

EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 226 AND CHESTERFIELD 171



By John Hoffmann

May 3, 2016

POLICE COMMISSION STICKS WITH IGNORING THE FIRST AMENDMENT! ALSO GIRLS SCOUTS AND BROWNIES NEED TO GET \$25 LICENSES PER GIRL TO SELL COOKIES AND ARE BANNED FROM SOME SUBDIVISIONS BY TOWN AND COUNTRY LAW: At a recent Police Commission meeting the Soliciting Ordinance was brought out for some minor tweaking. The city wants to raise the Peddlers and Solicitor's permit from \$5 a person to \$25.

Chief Patrick Kranz handed out the current "Peddlers, Solicitors and Canvassers" ordinance with the proposed changes. He also mentioned that several subdivisions have "No Solicitors" signs at the entrance and act as a notice and anyone soliciting in that subdivision can be cited. I asked if the \$25 license fee and "no soliciting" posted subdivisions pertains to Girl Scouts selling cookies. I was told that it did, but the police only respond to complaints dealing with solicitors.





I have to question this. I know that many patrol officers who see a couple of guys going door to door are going to check them out and if they are selling something they will be ordered to stop until they get a permit. However I doubt Girl Scouts will be stopped. Technically if this change passes to avoid breaking the law each girl selling cookies would need a \$25 permit and they could not sell at all in certain subdivisions. Perhaps they could exclude Non-profit youth organizations so Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and High School Band members will not be breaking the law if they don't buy a \$25 permit. .



No Soliciting sign at Buckland Hall



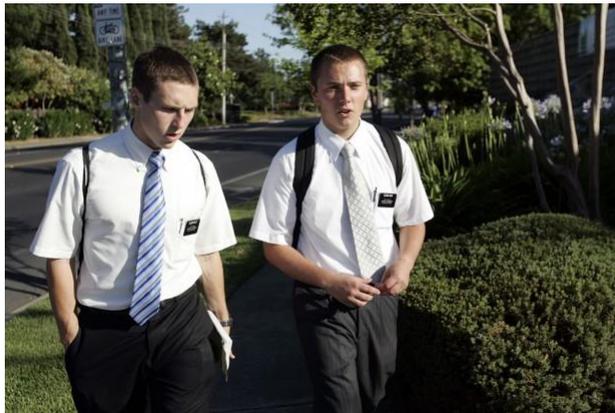
These are just three subdivisions along Mason Road where it is illegal for Girl Scouts and Brownies to sell cookies, even if each girl obtained a \$25 Solicitor and Peddler Permit at City Hall..

Also the Town and Country ordinance defining Canvassers include political and religious door knockers is edging toward violating the First Amendment. Here is the group that is included under the definition of Canvasser:

"A person who attempts to make personal contact with a resident at his/her residence without prior specific invitation or appointment from the resident for the primary purpose of:

- 1) Attempting to enlist support for or against a particular religion, philosophy, ideology, political party, issue or candidate, even if incidental to such purpose the canvasser accepts the donation of money for or against such cause. or*
- 2) Distributing a handbill or flyer advertising a non-commercial event or service.*

This section violates the first amendment which establishes freedom of religion and speech. The resident can keep politicians and religious door knockers away by posting "No Trespassing" signs but not by having a city ordinance that defines them as canvassers.



As annoying as you might find a Jehovah Witness or Mormon Missionary at your door the United States Constitution doesn't allow governments to ban them specifically. It is one of those nuisances you have to put up with if you are lucky enough to have been born in the United States.

I engaged a lawyer and former presidential appointee to the Justice Department for an opinion on this and he felt Town and Country would not be able to successfully defend a challenge to this section of the ordinance.

Also the part about flyers on door handles being illegal in some cases would affect the Boy Scout Canned Food Drive.

It was mentioned that the city has a "Do Not Contact List" at city hall that the staff gives to people applying for a "Peddlers and Solicitors" permit. However someone going door to door for political or religious reasons is not obligated to go to city hall to get a peddler's license and obtain such a list. It would be incumbent on the city to give out the list if there is a complaint.

This ordinance needs some tweaking by the aldermen in the opposite direction; in the direction of the U.S. Constitution and not toward rich people not liking to answer their door.

HOMEOWNER DENIED FENCE: He called it a fence to keep out sound and wildlife. Three alderpersons called it a wall. Bilal Khan the new homeowner at 14102 South Mill Court was before the Board of Adjustment wanting to put up what he called a "fence" but what really gave every appearance as being a "wall" in his backyard and side yard. South Mill Ct. is the first street off of Old Woods Mill Road north of Clayton Road.

Mr. Khan said he needed his "fence" to reduce noise from Clayton Road entering his property and to keep wildlife out.

Mr. Khan was asked if he wasn't aware of traffic noise when he bought the house. He said he was not and added he did not spend much time at the property before buying the house. He said another contract offer fell through and his realtor was contacted and they immediately put in a contract on the house.

A regular fence would not have needed a variance. It was rather clear that this was not a fence.



If you look closely you can see that the house is surrounded by thick overgrown honeysuckle.

Here is the type of "fence" that Khan wanted to put up.



Both Ward-3 Alderpersons Gussie Crawford and Fred Meyland-Smith spoke against approving what they called a "wall" as did Ward-1 Alderman Skip Mange.

"Noise will not be reduced by this type of wall. This six-foot "fence" would do nothing. Sound walls are 16-to-18 feet high," said Meyland-Smith.

The neighbor, Ben Brown, who lives at 14008 Clayton Road across the street from Khan's backyard also spoke against the proposed variance, pointing out that a 6-foot wall that did not surround Khan's house would not keep wildlife out and the proposal was not for a fence, but a sound wall. Brown said he did not want a sound wall in front of his house.

The proposed variance was voted down 5-to-nothing.

ORIGINAL FRAME HOUSE ON RUTHERFORD LANE GETS VARIANCE FOR STREET FACING GARAGE: I swear I have to think that Fred Meyland-Smith and Jon Dalton had to accept a bribe to allow those ugly Pulte homes to be built next to the Target Store on land that had been zone commercial. Town and Country liked to brag about one-acre lots and no garages facing the street. All of these houses are on small lots with garages facing the street.

So when a couple bought one of the last two original houses on Rutherford Lane off of Clayton Road and didn't want to tear it down for a McMansion, like former alderwoman's Amy Anderson's house, I was pleasantly surprised.

The house is currently sideways on the one-acre lot with the street being to the east and the garage and front door facing north.



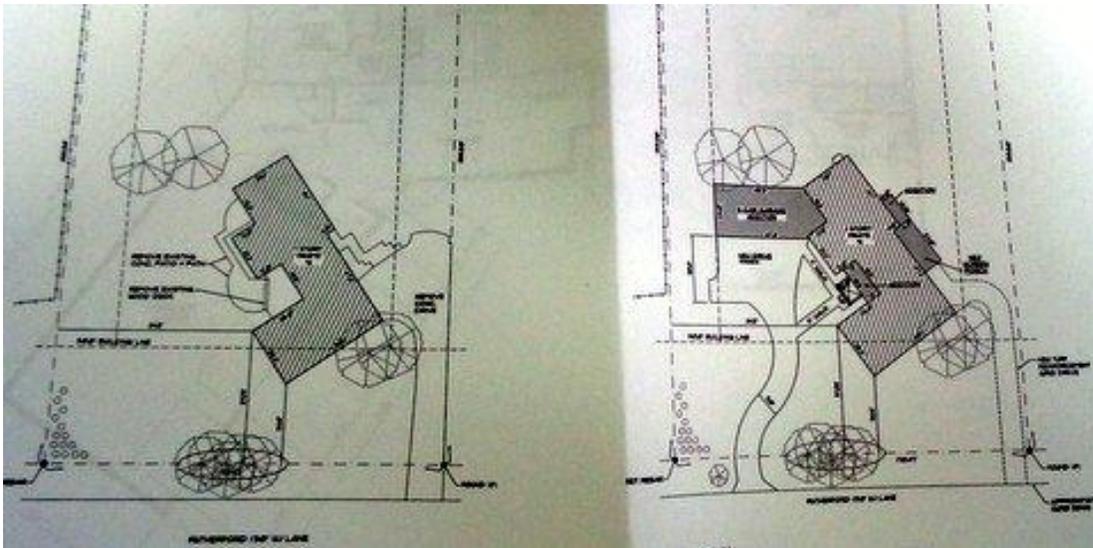
Currently when you enter the house from the garage you walk into the living room.

The new owners, Dawn Davis and Mark Freyenberger want to move the garage and front door to the south side of the house.



