

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 25, 2016
TO: Mike Geisel, City Administrator
FROM: Chief Ray Johnson
SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Public Health and Safety (PH&S) Committee met on Monday, October 24, 2016. Those in attendance included Chairperson Bridget Nations Councilmember - Ward II, Councilmember Barry Flachsbart, Ward I, Councilmember Randy Logan, Ward III, Councilmember Tom DeCampi, Ward IV, Mayor Bob Nation, Chief Ray Johnson and City Administrator Mike Geisel. Those also in attendance included Councilmember Guy Tillman, Ward II, Councilmember Bruce DeGroot, Ward IV, Captain Ed Nestor, and Captain Steve Lewis

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM, by Chairperson Nations.

1. Approval of Minutes – September 13, 2016

Councilmember Logan motioned and Councilmember Flachsbart seconded to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2106 Public Health & Safety Committee meeting. The motion carried 4-0.

2. Control of Deer Populations – Options

Chief Johnson reported that, as directed by the Committee, he had contacted all trustees of subdivisions in the City of Chesterfield to make them aware of the ordinance which allows bow hunting in Chesterfield and encouraged them to consider the possibility of utilizing common ground to harvest deer. Approximately 800 trustees were contacted with limited feedback at this time. Those trustees who contacted the Police Department were advised of the current ordinance and were sent the actual ordinance and additionally sent a list of hunters.

Councilmember Flachsbart voiced concern noting that the deer overpopulation in the City is a serious problem. He presented some research that he had done regarding how other areas handle this problem. Councilmember Flachsbart motioned and Councilmember DeCampi seconded to direct Chief Johnson to search for information and data from other municipalities (both local and out of state) for options including the company White Buffalo and/or other commercial hunters. Discussion followed regarding hunting on private property and Department of Conservation regulations. Mayor Nation voiced his support of aggressive efforts to control the deer population and utilizing City property for a possible controlled hunt. The use of public funds to hire a commercial hunting group was also discussed. After discussion, it was decided to wait for Chief Johnson's report at the next Public Health & Safety Committee before proceeding with further plans. The Committee voted 4-0 to approve Councilmember Flachsbart's motion to have Chief Johnson gather information from other cities regarding deer hunting efforts.

3. Parkway Central – Band Practice

Chief Johnson had been directed to check with Interim City Attorney Chris Graville regarding the Chief's authority to grant an exemption to the Parkway Central Band to hold outdoor practice regarding the City's Ordinance relating to unnecessary noise. Chief Johnson noted that The Interim City Attorney confirmed that Chief Johnson's action to issue a permit for the Parkway Central Band and allow practice prior to 7:00 AM is within the discretion afforded to him by the City's ordinance. Interim City Attorney Graville also reported that the band practice was not "grandfathered" into the ordinance as an exemption and the legal non-compliance designation was not applicable to this section of the code. Councilmember Logan and Councilmember Nations advised that they both, at different times, had driven to the complainant's home during the time of the band practice in the early morning hours and neither could hear the musical instruments at that address. They both noted that they experienced only the sound of traffic from Highway 141. Councilmember Flachsbart motioned and Councilmember Logan seconded to remove this item from the agenda and in doing so, affirming the Chief's authority to issue the permits at his discretion. After further discussion, the motion carried 4-0. There will be no further action on this issue.

4. Proposed Ordinance – Compression Braking System

Councilmember Tillman presented a request from the Royalwood Subdivision to have legislation enacted and signage installed to prohibit trucks from utilizing compression release braking systems (Jake's Brakes) along highway I-64 within the City of Chesterfield. The residents of Royalwood Subdivision report the loud braking system is disruptive to the residents and the trucks traveling the highway use the braking system at all times of the day and night. MoDOT has denied the subdivision's request to fund sound walls along the northern edge of this subdivision. Chief Johnson reported that he had contacted MoDOT and they will permit signs along the highway (at the City's expense) as long as they meet MoDOT's criteria and regulations. The cost will be approximately \$200.00 per sign. Councilmember Flachsbart recommended that signs also be placed along Highway 141 where it borders residential areas. Councilmember Logan inquired about the enforceability once the signs are installed. Chief Johnson replied that the signage may be enough to discourage use but enforcement, although difficult, can be accomplished. Councilmember asked if this is a safety issue for truckers. Chief Johnson replied, no.

Councilmember Flachsbart motioned and Councilmember Logan seconded to send the draft ordinance to the City Attorney for review then recommend approval of this ordinance by City Council. The motion was approved 4-0.

5. Item for Next Meeting Agenda – Additional SRO Position

Councilmember Logan noted that Councilmember Hurt requested that the addition of another SRO (School Resource Officer) be placed on the next Public Health & Safety meeting agenda for discussion. The members of the Committee agreed.

Having no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:22 PM.