



Public Safety Committee Minutes  
**June 11, 2007, 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 June 11, 2007. Call to order 7:04 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Members Present: True, Schmidt, Polites, Englar, John Drolet  
Members Not Present: All Present  
Staff Liaison: Chief Betten  
Other Aldermen Present: Ned Drolet, Jerry Albrecht, Allen Medford,  
Rick Reckamp, John West,  
Other Persons Present: Walter Denton, (City Admin.); Pam Funk (Asst. City  
Admin.); Dennis Sullivan (City Engineer); Dan  
Bowman (Engineering); Dean Rich, (Finance  
Director); Chief Saunders, (OFD); Jean Bevington  
(OPD); Judy Mack, Resident  
Media Persons Present: Georgia Hillyer, Progress

Chairman True declared a quorum present and requested a Motion to approve minutes of May 14, 2007, Alderman Polites made a Motion to accept the May 14, 2007, minutes as presented and Alderman Schmidt seconded. All Ayes.

Chairman True requested the Committee to begin with **New Business Item 2.** Request for "Children Playing" Sign @ 112 Summerlin Ridge. Hearing no objections Chairman True proceeded to address Agenda Item for residents that were present to plead their requests.

**New Business**

**Item 2. Request for "Children Playing" Sign @ 112 Summerlin Ridge –**

Chairman True opened the floor for the opportunity for the individuals to address the Committee on this issue. Judy Mack informed the Committee that Summerlin Ridge has traffic speeding above the 25 mph limit while children play. She would like the sign placed to lower speeding in that area. The Committee informed Mrs. Mack that signs do not accomplish lower speeds. A suggestion was made to increase traffic fines in residential areas. Chief Betten informed the Committee that fines are set by the Illinois Supreme Court and could not be regulated by the City, however, he did suggest Mrs. Mack try placing the yard signs to slow the flow of traffic. Mrs. Mack agreed to place the yard signs on Summerlin Ridge.

**Action:** Chief to provide Mrs. Mack with yard signs

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Closed

### **Old Business**

**Item 1. Roundabout State & Obernuefemann Road** – Dennis Sullivan, City Engineer, gave update on the status of the Roundabout. Dennis informed the Committee that he is still working with IDOT to place an incentive clause in the Contract and that within the next month he expects to get an okay from the Federal Highway Administration on the Real Estate Report. Questions arose concerning the disposition of the present building on site. Mr. Sullivan informed the Committee that the building would be used for storage for the Parks Department and other Departments if they need it.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Open

**Item 2. Fire Department Consultant Visit** – Walter Denton informed the Committee that the Final Report was reviewed by Staff and would be presented by Dr. McGrath in a formal presentation to the City Council.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Open

**Item 3. Sign on Cardiff Court “No Thru Street”** – Chairman True inquired whether the sign has been placed for Mr. Gaab, O’Fallon Resident, who requested the Committee to place a “No Outlet” sign at the beginning of the cul-de-sac on Cardiff Court. Mr. Sullivan informed the Committee that the sign has not been placed as of yet but he would do so as his schedule permits. Chief Betten informed the Committee the results of his Traffic Study on Cardiff Court were that a very low volume of traffic was registered for the entire week, with an average of 99 cars per day. Committee expressed interest to work with Planning and Zoning as part of the subdivision planning for guidelines in the placement of these signs.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Open

**Item 4. Traffic Problems Associated with Construction of New Junior High on Seven Hills Road (sidewalks, widen road, stop lights, 4-way stops, etc.)** – Walter Denton informed the Committee that the Staff met with School Officials regarding these issues. Items discussed and considered was traffic flow, traffic lights, sidewalks (school to place on their property), the township to pay for a Left-turn lane, consideration for other options are also open, parking, roundabout at State and Seven Hills Road, additional traffic lights. The City will continue to work with the School District and Township to keep traffic congestion at a minimum.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Closed

**Item 5. Four-way Stop @ Cherry and Adams** – Request was made by a representative of New Enterprise Academy, Mr. Donnell, who did not attend the meeting to present 2<sup>nd</sup> Request on Public Safety Agenda. Alderman Schmidt informed the Committee that road construction was present and a temporary stop sign has been placed. A request for an addition sign “State Law Yield to Pedestrians in Cross Walk” was denied.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Closed

### **New Business (Continued)**

**Item 1. Hotel/Motel Registration** – Chief Betten provided a handout (attached) regarding a request to accept an Ordinance that will require Hotels, Motels, Lodging Houses and Rooming Houses to keep a registry of all guests, verify guests with photo ID and share records with the O’Fallon Police Department and other local, State and Federal Agencies. Aldermen concerns were individual privacy, abuse of these privileges, control factors (will OPD be notified if someone is asking questions in O’Fallon), and why open to other agencies? The Committee reviewed Chief Betten’s request and suggested that a revision be made in the “Ordinance” to remove the “employee or desk clerk” of the Hotel, Motel, etc. from penalties and remove other agencies to inquire without notification. Chief Betten agreed to re-write the “Penalties and Remedies portion of the Ordinance, and have the revised Ordinance approved by the City Attorney. A Motion was made by Alderman Polites to recommend to the full Council the requiring a register be maintained at all Hotels, Motels, Lodging Houses and Rooming Houses within the City of O’Fallon. Alderman Schmidt seconded the Motion. Ayes 4. Nay 1

**Action:** Chief to modify Ordinance

**Motion:** A Motion was made by Alderman Polites to recommend to the full Council the requiring a register be maintained at all Hotels, Motel, Lodging Houses and Rooming Houses Within the City of O’Fallon. Alderman Schmidt seconded the Motion. Ayes 4, Nay 1

**Disposition:** Closed

### **Item. 2. Addressed above**

**Item 3. U of I Grant for SAFB** – Chief Saunders, O’Fallon Fire Department, informed the Committee that O’Fallon will be working with the University of Illinois involving a Grant from the Illinois Terrorism Task Force to provide to SAFB a Fire Training Facility. The grant funding will come through the O’Fallon Fire Department as a processing agent for Scott AFB. This Facility will be made available for the O’Fallon Fire Department for training and other special events as needed.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Open

**Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Schmidt and seconded by Alderman John Drolet.**

<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>	<b>8:16 p.m.</b>
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>July 9, 2007, 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Minutes Taken By:</b>	<b>Jean Bevington</b>