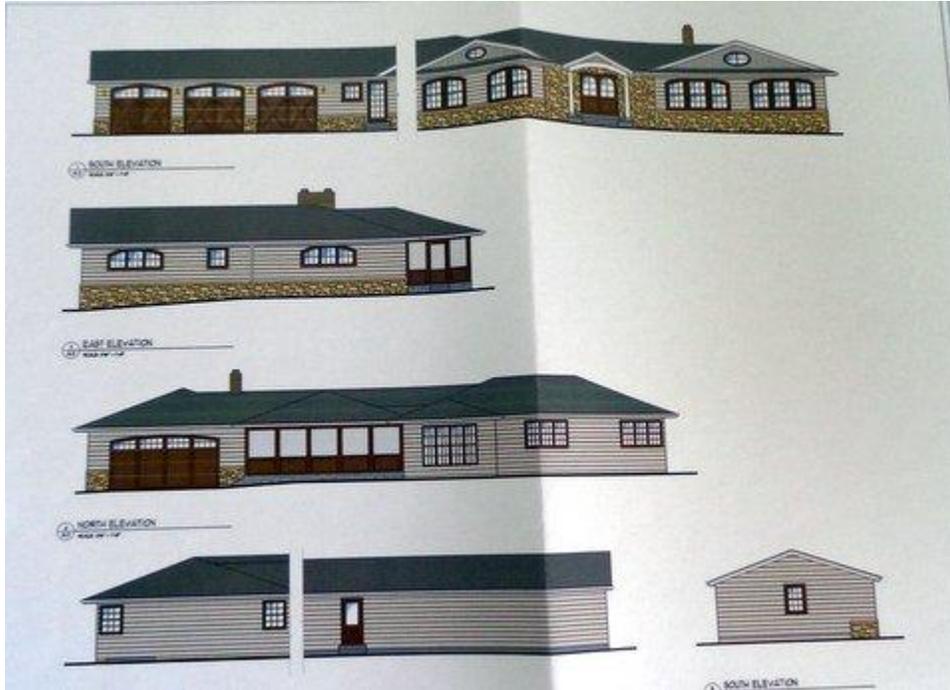
Current south side of house..

They want to put in a new driveway on the south side leading to the garage. They needed a variance because the proposed garage would face the street. There is no neighbor opposition.



current house

planned new driveway, new front door and garage



When asked if they planned to turn the old garage into a rec room, Dawn Davis said she wanted to use it for a "potting" room where she could pot plants in flower pots and bring them in for the winter. I'm glad it wasn't the other kind of "potting" room.

The variance was approved on a 4-to-1 vote.

PRESERVATION PARK WEST ENTRANCE TO REMAIN CLOSED: Last fall in October Anne Nixon, Town and Country Director of Parks closed the west entrance of Preservation Park due to vandalism and other issues (evidence of drinking and marijuana smoking). The vandalism including setting a wooden picnic table on fire that was located in a wooden pavilion. At the time she said the closure would be through the winter.



Winter has come and gone and now Nixon told me that the West entrance would remain closed until "further notice."



GROUND BROKEN FOR STEIN MART: If you haven't been to Whole Foods and Target lately, ground was broken, several units of the southern building in Town and Country Crossing have been destroyed and the concrete base has been poured for the new Stein Mart Store. The Town and Country store will join the ones on Manchester Road in Rock Hill and Ballwin plus one on S. Lindbergh in Sunset Hills.





DALTON NURSING HOME UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND JUST AS WE PREDICTED IS SQUEEZED ONTO A TINY LOT: You should drive by where the Stone Crest Assisted Living and Nursing Home is being built behind the Schnuck's store on Clayton Road. Drive down the Highway 141 south entrance ramp and take the turn to the Town and Country Crossing Shopping Center. You will see what many of us said when the plans were first filed by Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist Jon Dalton with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. (Dalton forgot he had a conflict of interest as Mayor for five days until an article appeared in the St. Louis Business Journal.)



This picture really doesn't do it justice. The wall to the rear is the back of Schnuck's supermarket. A number of elderly people will spend the last years of their lives looking at a supermarket loading dock or two different sides (the back of Whole Foods is to the west) or traffic on Hwy 141).

POLICE CHIEF DOES NOT FAVOR REDUCING SPEED LIMIT ON LADUE ROAD:

The City of Creve Coeur along with MoDOT is lowering the speed limit on Ladue Road from 45 MPH to 40 MPH inside the Creve Coeur City Limits.

However Police Chief Pat Kranz is not so sure that it is needed in Town and Country. A Post-Dispatch stringer's (freelance writer) short article on Creve Coeur lowering the speed limit on Ladue Road from 45 to 40 MPH that mentioned Town and Country was likely to follow suit. Often one specific Post-Dispatch stringer's articles are full of misinformation. This was one of them.

At the April Police Commission meeting Chief Kranz mentioned that Creve Coeur was lowering the speed limit. He then said that MoDOT's accident information was grossly outdated and in fact there had not been a car crash on Ladue Road in Town and Country for over 2-years. He added that Town and Country does not have all the driveways and hidden driveways along Ladue Road and there are good sight lines at the five intersecting subdivision streets. He said he did not see any reason to lower the speed limit.



The only drawback I see is that to write a speeding ticket on Ladue Road a violator needs to be doing 55 MPH. I have to admit when I drive on Ladue I rarely do much over 45 MPH. The speed limit drops to 30 MPH at the Highway 141 intersection.

ALSO AS PREDICTED DALTON KEEPS THE SIMILAR SITTING ARRANGEMENT:

If you are a regular reader of this newsletter you know that I predicted that Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist/User of Eminent Domain to Steal a Widow's Business and property for a nightclub district that never got built and then had to be sued in Federal Court to pay a State Court judgment for the money she was cheated out of Jon Dalton would have the two youngest woman on the Board of Aldermen sitting next to him. This is clearly a control issue. As a resident of Ward-2 I would like to see my two elected representatives sitting next to each other and not separated by a wheeler dealer who has a history of getting sued for not paying bills.



ATTENTION CHESTERFIELD CITY COUNCIL...THIS IS HOW YOU SWEAR PEOPLE IN, SAVE TIME AND DON'T FEED A HUGE EGO OF JUDGE RICK BRUNK:



In Town and Country they had the cake and punch, just like in Chesterfield, but the City Clerk who is at all the meetings anyway, swore everyone in at once. It is very efficient that there was no grand entrance by an ethically corrupt municipal judge.

THE SURVEY FORGETS AN IMPORTANT QUESTION AND HAS ONE VERY STUPID QUESTION: If you remember the Board of Aldermen in Town and Country being fiscally prudent decided to spend \$17,700 in unbudgeted funds for a city wide survey to be conducted by Terry Jones of UMSL who completely botched a survey in 2009 on Deer management. It is amazing that three months earlier when they approved the 2016 budget no one thought this was something that was needed.

They hoped the survey would be online on the city's website for residents to take by May 5 lasting until May 27. That time table might get pushed back. There was a special work session meeting after the regular Aldermanic meeting on April 25. Mayor Dalton hoped to get everyone to agree on the questions and have it in the hands of Jones by noon on Tuesday April 26.

That turned out to be problematic when there was some disagreement on some questions and an argument over having to rush into creating the questions.



The first group of questions were about the city "money pit" also known as the Town Square Project of a 8.8 acre vacant lot with water drainage problems the prior owner could not sell, that the city bought for \$2.3 million, with a \$1.6 million estimate of minimum development costs.

Here are two questions that were STUPID:

8. The City might sell or lease land to two restaurants with outdoor seating. How much do you think these restaurants would add to the value of Town Square? A: A Great Deal; Quite a Lot; Some; Not Very Much; or Not at All.

9. About how often would you and other members of your household patronize one of these restaurants? A: Once a Month; Six to Ten Times a Year; Four or Five Times a Year; One to Three Times a Year; of Less than Once a Year.

HOW THE HELL WOULD YOU KNOW TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS! Until the restaurants are open how would you know if the food and menu is any good or if the service sucks? I might love a place and go back three or four times a month or I might never go back. These are completely stupid and useless questions.

OTHER QUESTIONS: Lindsey Butler stated that residents should know how much something costs. For instance a tunnel under Clayton Road is estimated to cost \$400,000. Lindsey thought that should be included in the question. Skip Mange who throughout the Town Square Citizen Task Force never wanted price mentioned thought otherwise.

Dalton: I don't think we want to get into the cost of each part of the project.

Ald. Tiffany Frautschi: I think we should put the dollar amount in.

Ald. Gussie Crawford: Me too!

Ald. Linda Rallo: Ask them first if they want a tunnel and then give them a price.

Ald. Lynn Wright: I feel this is important and people don't feel safe crossing the street.

Ald. Skip Mange: I think it should be in there without the price.

Rallo: (Now doing an about face) Putting costs on anything is a problem.

