use of cameras at intersections to photograph traffic violations to facilitate courts in the issuance of traffic summons to the violators photographed. The motion carried 4-0.

6. Equal Opportunity Plan

Chief Johnson presented a proposed Equal Employment Policy/Plan for review by the Committee members. Chief Johnson explained that one of the stipulations of the CALEA standards for accreditation is a written Equal Employment Plan. Although the City has been following all the precepts outlined in this plan, it was never written as a single policy/plan for the City. Councilmember Flachsbart motioned and Councilmember Casey seconded to send this plan to City Council with a recommendation for approval. After discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

7. Burglar Alarm Fines

After a brief discussion, Councilmember Flachsbart motioned and Councilmember Casey seconded to table this item for a later meeting. The motion carried 4-0.

8. Police Reserves

Chief Johnson explained that State laws have changed in regard to the duties and authority allotted to Police Reserve Officers. He also noted that the CALEA has strict standards relating to selection, training and duties of Police Reserve Officers. Therefore, Chief Johnson requested that the Committee consider proposed changes to the operation of the Chesterfield Police Reserve Unit. The changes would bring the Chesterfield Police Reserve Unit in line with the CALEA standards and with State law. The Reserve Unit has essentially been operating in the proposed manner but a change to the City Ordinance relating to the Powers and Duties of Reserve Officers would officially outline the duties to align to State Law and CALEA standards, and also limit any liability to the City by operating the Reserve Unit within these laws and standards.

Councilmember Streeter motioned and Councilmember Flachsbart seconded to send the proposed amended ordinance to City Council with a recommendation for approval. After discussion, Chief Johnson was asked to explain to the Reserve Unit members that this amendment to the City Ordinance is only being done because of the change in State law and liability issues, and also that he also relay the appreciation of the Committee members to the Reserve Officers for their tireless work on behalf of the City. The motion carried 4-0.

9. Olive & Swingley Ridge Road (Post Office)

City Administrator Herring relayed a complaint from a resident that an existing right turn lane into the Post Office (southbound Olive onto Swingley Ridge Road) had been eliminated by MoDOT, by striping. Councilmember Flachsbart motioned and Councilmember Casey seconded to direct Mr. Herring to write a letter to MoDOT requesting that they re-stripe the lanes at this intersection to allow a right hand turn lane. The motion carried 4-0.

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Councilmember Flachsbart motioned and Councilmember Casey seconded to also include in the letter to MoDOT a request to include signage at this intersection for a yielding left turn on a green light, from northbound Olive (Highway 340), to westbound Swingley Ridge Road. The motion carried 4-0.

10. Revised Ordinance – Police Personnel Board

Chief Johnson presented proposed changes to the City Ordinance dealing with the Police Personnel Board. These changes do not reflect any changes to the duties and responsibilities of the Board, but bring the ordinance up to date. Councilmember Casey motioned and Councilmember Flachsbart seconded to recommend that the City Council approve the amended ordinance. The motion carried 4-0.

11B. Solicitation at Intersections

Chief Johnson voiced safety concerns regarding solicitation by pedestrians at busy intersections. Councilmember Flachsbart motioned and Councilmember Brown seconded to recommend that City Council prohibit all solicitation at intersections, except for those agencies who were grandfathered (Firefighters and Old Newsboys Day) and also to allow Chief Johnson to eliminate any intersection, because of extreme safety concerns for pedestrians. The motion carried 4-0. Chief Johnson specifically identified the intersection of Clarkson and Baxter as one where solicitations, of any kind, should be prohibited.

11C. Parking – Schoettler Road

Chief Johnson informed the Committee members that there is a problem with parking of vehicles on Schoettler Road from South Outer Forty to Highcroft. There is a home business at this location where vehicles sometime park causing safety concerns. Chief Johnson reported that he had contacted the City Engineer who agreed there should be no parking in that area. Councilmember Streeter motioned and Councilmember Flachsbart seconded to direct Mr. Herring to send a letter to St. Louis County Department of Highways & Traffic, requesting that they establish “NO PARKING” on Schoettler Road, between South Outer Forty and Highcroft. The motion carried 4-0.

12. Adjourn

Councilmember Brown motioned and Councilmember Casey seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.