

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 4, 2010
TO: Michael G. Herring, City Administrator
FROM: Chief Ray Johnson
SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Public Health and Safety Committee met on Monday, October 4, 2010. Those in attendance included Chairperson Bob Nation, Ward IV, Councilmember Barry Flachsbart, Ward I, Councilmember Bruce Geiger, Ward II, Councilmember Mike Casey, Ward III, City Administrator Michael Herring and Chief Ray Johnson. Those also in attendance were City Councilmember Matt Segal, Ward I and Mr. Harvey Rosenberg, nominee for the Police Personnel Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30AM, by Chairperson Bob Nation.

1. **Approval of Minutes – June 28, 2010**

Councilmember Flachsbart motioned and Councilmember Casey seconded to approve the minutes of June 28, 2010. The motion carried 3-0 (Councilmember Geiger arrived at the meeting at 7:35 AM).

2. **Interview**

The Committee interviewed Mr. Harvey Rosenberg who was nominated by Mayor Nations to become a member of the Police Personnel Board. Councilmember Casey motioned and Councilmember Flachsbart seconded to recommend that the City Council approve Mr. Rosenberg's nomination. The motion carried 4-0. Mr. Herring noted that, as the Committee members had previously agreed, Mr. Rosenberg's nomination is on the agenda for the October 4, 2010 City Council meeting.

3. **Proposed Ordinance Revision – U-Turn Restrictions**

The Committee reviewed additional information regarding the proposed revision to the City Ordinance that would restrict U-Turns in certain locations. Chief Johnson provided the Committee members with a list of all signalized intersections in the City and noted that all locations were State or County roadways. Chief Johnson also noted that the wording would bring the City's current ordinance into compliance with the State Statute and would also assist the Chesterfield Prosecuting Attorney with prosecution of violators, within the Chesterfield Municipal Court. The current City Ordinance notes that U-Turns are prohibited within the "business district". Chief Johnson noted that the "business district" is not clearly defined and creates a problem for prosecution of violators.

Councilmember Casey motioned and Councilmember Geiger seconded to recommend that City Council adopt the revised wording, as recommended by Prosecuting Attorney Tim Engelmeyer and Chief Johnson, eliminating, "within a distance of three hundred feet". The members of the Committee voted 3-1 to approve this motion with Councilmember Flachsbart voting "no".

After additional discussion, Councilmember Nation motioned and Councilmember Flachsbart seconded to add additional wording to the proposed ordinance to limit violations to signalized intersections, but only if signage has been erected, stating "NO U TURNS". The motion failed with a vote of 2-2. Councilmembers Nation and Flachsbart voted "yes", and Councilmembers Casey and Geiger voted "no".

The proposed ordinance as amended will be forwarded to City Council coming out of Committee with a 3-1 vote in favor.

Councilmember Geiger suggested that, if passed by City Council, information regarding any change to the ordinance regarding U-Turns be noted in the City Newsletter and forwarded to subdivision trustees. City Administrator Herring advised that this will be done.

4. **No Smoking Request**

City Administrator Herring noted that a complaint had been received regarding smoking in outdoor areas of Brooking Park, a skilled nursing facility located in Chesterfield. Mr. Herring reported that Mr. Tyler Troutman, Administrator for Brooking Park, had been contacted and he reported that the facility has specific rules regarding smoking including:

- No smoking in any resident room.
- One indoor designated smoking area that is properly ventilated.
- Smoking is allowed outdoors for residents and employees are only allowed to smoke in one designated area.

After review of the information, Councilmember Flachsbart motioned and Councilmember Geiger seconded to remove this item from the Agenda. This motion carried 4-0.

5. **Sobriety Checkpoint Update**

Chief Johnson updated the Committee on the recently held Sobriety Checkpoint. This event, which was fully funded by grant funds and administrated through the Missouri Department of Transportation, was held on September 24, 2010. Chief Johnson described the logistics of the function and noted the success of the operation. During the evening of the checkpoint, twelve DWI arrests were made, three drug arrests, and one fugitive arrest. Chief Johnson reported that two additional sobriety checkpoints (both fully funded) are planned within the next twelve months. Members of the Committee voiced their appreciation for the success of the sobriety checkpoint.

7. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting has not been scheduled and will be coordinated by Chief Johnson when/if there are items requiring the attention of this Committee. At the request of Chairperson Bob Nation, Committee members suggested moving future meetings to either 5pm, on the Mondays when City Council meetings are held or the 2nd Thursday of each month, at 5:30pm.

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 AM.