Ald. Lindsey Butler: If we aren't prepared to move forward because we can't afford it why have it? We are a smart community. People can figure this out (price tag with the tunnel question).

NEW TOPIC:

Ald. Jon Benigas: Can this project go ahead without a water feature? (large pond and fountain)

Dalton: Sure, but why? (maybe to save hundreds of thousands of dollars?)

NEW TOPIC:

Ald. Mange: Questions 22 & 23 about Clayton Road and Mason Road traffic should be eliminated.

(Q 22: How concerned are you that the Town Square development would make traffic worse at the Mason Road and Clayton Road Road intersection? A: Extremely concern; Very Concerned; Somewhat Concerned; Not Very Concerned; or Not At All Concerned.

Q 23 What if you knew there was a plan to keep traffic congestion at Mason Road and Clayton Road from becoming worse? Would that make you more likely or less likely to favor the Town Square Development?)

Ald. Rallo: I think that it is an important question and how we have to improve the intersection.

Ald. Butler: Taking it out shows you are biased.

Ald. Benigas: I'm **not** okay. We did not get through half of this. We should make time to go through whole thing. I think we should endorse the whole thing instead of just giving your ideas to Mr. Hoelzer (City administrator).

Then none of them could pick a date and time for a meeting. Rallo was out of town, Wright was leaving on vacation, Dalton had a trial.

SKIP MANGE AND CITY LIE AGAIN: In the proposed survey they refer to a LAKE on the Town Square property. By both scientific and standard English usage definitions what is going to be on the property is a Water Retention POND! It is not a lake. Mange thinks by calling a pond, a lake it will have more appeal.

THE QUESTION THAT WAS NOT ON THE SURVEY THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN:

When I was an aldermen other than deer manager, Town and Country offering Sewer Lateral Insurance was a common issue brought up by residents. Both Frautschi and Butler stated that it was brought up when they were campaigning. Gussie Crawford in Ward-3 said the same thing.

I wrote a bill to put the issue on the April ballot in 2010 to allow the residents to decide if they wanted to have a \$28 annual charge that would go into an insurance pool and if their sewer line broke they could get up to \$5,000 to pay for repairs. Town and Country

and Ladue are the only two cities in St. Louis County without the coverage that includes all of unincorporated County.

Members of the finance commission would not recommend the bill claiming residents in Town and Country were wealthy enough that they did not need \$5,000 to help fix their sewer line. Of course entire subdivisions need \$5,000 in beautician grants for plants and signs and that is okay with the Finance Commission. I could not get a second to even get the Sewer Lateral Bill voted on.

The survey would be the perfect time other than having it on a general election ballot to get resident feedback on the issue.

If you agree contact your alderperson.

NEW BUSINESS MOVING INTO OLD WAL MART BUILDING: The home décor retailer At Home is taking 2/3's of the space at the old Wal Mart store at the Manchester Meadows Shopping Center. At Home currently has one St. Louis area store in Bridgeton. They hope to be open by November.



and sign

Proposed building



At Home Bridgeton store



vacant Wal Mart

store

BAD YEAR TO BE A FENCE ON MASON ROAD AT LOCHINVAR: On February 15, 2016 at 4:07 pm Edward Newby, 52, of Ballwin driving his Jeep took out the metal fence on S. Mason Road at Lochinvar and then fled the scene, leaving his front license plate in the tangle wreckage. He made it as far as Clayton Road and Mason Road where he abandoned the vehicle on the Mason Village Shopping Center parking lot. He would later tell police he didn't think he hit anything.



Fast forward to April 20 at 3pm a motorist from Mississippi who had just had wheel work done and new tires on his 10-year-old car claimed he could not steer coming out of the Mason Road curve resulting in:



The fence had been repaired for a couple of weeks when it was knocked down again.

UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 171



May 3, 2016

CONNIE FULTS FINED BY ETHICS COMMISSION: We reported in our April 6 newsletter how we received a letter from the Missouri Ethics Commission stating that a complaint filed against Connie Fults had been dismissed when the Ethics Commission Board of Directors no longer had a quorum because Gov. Jay Nixon had not appointed any replacement members in a timely manner. I and other complainants were told we could re-file complaints after at least a fourth member was appointed by the governor and approved by the Missouri Senate.

Then on Friday April 29 I received in the mail a package from the Missouri Ethics Commission. Apparently my first complaint in February about Fults was presented to the Commission before the Ethics Commission lost half of its members due to the expiration of their terms. Someone else made a complaint against Fults not filing her "40-Day Before Election" report before my March complaint was disqualified. As a result Fults agreed to a Joint Stipulation of Facts where Fults admitted that she failed to file seven reports in a timely manner and was late a total of 370 days in filing required reports (plus she received 19 warning letters from the Board of Elections), including six "Limited Activity" reports and one "40-Day Prior to Election" report.

Fults agreed to a \$1,000 fine with \$910 stayed if paid within 45 days for a 2-year probation period. If Fults made any further violations she would owe the remaining \$910.



The entire FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW for the Joint Stipulation is on the homepage of our website. Here are some of the highlights:

6. Respondent Fults failed to timely file statements of limited activity in lieu of the following reports:

Report	Due	Filed	Days Late
2014 July Quarterly	July 14, 2014	October 1, 2014	79
2014 October Quarterly	October 15, 2014	January 27, 2015	104
2015 April Quarterly	April 15, 2015	May 29, 2015	44
2015 July Quarterly	July 15, 2015	September 2, 2015	49
2015 October Quarterly	October 15, 2015	December 1, 2015	47
2016 January Quarterly	January 15, 2016	February 22, 2016	38

7. For the April 2016 general election, Respondents accepted contributions and made expenditures prior to the closing date for the 40 Day Before General Election report.

8. Respondents did not timely file a 40 Day Before General Election report that was due on February 25, 2016.

BEFORE THE
MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION

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Commission

MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION,)

Petitioner,)

v.)

CONNIE FULTS,)

Case No. 16-0012-I, 16-0017-I

AND)

CITIZENS FOR CONNIE FULTS)

Respondents.)

CONSENT ORDER

The parties have filed a Joint Stipulation of Facts, Waiver of Hearing, and Proposed Consent Order with the Missouri Ethics Commission. Accordingly, the Missouri Ethics Commission accepts as true the facts stipulated and finds that Respondents Fults and Citizens for Connie Fults violated Sections 130.046, RSMo.

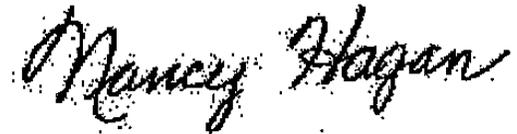
The Commission directs that the Joint Stipulation be adopted.

1. Respondents shall comply with all relevant sections of Chapter 130, RSMo.
2. It is the order of the Missouri Ethics Commission that a fee is imposed against Respondents in the amount of \$1,000 pursuant to Section 105.961.4(6), RSMo. However, if Respondent pays \$90 of that fee within forty-five (45) days after the date of this Order, the remainder of the fee will be stayed, subject to the provisions below. The fee will be paid by check or money order made payable to and sent to the Missouri Ethics Commission.

3. Regardless of the stay in paragraph 2 above, if any Respondent commits any further violations of the campaign finance laws pursuant to Chapter 130, RSMo, as amended within the two-year period from the date of this order, then Respondents will be required to pay the remainder of the fee. The fee will be due immediately upon final adjudication finding that any Respondent committed such a violation.
4. Respondent Fults and Citizens for Connie Fults shall be jointly and severally liable for all fees imposed under this order.

SO ORDERED this 26th day of April, 2016

By:



Nancy Hagan, Chair
Missouri Ethics Commission

DON'T FORGET THE DOORACK PROPERTY: It was funny, but at the April 20 Chesterfield City City Council meeting a reader of the newsletter came up to me and asked me not to forget to do more articles on the Doorack Property. That is the vacant lot the city is paying \$85,000 a year to lease over 10-years while not using it. At the end of 10-years the city then can buy the empty lot for just another \$1,000,000.

The next day I received two different Doorack references. Another reader sent me an email about the Doorack property based on the article I wrote several weeks earlier. Here is part of that email:

... On April 18 I asked Bob Nation about the lease agreement. He pleaded ignorance of the particulars of the lease, specified that he did not vote on the arrangement and said he didn't know the intent of the city in 2019 when the option to purchase the property for \$1,000,000 comes due.

Mr. Nation didn't appear uncomfortable about the questions. He suggested the city did something at the bequest of Louis Sachs and that Kathy Higgins handled the matter for Sachs.

Since November and the censure motion of the mayor in the city I have become more aware of the "clubby" environment within the city council.

Yesterday I viewed the property which sometime subsequent to 2010 became vacant and unimproved. Let me state at this time I am a retired commercial banker who spent his last nine years in a workout capacity frequently in the courtroom representing my bank in corporate and personal bankruptcies.

