

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Mari E. Macomber, City Manager ^{MSM}
SESSION DATE: June 18, 2012
TIME: 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: Basement Conference Room of City Hall

AGENDA:

- **REVIEW JEFFERSON STREET ALIGNMENT**
- **POLICE DEPARTMENT SHOOTING RANGE**
- **REVIEW COUNCIL AGENDA**
- **REVIEW NEWSLETTERS (June 16, 2012)**
- **ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

REVIEW JEFFERSON STREET ALIGNMENT

The City Council had discussed the alignment of Jefferson Street which would reduce the number of lanes from four to three with the third lane serving as a center turn lane like that found on north Baltimore. In addition, a bicycle lane would be added.

Staff had received a verbal go ahead from the Council previously. We have also met with the Airport and Transportation Commission and obtained their concurrence. We are now at the stage where we have the plan roughed out but want Council concurrence before we actually make the changes.

John Buckwalter, Public Works Director will have a map to share with the Council on Monday.

Recommendation: Review the proposed layout and make sure that you support the change as previously discussed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT SHOOTING RANGE

The Police Department has utilized the Missouri Department of Conservation's (MDC) shooting range at Big Creek Conservation Area. This has been an area designated for law enforcement use allowing us storage and use when needed. Chief Hughes was notified that we would no longer be able to use this range for our law enforcement purposes and so we have been working to come up with an alternative.

The alternative, the development of a range at the landfill, has been mentioned to the City Council, so on Monday we will take more time to explain what it is we need to do in

our efforts to determine the viability of using a portion of this property as a shooting range for law enforcement personnel.

Included is a staff report from Chief Hughes.

Recommendation: Discuss the concept and determine if you are agreeable that we pursue this project to determine its viability.

REVIEW COUNCIL AGENDA

NEWSLETTER REVIEW – June 16, 2012

Attachments

Shooting Range Staff Report – Jim Hughes

KIRKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION ATTACHMENT

SUBJECT: Shooting Range

STUDY SESSION MEETING DATE: Monday, June 18, 2012

CITY DEPARTMENT: Police

PREPARED BY: Chief Jim Hughes

Firearms' training for police is critical. Although it doesn't happen as often as portrayed on television, use of firearms by police is fraught with significant personal and financial consequences. In the law enforcement world we classify it as a low frequency event, but with extremely high risk outcomes.

Based on circumstances beyond the control of the Police Department, the Department of Conservation recently closed the law enforcement range the department used for many years.

This leaves the department without a dedicated training facility. The department is currently using a private range (which although a great facility was not designed for current law enforcement purposes). But, that could change depending on any number of factors. This is a real problem that will need to be addressed (at some level).

Although somewhat consistent with firearms ranges in general, a true law enforcement range is constructed to maximize realistic training time. As a result of a variety of training purposes the department uses a firearms range approximately 60-70 times per year (which does not include times that officers use the range to shoot on their own). In order to guarantee access to this vitally important training need, and position the Department for such needs in the future, they are asking that the City Council authorize staff to pursue a formal proposal for the development of a special use firearms range on the closed landfill west of town.

The physical location, space, topography, access and other factors appear almost tailor-made for this type of range. A map has been included with this report.

Although no definitive discussion has occurred, concerning money, in-kind contributions or commitments, others in this area are interested in this project as well. This includes many of the area law enforcement agencies, and others, such as R.O.T.C.

The Department of Conservation has tentatively expressed a willingness to help with this project. This could include not only technical support (design of the range) but in-kind construction assistance, and perhaps other support as well.

At this point in time, it is believed that the entire project can be completed with City staff and/or in-kind contributions from other partners.

There are quite frankly too many unknowns at this point to discuss cost. If Council allows this request to move forward, the project will involve a number of phases (any of which could, if desired, result in council updates):

PHASE I

- Engineering evaluation of the location and confirmation, with regulatory agencies, that the proposed use is allowed.
- In consultation with range experts with the Department of Conservation develop a tentative design of the range.
- Use of that design to determine what type of earthwork, and other construction, will need be done.
- Rough calculation of costs.

PHASE II

- Build a core group of partners and identify the level of their commitments (if any).
- Search for grant and/or alternative funding.
- Finalize design and refine cost estimates.
- Development of a tentative construction schedule.
- Identify funding source(s).

PHASE III

- Construction