

MEMORANDUM

DATE: **October 27, 2005**

TO: **Michael G. Herring, City Administrator**

FROM: **Chief Ray Johnson**

SUBJECT: **PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Public Health and Safety Committee met on Wednesday, October 26, 2005. Those in attendance included Chairperson Connie Fults, Ward IV, Councilmember Barry Flachsbart, Ward I, Councilmember Barry Streeter, Ward II, Councilmember Mike Casey, Ward III, City Administrator Mike Herring and Chief Ray Johnson. Also in attendance were approximately fifteen (15) visitors.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM by Councilmember Fults.

1. Approval of Minutes – August 11, 2005

Councilmember Casey motioned and Councilmember Streeter seconded to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2005 meeting. The motion carried 4-0.

2. Obscenity Ordinances – Motion to Move From Table

Councilmember Flachsbart motioned and Councilmember Casey seconded to move Bills #2327 and 2328 from the table. This issue will be placed on the agenda for the next Public Health & Safety Committee meeting. Councilmember Streeter requested examples of “obscene” material, as determined by those who are proponents of these proposed ordinances, be available for discussion at the next meeting. Councilmember Flachsbart noted that specific/exact concerns need to be presented. Councilmember Casey suggested that certain chapters of the St. Louis County Code also be considered at that time. The motion carried 4-0.

3. Review of Proposed/Modified Ordinances

A. Deer Hunting Ordinance

Councilmember Flachsbart motioned and Councilmember Casey seconded to recommend that City Council approve a proposed ordinance amending the Chesterfield Municipal Code by adding a new chapter relating to deer control policy and deer hunting regulations. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Fults expressed safety concerns that this proposed ordinance would allow property owners to combine two or more properties to make a total of one acre to allow for hunting on their properties. Councilmember Flachsbart noted the safety precautions included in this proposed ordinance would prevent that from happening. Councilmember Streeter expressed concerns regarding permission to hunt on subdivision common ground areas. Upon discussion, it was agreed that permission to hunt on common ground would be guided by subdivision indentures and that Trustees may be able to approve the request. Erin Shank of the Missouri

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Department of Conservation voiced her approval of the ordinance and noted the State requirements that bow hunters must complete before they are issued a license to hunt. City Administrator Herring requested that Ms. Shank review the proposed ordinance and forward any suggestions or concerns to him, prior to the next City Council meeting, scheduled for Monday, November 7, 2005. He noted that he would share any such information with all members of this Committee. The motion to recommend this proposed ordinance was approved 4-0.

The Committee members also considered a request to increase signage on roadways throughout the City to alert citizens/motorists of locations where deer either cross streets or are most active. Councilmember Flachsbart motioned and Councilmember Streeter seconded to have appropriate signage placed and requested that Chief Johnson determine the best locations for the signs. The motion carried 4-0.

B. Motorized Play Vehicles

The Committee members reviewed a proposed ordinance that would prohibit certain motorized "play" vehicles within the City of Chesterfield. Councilmember Streeter noted his concern that this proposed ordinance included a section that would prohibit bicycles, roller skates, skateboards, etc. in City Parks. After further review, Councilmember Flachsbart motioned and Councilmember Streeter seconded to hold this proposed ordinance until the next meeting of the Public Health & Safety Committee and directed City Administrator Herring and Chief Johnson to review and revise the ordinance. The motion carried 4-0.

C. Temporary Liquor License

Chief Johnson presented a proposed ordinance that would refine the process whereby temporary liquor licenses are granted. These temporary liquor licenses would be granted to organizations/caterers for the specified days/days of an event. Councilmember Flachsbart motioned and Councilmember Casey seconded to recommend this proposed ordinance to City Council. The motion carried 4-0.

4. Traffic/Pedestrian Issues

A. The installation of a school bus stop ahead sign for southbound traffic on Schoettler Road north of Georgetown Avenue.

Councilmember Casey brought this issue before the Committee after hearing safety concerns expressed at a recent subdivision meeting. Chief Johnson noted that there had been no incidents. Additionally, it was noted that the location of school bus stops can change, from year to year. Councilmember Casey motioned to request that St. Louis County erect a sign on southbound Schoettler Road, noting a school bus stop ahead. There was no second. The motion failed.

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B. Pedestrian Crosswalk Signals

Councilmember Streeter requested that Chief Johnson provide informational guidelines for the placement of crosswalk signals. Chief Johnson agreed to collect and provide the information to the Committee members.

C. Appalachian Trail & Duxbury – Hazardous Conditions During School Events

Councilmember Streeter reported that residents in the area of Shenandoah School have expressed safety concerns regarding traffic and pedestrians on the streets during school events. Chief Johnson noted that extra patrols will be directed to the area when the police department is alerted, in advance, regarding these planned events. Councilmember Streeter motioned to have the City install signage noting safety precautions during school events. There was no second. The motion failed.

5. Next Meeting

The Committee members set a Public Health & Safety Committee meeting for Monday, December 19, 2005 at 5:30 PM. Chief Johnson will notify those who had expressed an interest in the “obscenity” ordinance and a notice of this next meeting will also be placed on the City’s website.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.