I believe this matter needs an airing out.



Also the day after the meeting while talking with Councilwoman Barb McGuinness she made reference to the Doorack property saying perhaps the extra meetings in connection with a search for a new city administrator could be held on the Doorack property so the city could get some use out of the \$85,000 a year it has been paying to lease it since 2009.

If you remember in our March 22 newsletter (Ex Alderman Newsletter 220) the story was about KTVI newsman Elliott Davis showing up for a Chesterfield City Council meeting on the hunt for Connie Fults and Mike Casey.

They and Dan Hurt were the remaining members of the Council who voted for the Doorack boondoggle deal of forking over \$850,000 over 10 years and then \$1,000,000 for an empty lot where a manufacturing plant had been without a ground test.

Barry Flachsbart and current mayor Bob Nation were on the Council in 2009 but they were not present for the vote.

Keep in mind the actual lease is with Saks Properties which had the lease originally and then unloaded it onto the City of Chesterfield. Effective February 2016 the City can pay off the lease and drop then \$1,000,000 and own the vacant lot now without waiting until 2019.

Here are the signatures from the City of Chesterfield:

ASSIGNEE:

Witness: *Robert Heggie*
Print Name: Robert Heggie

City of Chesterfield, Missouri,
a Missouri municipal corporation
By: *Michael G. Herring*
Name: Michael G. Herring
Title: City Administrator

So then City Administrator Mike Herring along with then City Attorney Robert Heggie signed the lease and were part of the conspiracy to keep it from the public, by not disclosing the vote or the deal in public or in meeting minutes.



Herring



Heggie

Davis and KTVI were fair and did not run the story before the April election. However the night he was there he missed Bruce Geiger who was a councilman in 2009 and former Mayor John Nations who were both at the meeting. Davis ambushing John Nations, who is now the head of Metro Transit would have been perfect. If he would agree to a deal like the empty lot sale what is he doing with area wide tax money at Metro Transit?

Davis' report is scheduled to appear Tuesday Night in the 9-10 newscast.



But upon doing some research it turned out the real story was how Mayor John Nations and City Administrator Mike Herring hid the public record of the deal. The deal was voted on in secret Executive Session that allows closed meetings for real estate transactions. This was one deal where there were no interested buyers lined up. It appears as if there was one sucker, that being the City of Chesterfield.

The Chesterfield City Council, Mayor Nations and Herring then violated the Missouri Open Meetings Sunshine Law and failed to announce the vote and the deal in a public meeting. The City also failed to list the proposal on an agenda for Secret Executive Session. Once a real estate deal is complete there is no reason to keep it secret.

The interesting thing from the April 20 City Council meeting was the selection of committee assignments by President Pro Tem Barry Flachsbart. The two victorious candidates that ran on reform and open government platforms, Tom DeCampi and Barb McGiunness were both kept off the most influential committee for getting change, the Finance and Administration Committee.

AS OFTEN AS THE CITY COUNCIL HAS VIOLATED THE SUNSHINE LAW AND FAILED TO DISCLOSE VOTES TO THE PUBLIC, EXACTLY WHAT DOES "HONOR-BOUND" MEAN? Bill 3087 before the Chesterfield City Council is about rules of procedures for the City Council to follow.

Here is the one that caught my eye:

Rule 6. Any person in attendance at an executive session is honor-bound not to violate the confidentiality of the discussion taking place during the session, except as to any portions thereof which may clearly transgress the Sunshine Act.

There is no law or ordinance compelling an elected official not to discuss in public what is said in an Executive Session. I researched this question before when I was writing columns for AOL's patch.com.

In 2009 when I was an alderman in Town and Country there was a secret "Executive Session" meeting allegedly about a possible lawsuit. Once the meeting started we were informed that Charter Communications with headquarters in Town and Country had not been paying specific cities sales tax they collected from their customers in those cities. Instead they just gave it all improperly to Town and Country. We were told this because there was going to be an \$800,000-plus hole in the budget as the Missouri Department of Revenue after many years caught the error. Of course those cities could have sued to get their money, if they only knew about it.

The rich people in Town and Country with a \$15,000,000 cash reserve at the time were not about to pay back the money they improperly received and the city attorney was worried if the word got out Town and Country could be sued. This was very ironic as the city attorney and his law firm also represented many of the cities that got cheated. There was never any discussion by Mayor John Dalton to pay back the money.

Ironically Mayor Jon Dalton since 2006 has worked for the St. Louis County Municipal League, meaning the same cities he was representing as a lobbyist he successfully cheated out sales tax money that was incorrectly sent to Town and Country for years.

Before submitting the column about this I made sure I was not breaking any law. I was not. In fact one lawyer told me I could talk about anything I wanted that happened in "Executive Session" as there was no law to stop me or punish me.

I bring this up because Chesterfield for years through City Administrator Mike Herring and different mayors have been using "Executive Session" meetings to hide legislation and actions from the public and violating the Sunshine Law. The Doorack property lease- to-buy deal is a perfect example.

The City of Chesterfield in Bill 3087 is attempting to create the false impression that it is illegal for a councilperson to tell the public what happened in an "Executive Session." This will merely encourage more opportunities to threaten honest office holders into keeping secrets from the public.

"Honor-bound" is like art, food and movies. It means something different to everyone. Hopefully there are enough "honorable" councilpersons to strike this section of the Bill 3087, because it is completely meaningless.

CHESTERFIELD POLICE BLOTTER: Here is what was going on last week.



CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT Media Report April 20, 2016 - April 26, 2016

Time of Occurrence Generic Address Business/Location Name Incident Type

04/26/2016, 1230 18XXX OUTLET BLVD Fossil **Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: 44 yo male, 28 yo female, and 29 yo female concealed watches and left store without paying.

04/15/2016, 1200 10XX CLAYTON DOUGLAS CT **Fraud Identity Theft**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit card accounts.

04/22/2016, 1100 6XX STONEBROOK CT **Fraud Scam**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject convinced victim to send money for fraudulent computer repair scam.

04/26/2016, 1954 1XX HILLTOWN VILLAGE CTR Schnucks **Drugs Possession - Misd**
Brief Narrative Description: 20 yo female and 18 yo male in possession of marijuana, paraphernalia, and alcohol after suspicious vehicle check.

04/23/2016, 2300 16XXX CHESTERFIELD FARMS DR **Assault Common - Actual Assault**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject pushed and held down victim after argument causing minor injuries.

04/23/2016, 2200 - 2330 10XX SAVONNE CT **Property Damage to Vehicle**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects keyed multiple cars in neighborhood after being removed from party.

02/16/2016, 2300 - 04/25/2016, 0900 13XXX OLIVE BLVD Steak N Shake **Larceny over \$500 Employer**
Brief Narrative Description: 38 yo male took deposits from employer.

04/25/2016, 1755 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Chesterfield Mall **Drugs Possession - Misd**
Brief Narrative Description: 27 yo male in possession of marijuana after being stopped for a traffic violation.

04/25/2016, 1700 - 1800 LYDIA HILL DR & VETERANS PLACE DR **Larceny over \$500 Person**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took victim's cell phone after it was left unattended in park.

04/24/2016, 1728 14XXX RUTLAND CIR **Fraud Deceptive Sale/Advertising**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject convinced victim to wire money for sport event tickets that were never sent.

04/24/2016, 0242 3XX E CHESTERFIELD CTR Drury **Assault Common - Actual Assault**

Brief Narrative Description: 30 and 27 yo males were intoxicated and struck each other after argument causing moderate injuries.

04/24/2016, 1552 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Chesterfield Mall **Drugs Possession - Misd**

Brief Narrative Description: 22 and 15 yo females in possession of marijuana after suspicious vehicle check.

04/23/2016, 0013 & KEHRS MILL RD **Liquor Violation Minor In Possession**

Brief Narrative Description: 18 yo male in possession of alcohol after being stopped in a DWI checkpoint.

04/23/2016, 0030 LONG RD & WILD HORSE CREEK RD & KEHRS MILL RD **Drugs**

Possession -Misdemeanor

Brief Narrative Description: 28 yo male in possession of marijuana after being stopped in DWI checkpoint. After contact, subject ran away from car and away from officers but was caught shortly afterwards.

04/23/2016, 0015 1XX HILLTOWN VILLAGE CTR Harpo's **Assault Common - Actual Assault**

Brief Narrative Description: 27 yo female pushed victim's hand into bar causing minor injuries.

04/23/2016, 0206 LONG RD & WILD HORSE CREEK RD & KEHRS MILL RD **Drugs**

Possession - Misdemeanor

Brief Narrative Description: Two 18 yo males in possession of marijuana, paraphernalia, and alcohol after being stopped in DWI checkpoint.

