



Public Safety Committee Minutes
July 10, 2006, 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee of the City of O'Fallon, held in the Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall, 255 S. Lincoln, O'Fallon, Illinois, on July 10, 2006, Call to order 7:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: True, Medford, Boone, Reckamp
Members Not Present: Bennett, Schmidt
Staff Liaison: Chief Betten
Other Aldermen Present: Ned Drolet; Jerry Albrecht, John West,
Other Persons Present: Walter Denton (City Admin.), Brent Saunders (OFD),
Pam Funk (City Admin.), Jean Bevington (OPD),
Media Persons Present: Jennifer Bowen, Progress

Chairman True declared a quorum present and requested a Motion to approve minutes of June 12, 2006, Alderman Reckamp made a Motion to accept the June 12, 2006, minutes as presented and Alderman Boone seconded. All ayes.

Old Business

Item 1. Roundabout State & Oberneufemann Road – Dennis Sullivan, City Engineer, was unable to attend tonight's meeting, however, he sent a note to Chief Betten to inform the Committee that the project booklet revision for IDOT that is needed to allow further negotiation on property acquisition hasn't been completed yet by Horner & Shifrin, Traffic Engineers. Therefore, no new news is available on the land acquisition.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Open

New Business

Item 1. Highway 50 Crosswalk/Signal at City Park – Request from a resident to place a crosswalk signal by the City Park on Hwy 50. After Committee discussion it was determined that a traffic study had been performed at that location and it did not warrant a stop light (which would have to be placed by the State of Illinois). The Committee's decision is to check with the State of Illinois to see if the signage and the painted cross walk could be matched. Chief Betten to contact IDOT regarding this project.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Open

Item 2. Four-way Stop at Timothy & Illini Drive – Request from a resident to change the existing two-way stop at Timothy & Illini and making it a four-way stop because of the increase in traffic. The Committee felt the increase in traffic was due to the temporary closure of Simmons and area construction. The decision of the Committee is the area's traffic is temporary and will resolve once the construction is completed and Simmons is re-opened. Chairman True and Chief Betten to respond to resident on the decision of the Committee.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

Item 3. Temporary Stop Signs on State Street to be Made Permanent –

Chairman True received a request from a resident by telephone for the Committee to make the temporary stop signs placed on State Street permanent. The resident's decision for this request was that traffic was slower on State Street, making a turn onto Vine Street was safer and areas of State Street where portions of the Street are visually impaired were easier to turn onto and stop. The Committee addressed this situation on the basis that additional stops would only slow down traffic when a roundabout is to be constructed just a short distance on State Street to make traffic flow faster and safer. Adding additional stop signs would make the motorist stop four times in a short four-block area. The decision of the Committee is that the temporary stop signs would stay until the roadwork on Lincoln is completed and then removed.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

Item 4. Stop Signs in Braeswood – Chief Betten requested the Committee, in Dennis Sullivan's (City Engineer) absence, approve the placement of signage for the Braeswood Subdivision and recommend to Council. The Committee approved the signage and recommends to Council. All ayes.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Reckamp and seconded by Alderman Boone.

Meeting Adjourned:	7:37 p.m.
Next Meeting:	August 14, 2006, 7:00 p.m.
Minutes Taken By:	Jean Bevington