

MINUTES

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

NOVEMBER 7, 2023

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Chairperson Councilmember Mary Ann Mastorakos.

2. Roll Call

Councilmember Mary Ann Mastorakos, Ward II, Chairperson, Councilmember Barb McGuinness, Ward I, Councilmember Micheal Moore, Ward III, Councilmember Merrell Hansen, Ward IV, and Mayor Bob Nation. Also in attendance was Chief Ray Johnson, Captain Cheryl Funkhouser and Mr. George Sconyers.

3. Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Moore motioned, and Councilmember McGuinness seconded to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2023, Public Health & Safety meeting. The motion carried 4-0.

4. The Committee reviewed a proposed amendment presented by Chief Johnson that would amend Article XI offenses concerning drugs with respect to the legalization of adult use of marijuana. The purpose of the suggested modification is to bring Chesterfield's existing ordinance into compliance with State law regarding adult possession, distribution, and use of recreational marijuana.

After discussion, Councilmember Hansen motioned, and Councilmember Moore seconded to approve the recommendation. The motion carried 4-0.

5. The Committee reviewed a proposed amendment presented by Chief Johnson that would amend sections 210.900 and 220.150 related to firearms regulations. The purpose of the suggested amendment is to provide for the regulation/prohibition of the open carry of weapons within City parks.

After discussion, Councilmember Moore motioned, and Chairperson Mastorakos seconded to approve the recommendation. The motion carried 4-0.

6. Chief Johnson updated the Committee on the issues of crime/shoplifting in the retail areas of Chesterfield Valley and his proposed plan to encourage merchant support of enforcement efforts to curtail the issues. He also shared his recommendations to develop a procedure that would allow merchants to contact the Police Department for non-emergency reports needed for insurance purposes for thefts, in those instances where the merchants did not desire prosecution for the thefts.

After discussion, Councilmember Hansen motioned, and Councilmember Moore seconded to approve the recommendation.

7. No new meeting date was set at this time.
8. Having no further business to discuss, Chairperson Mastorakos adjourned the meeting at 3:01 pm.