04/21/2016, 2002 17XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD Hardee's **Larceny under \$500**

Employer

Brief Narrative Description: 19 yo male took money from cash register while working.

04/23/2016, 1811 14XXX LAKETRAILS CT **Assault Common - Actual Assault on Police**

Officer

Brief Narrative Description: 19 yo male in possession of narcotic paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation. After being stopped, subject pushed officer and resisted arrest causing minor injuries to both officer and subject.

04/23/2016, 1100 - 2000 4XX THF BLVD Galaxy Theatre **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle and took a car stereo.

04/23/2016, 1700 - 1934 5X CHESTERFIELD MALL Kay's Jewelers **Fraud Credit Card**

Brief Narrative Description: 21 and 23 yo females used cloned credit cards to make purchases.

04/23/2016, 2327 15XXX COUNTRY RIDGE DR **Assault Common - Actual Assault**

Brief Narrative Description: 51 yo male struck victim in the face after argument causing minor injuries.

04/21/2016, 1700 -04/22/2016, 0630 14XXX BAYWOOD VILLAGES DR **Larceny over \$500**

from Auto

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle and took a laptop computer and loose change.

04/21/2016, 1000 - 04/22/2016, 0734 14XXX COBBLE HILL CT **Larceny under \$500 from**

Auto

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle and took loose change.

04/21/2016, 1930 - 04/22/2016, 0800 14XXX BAYWOOD VILLAGES DR **Larceny under \$500**

from Auto

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle and took sunglasses.

04/22/2016, 0818 14XXX COBBLE HILL CT **Property Damage to Vehicle**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle but did not take anything.

04/21/2016, 2030 - 04/22/2016, 0840 2XX GRAND BANKS CT **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle and took a speaker.

03/17/2016, 1200 - 4/18/2016, 0900 18XXX EDISON AVE F Nationwide Processing **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took license plate off of utility trailer.

04/11/2016, 0830 - 04/18/2016, 1130 7XX W CHESTERFIELD PKY Monsanto **Larceny over \$500 Business**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took four laptop computers from office.

08/05/2015, 1200 - 12/14/2015, 1200 14XXX BANTRY LN **Larceny over \$500 from Residence**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took household items after apartment was left unsecured after fire.

04/14/2016, 1835 2XX THF BLVD Lowe's **Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting**

Brief Narrative Description: 27 yo male and 19 yo female took tool sets and walked out of store without paying.

04/22/2016, 2309 LONG RD & WILD HORSE CREEK RD & KEHRS MILL RD **Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor**

Brief Narrative Description: 22 yo male in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia after being stopped in DWI checkpoint.

04/21/2016, 0800 - 04/21/2016, 1050 16XX HEFFINGTON DR **Trespassing Private Property**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject left shoes in residence.

04/21/2016, 1200 18XX WESTMEADE DR **Fraud Scam**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject sent victim fraudulent letter in an attempt to send money for debt scam.

04/21/2016, 1220 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Foot Locker **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**

Brief Narrative Description: 44 yo male concealed socks and left store without paying.

04/20/2016, 2151 N WOODS MILL RD & OLIVE BLVD & WOODS MILL RD **Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor**

Brief Narrative Description: 22 yo male in possession of marijuana after being stopped for a traffic violation.

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04/20/2016, 0518 9 RIDGE CREST CT **Drugs Possession - Felony**

Brief Narrative Description: 20 yo male in possession of Xanax, Methamphetamines, Oxycodone, and Marijuana after suspicious vehicle investigation.

04/19/2016, 0700 - 04/20/2016, 1033 15XXX VALLEY BRANCH DR **Fraud Scam**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject convinced victim to send money for relative in jail scam.

04/19/2016, 1300 - 1800 16XXX JUSTUS POST RD **Larceny under \$500 from Residence**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took shoes from victim's residence.

04/20/2016, 1430 6X THF BLVD Dick's Sporting Goods **Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed golf balls and left store without paying.

04/01/2016, 1200 14XXX STRAWBRIDGE CT **Fraud Credit Card**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's credit card information to make purchase.

This was an unusual week. There were only four shoplifting theft cases out of 15 total theft reports taken. Of the 15 cases, six were car break-ins (one had nothing stolen). There were also nine drug possession cases, including a number that occurred at a DWI checkpoint. It is hard to rid a car's the interior of the odor of recently smoked marijuana. There were seven fraud cases involving some time honored scams.

Finally it was unusual to see five assaults including one on a police officer during a traffic stop with a drug possession arrest.

That person was Isaac Shapiro of Sacramento, California. He was charged with Speeding, Possession of Narcotic Paraphernalia and Assaulting a Police Office. All charges were filed in Municipal Court.



Isaac Shapiro

THE SURPRISE CITY COUNCIL MEETING: On Thursday April 28 there was a special city council meeting. It was the meeting before the meeting before the meeting. After the Thursday meeting there is the Agenda Review Meeting at 6pm and then followed by a Secret Executive Session Meeting. Then there is the regular City Council meeting.

The special Thursday meeting was interesting. **It was about to search or not to search or to kind-of search for a new city administrator.** Mayor Bob Nation was out of town, but he attended via telephone as President Pro Temp Barry Flachsabrt ran the meeting.

The odd thing right off was that Mike Geisel is a candidate for the job, but he was sitting at the dais at the meeting about the job he is hoping to get. Mayor Bob Nation has appointed Mike Geisel and Police Chief Ray Johnson as co-city administrators. During

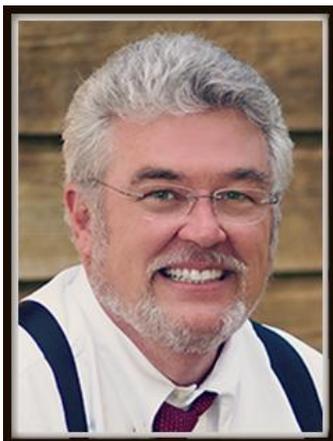
the meeting Chief Johnson was sitting in the back of the Council Chambers. This was opposite of the way it should have been. Mike Geisel should not have been on the dais.



However, during the meeting I felt sorry for Geisel, a 28-year dedicated employee of Chesterfield. He was being attacked by Tom Decampi for contacting the executive search company at the request of Mayor Bob Nation and recommended by several residents at an earlier Council meeting. However Geisel should have known better and had the mayor deal directly with James Mello, Chesterfield's Management Analyst. Mello is who Geisel assigned the task to of contacting executive search companies after he made the first calls.

Mello had contacted several executive search firms. Only one had recommended a Validation Process for an internal candidate (Mike Geisel) which might save money if it was determined that Geisel was among the top candidate currently seeking City Manager/City Administrator jobs. Mello admitted that all the other firms recommended against a Validation Process.

The firm pushing the Validation Process was SGR out of Texas. The CEO, Ron Holifield of SGR did a telephone interview at the meeting that lasted 30 minutes.



To me Holifield was speaking in generalities but did claim the Validation Process (or Readiness Assessment) of an internal candidate (Geisel) could be done in 30 days and would only cost around \$10,000 versus a national search that would cost between \$25,000 and \$35,000.

Holifield did make a good point that when doing nationwide searches applicants will often ask if there is an internal candidate. If there is they will often not apply for several reasons. First it is often a waste of time when there is an applicant on the inside. Secondly it puts them at risk if their current employer finds out they are looking for another job when they don't have much of a chance to get the job. The third reason is that it can be tough on families, with a possible move hanging over their heads, which will likely not happen when the internal candidate gets hired.

Holifield then bragged how his company was all former city managers. Now having worked in law enforcement for 30 years including 16 years in law enforcement or journalism covering law enforcement in Washington DC I knew a number of national Police organizations in DC and Northern Virginia made up of former police chiefs. They were working for these organizations because they got fired, once, twice or three times and could no longer get hired as a police chief. I suspected that could also be the case of the former city managers working at SGR.

I started with the CEO Holifield and found that he was fired as city manager of Garland, Texas after a scandal of a police chief assigning detectives to investigate city council members with Holifield's knowledge. Normally police agencies call in outside police detectives to investigate wrong doing in their own city. At one point Holifield had bugged his office and had hidden cameras.

The two officers who blew the whistle on the chief and Holifield were fired and sued. A jury awarded the officers \$5,000,000 in damages. A judge reduced the judgments to \$2,000,000 and then a Court of Appeals tossed the case altogether. By that time a new mayor had been elected and Holifield was canned.

Here is a link to the lawsuit.

<http://caselaw.findlaw.com/us-5th-circuit/1452130.html>

Holifield lasted two years in Garland and then went to DeSoto, Texas where he lasted another two years and where there was another lawsuit. In DeSoto two detectives alleged that the new police chief hired by Holifield had tampered with evidence in murder cases and accepted money from private individuals to pay for vacations. A third

city employee also filed a 19-page complaint with Holifield against the Police Chief that was ignored.

One of the detectives was fired and the other transferred to desk jobs. He sued. His lawsuit was dismissed by a lower court but was partially upheld by a court of appeals.

Here is a link to that lawsuit.

<http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/opinions%5Cunpub%5C01/01-10649.0.wpd.pdf>

Bob LaSala a member of the Executive Search team at SGR was fired in 2014 after five years as County Administrator of Pinellas County Florida (Tampa area) for his "abusive temperament" after a controversial tenure.



Bob LaSala

In fairness to these guys, city managers, police chiefs and baseball managers are hired to be fired. Tommy Lasorda, Walter Alston, Connie Mack and Ray Johnson are exceptions to that rule. The life expectancy of city managers is between 3-and-5 years.



Lasorda



Alston



Mack



Johnson

Before the special meeting began comments from citizens were taken. The first was Wendy Geckler. I was pretty sure that Geckler would somehow manage to attack

Mayor Nation or make some snide remark about him. I was not disappointed. Keep in mind Mayor Nation was on a telephone speaker phone.

Geckler: I would like to ask since it was announced in December that Mr. Herring would retire at the end of March, why has it taken three months to start a search?

Nation: The council (which changed in April with three new members) would not go along.

Geckler: I've heard similar things before by the mayor and it does not impress me.



Geckler on the attack of the mayor. Vietmeier asking for a search and for it not to be just the "Old Boys Club."

Patty Vietmeier spoke next and urged the Council to do a candidate search and to be sure to include women candidates.

My Thoughts: After the meeting was I thinking time and money could be saved if they gave Geisel a 2-year contract. If things didn't work out after two years Geisel would have to retire or if his old job was available go back to Director of Services. If he was a success after two years have him continue on.

Then the next day when the May 2 Council agenda was posted and a Secret Executive Session was included I had second thoughts.

Here is what Geisel wrote on the city's website about the Executive CLOSED Session:

CITY OF CHESTERFIELD - PUBLIC NOTICE EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED MEETING)610.021(1) MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016An Executive Session (closed meeting) has been scheduled to take place immediately following the AGENDA REVIEW MEETING, on MAY 2, 2016, which, itself, is scheduled to begin at 6pm. The purpose of this meeting is to provide the opportunity for confidential communication by/among the City's elected officials, their Interim City Attorney and appropriate City Staff. Any/all questions, in advance of this meeting, should be directed to the undersigned. _____Michael O. GeiselCity AdministratorChesterfield, Missouri

This was so vague as to the reason for the secret meeting that I was suspicious they were about to pull a fast one. I went to another section of the website that deals with agendas and it was worse. It listed all the reasons a city can have a closed meeting. In the new day of openness and transparency you are suppose to pick one of the reasons and not shotgun up all of them.

I made a couple of phone calls and found out it was about an existing lawsuit that the city filed sometime ago and about a potential legal challenge on another matter. All Geisel had to do was write the Executive Session concerned "litigation." It would have been accurate and concise.

After reading the reason for this closed meeting per Geisel, I have to wonder if Mike is really suited for the City Administrator job and should continue to do the excellent job he had been performing for a six-figure salary as Director of Services. That way he can forget about the additional pressures, headaches and political fallout.

GOOD GOVERNMENT GOES OUT THE WINDOW AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL TREATS CITY EMPLOYEE LIKE CRAP:

GO OUT AND DO THIS WORK SO I CAN TRY AND DISREGARD IT IN THREE DAYS: That is exactly what Chesterfield Council President Barry Flachsbart tried to pull on Monday night at the May 2 City Council meeting. Four days earlier Flachsbart was in the mayor's seat running a special meeting on finding a search company to look for city administrator candidates. The preliminary job fell to city program analyst James Mello, three years out of college and still in his twenties. Mello had found two companies including SGR that did city administrator searches. But there were still many others to be contacted. The SGR CEO (who we wrote about earlier in this newsletter) gave a 30 minute Q and A on a speaker phone with the council. Flachsbart then instructed Mello to try and find other companies that did searches before the next meeting. Mello had basically 16 business hours to get much done.



Flachsbart on Thursday night when Mello was instructed find more companies that did exec searches.

I spoke with him before Monday's meeting and asked how much he managed to get done in 16 hours. I found out he spent more than 16 hours.

"I worked on it until midnight on Thursday. All day on Friday until 8 o'clock and then I came in on Saturday and I worked on it today. I spent 30 hours on it," said Mello.

He had taken an almost unreasonable request and found 18 other companies and received cost and other search information from 16 of the companies.

So as soon as the item titled "Consideration of Initiating Search Process for City Administrator, Barb McGuinness was making a motion to discuss just that, Flachsbart shouted that he moved that SGR of Texas be hired to do a Readiness Assessment of Mike Geisel.

So in other words Flachsbart was trying to throw out the window all the work that Mello had been ordered to do.



WE DON'T NEED NO STINKING BIDS OR REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS: Flachsbart who has been on the Council with a two-year break since 1988 suddenly didn't care about getting proposals or bids for a search. He wanted to hire the only company that did a Q&A in part because he heard they did a good job for Ballwin. So much for good government!

Randy Logan tried to second Flachsbart's motion but Mayor Nation recognized McGuinness. There was then a long discussion and finally there was no vote on

Flachsbart's motion to have Bad Government. But nobody called him on the outrageousness of not looking at the proposals from other companies.

Mello was at the speakers stand by this time. He will likely keep a job in government for a long time. If it was me I would have looked at Flachsbart and asked, "Didn't you tell me to get all this information in two working days and now you are going to ignore it."

But instead Mello merely mentioned that he had just received another proposal at 4 o'clock that he was unable to send to the Council.

Mello was then instructed to pick what he thought were the best five proposals and present them at the special meeting they decided to have on Monday May 9 at 7:30. That is a tall order for a guy three years out of college. Basically the Council is asking Mello to do their job for them.

After the meeting I asked Flachsbart if it was not a rotten thing to do to instruct Mello to do all this work in a short period of time and then ignore it.

"He didn't have anything to do anyway," said a flustered Flachsbart who dropped a few points on my scale of good guys.

IT IS STUPID FOR ANYONE TO APPLY FOR THE JOB: Currently Mike Geisel has the appears to have the votes to get hired. He clearly has the vote of Dan Hurt.

"Mr. Geisel has stood the test of time and he has our trust," Hurt said at the meeting.

Barry Flachsbart has recently nominated him for the job. Randy Logan seconded the nomination.

Bridget Nations would vote for Geisel without a search just to piss off Mayor Bob Nation.

Bruce DeGroot said he would vote for Geisel, but if the citizens want a search the city should do a search.

Barb McGuinness has said she likes Geisel, but she is adamant a complete search should be done to be sure there are not better candidates.

Tom DeCampi has said he wanted the SGR firm to be disqualified because Geisel called them for information before handing the job over to Mello.

If you are from out of town why would you want to get into the middle of this political war? Even if you somehow got hired, you would know there were three or four elected officials who would be happy to make you job as difficult as possible.

The People Speak: There were two groups of people at the meeting who spoke on both sides of the search issue: Here are some of the comments.

"Election results were for a council to hold themselves financially responsibility. A nationwide search is against some preordained job."

"The people deserve a process that does not smack of insider dealings."

"I'm a bit perplexed. What is the rush about in finding a new city administrator? Make a more thoughtful decision for the City of Chesterfield."

"I'm still confused. I don't understand what the hurry is. Shouldn't you as leaders take the time to find the right person for the job?"

"Who is really in charge?"

"I support Mike Geisel as the next city administrator">

"The search should begin and end with Mike Geisel."

"What makes this delay more troublesome is that you have the prefect-candidate in Mike Geisel. We don't need a national search. We have the perfect candidate here tonight."

"Rather than have a national search I think we have the best candidate sitting next to Mayor Nation in Mike Geisel. My definition of him is he is a fanatical financial conservative," said former Mayor Bruce Geiger.

"I don't disagree with your search, however with Mr. Geisel I always looked forward to him for his solutions," said Mike Watson former chair of the Planning Commission.

MONARCH FIRE CAPTAIN AND UNION OFFICER FIRED OVER INCIDENT AT CHESTERFIELD BAR: On Friday evening April 29, 2016 the Monarch Fire Protection District Board of Directors voted 3-0 to immediately fire Captain Andy Stecko. The firing came after two different days of hearings.



Stecko



Since all meetings have to start in public and then go to a closed session and return to open public session if a vote is taken, Firefighters Union Local 2665 members were in attendance for the beginning of both hearings. At the first one prior to the hearing firefighters did their usual protest line in front of District Headquarters shaking signs demanding respect from the Fire Board at passing traffic on Olive Blvd.

At the second hearing union members did not have a protest line, but filed into the board room and then immediately filed back out when it was announced the meeting/hearing was going into closed session due to personal reasons.

In attendance with the union firefighters was former Monarch Fire Chief Tom Vineyard, who was a strong Union advocate hired by the prior "pro-union" board of directors from the tiny one engine, one fire station Wellston Fire Prevention District (now called Mid-County Fire P-D). Vineyard was about to be fired after the "pro-taxpayer" board of directors took over at Monarch, when he took the job of fire chief of the O'Fallon Missouri Fire Protection District. As a fire chief Vineyard is no longer a member of the Fire Union, so while it is his right to show up, it is hard to understand why as the command head of another fire district he would be sticking his nose into a discipline matter brought by the fire chief of another district.



From what we have learned from sources outside of the Monarch Fire District Board of Directors and Command Staff, the incident occurred in March at a Chesterfield Valley bar and involved Stecko striking a female Fire District employee. We were able to confirm this much from more than one source. Other information we learned we have not yet been able to confirm with a second source.

We have also been told by multiple sources that the Chesterfield Police investigated the event after it was reported the following day and wrote a police report. However, the Chesterfield Police have claimed that they cannot find a record of the call or report.

We then requested a copy of the police report from the Fire District believing it was obtained and used in the hearing.

That request was turned down because the police report was submitted by Stecko's defense attorney and not originally obtained by the Fire District.

However, on Monday night May 2 I spoke with the Chesterfield Assistant Police Chief who was well aware of the report and told me if there were no charges filed he did not see why I could not have at least a redacted copy of the report. In the next couple of weeks our Drunks and Thieves Newsletters will be posted. Hopefully we can get more information on this case for our next regular newsletter.

I found it interesting that Local 2665 is showing up in support of Stecko in a hearing where it appears that the Command Staff and Board of Directors are trying to protect an employee who is also a union member and a subordinate of Stecko who had been publicly abused.

MORNING JOGGER DIES ON CHESTERFIELD WALK PATH TRAIL: A 52-year-old Chesterfield man, Ekkehard Zaitz, died on Sunday morning exercising on the Central Chesterfield Walk Path Trail. His body was found by another morning jogger and his car was parked nearby. He apparently died of natural causes.



Seitz was the General Manager and VP for ABB Transformer and Engineering Services at 4350 Semple Ave, in St. Louis.

THE BIG OZZIE SMITH SIGN DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN GET RIBS LIKE AT THE FORMER OZZIE SMITH'S RESTAURANT IN WESTPORT: The first time I was stopped at the off-ramp from NB Highway 141 at Olive and I saw the sign and I thought, "Great, I really liked the ribs at the old place."



I asked someone at city hall if they knew about a new Ozzie Smith's restaurant and when it was going to open. I was told they knew nothing about a new restaurant. So one Saturday I drove up to the shopping center on the hill overlooking Hwy 141 and found that Ozzie Smith's would be occupying space in 13339 to 13359 Olive. The place would not be serving any food, but was going to be run by physical therapists, chiropractors and doctors. Smith was not a part owner or investor but is allowing his name to be use to market the facility and he will have an office at it. While they will be doing some sports medicine and injury rehab, arthritis patients will be the bulk of their business according to owner, Douglas Bouldin. He hopes to be open by mid or late May.



DEAN CHRISTOPHER TO REPEAT HIS TRIBUTE TO DEAN MARTIN SHOW: Dean Christopher is moving his hit Dean Martin Tribute Show from where he packed them in last fall at the Gaslight Club in St. Louis to first Unity Church. The acoustics are much better than most clubs but the bar service is awful (because it is non-existent. However this concert is a fundraiser and your tickets are tax deductible.



DEAN CHRISTOPHER on DEAN MARTIN
"Everybody Loves Somebody Sometime"

A tribute to Dean Martin
Dean Christopher at www.ratpackandmore.com

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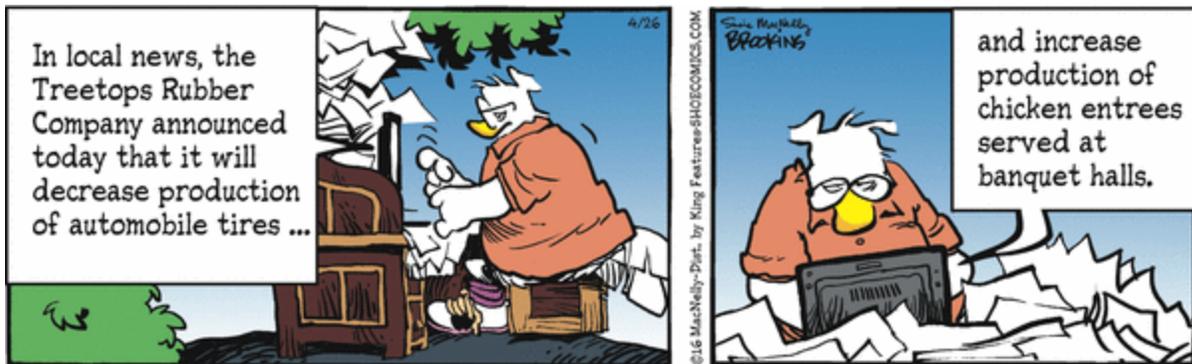
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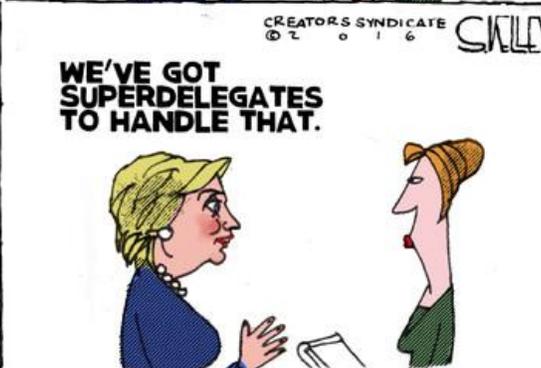
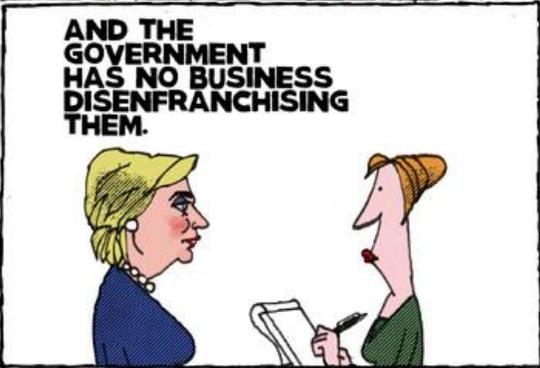
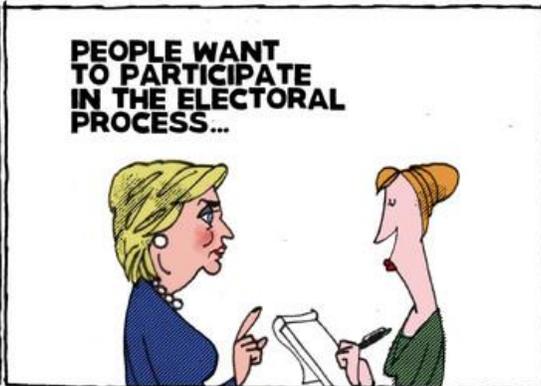
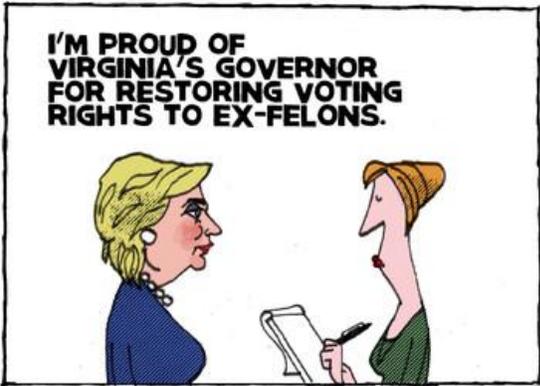
OR SEE DEAN FOR FREE ON MAY 16 at the One-19-North at 119 N. Kirkwood Road for the first Monday Rat pack and More Show since December.



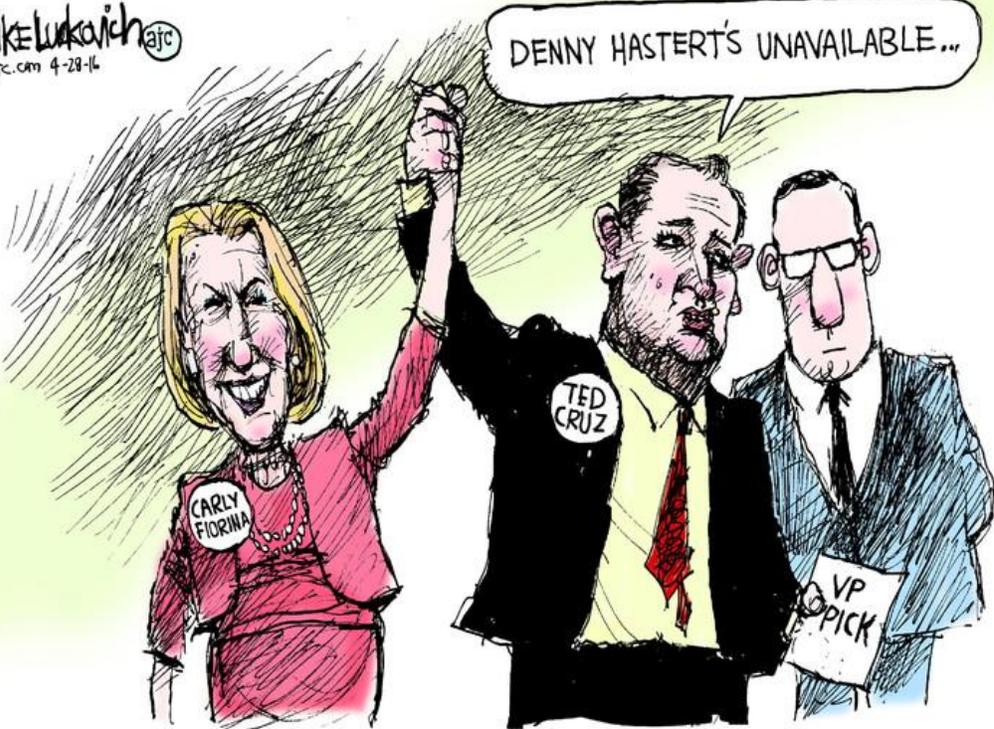
Dean from his May 2015 show at the One-19-North.

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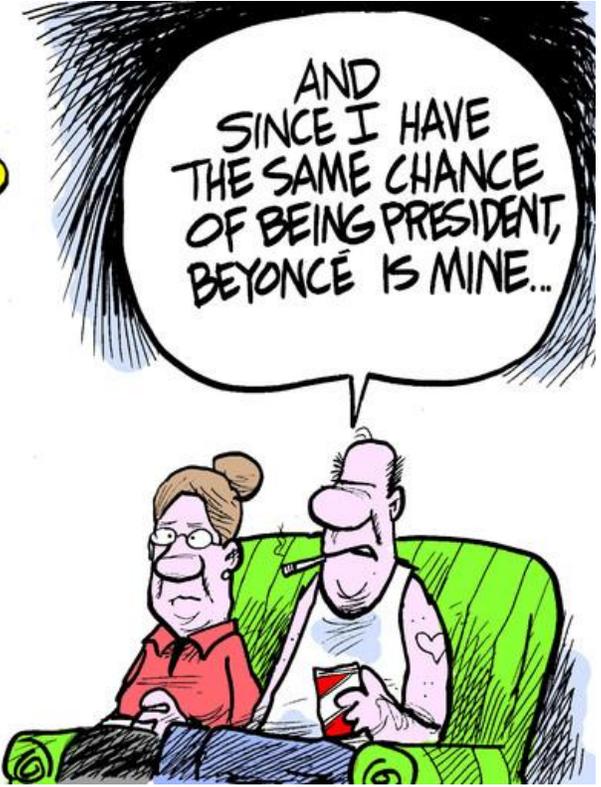
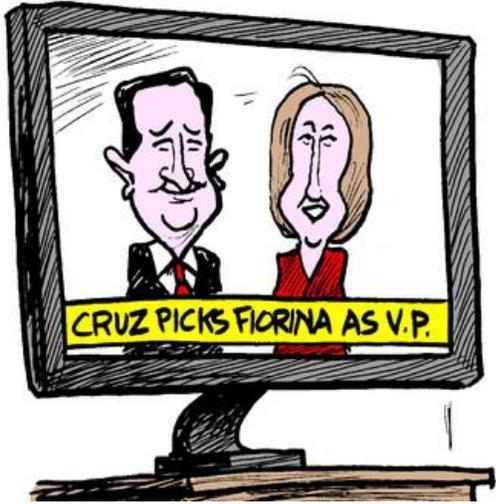




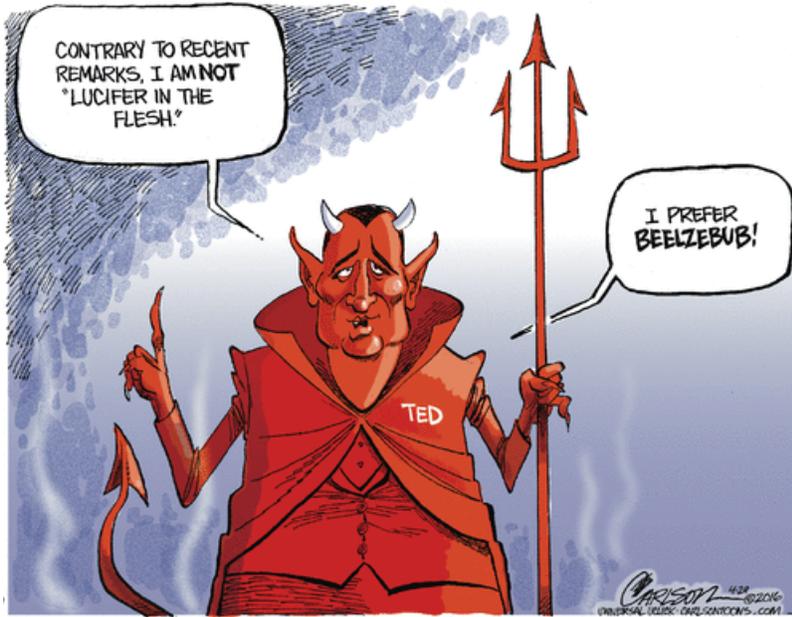
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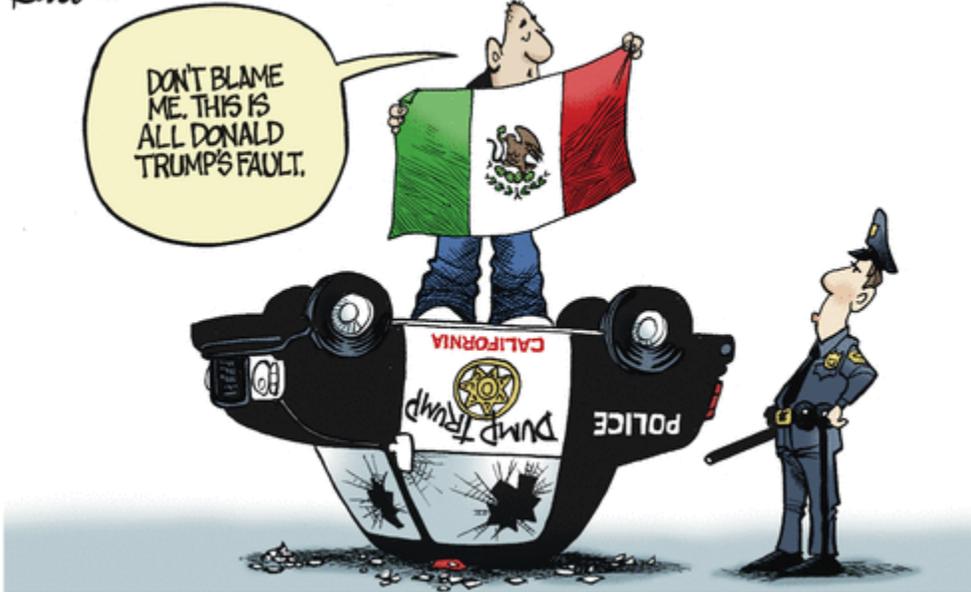
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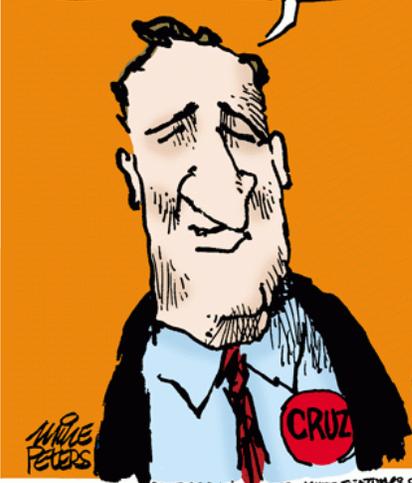
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