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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the airborne spraying of pesticides has been contracted for in University City in recent years, in response to concerns about the mosquito population in our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the chemical containing Permethrin has been the main constituent of the pesticide spraying; and

WHEREAS, Permethrin is thought to be injurious to human health in many instances; and

WHEREAS, there is much evidence reported that indiscriminant airborne pesticide spraying is ineffective in killing mosquitoes but kills many predators of mosquitoes, as well as birds, insects, and fish; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of University City has conducted a public hearing on the advisability of airborne pesticide spraying; and

WHEREAS, many residents have requested that routine neighborhood spraying not be done as in the past; and

WHEREAS, much research has been done that shows that the first, most effective step in an integrated pest management program is the education of the citizenry regarding the part it plays in providing mosquitoes with a habitat for breeding; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that larvaciding is more effective than adultciding in controlling mosquito numbers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of University City hereby impose a moratorium on the contracted airborne spraying of Permethrin-based products in University City, except under emergency conditions of proven, significant presence of the West Nile Virus, or other diseases transmitted by mosquitoes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of University City should continue and expand public education program for city residents, spelling out clearly and concisely how and what they can do to limit the mosquito population, including the availability and use of mosquito larvicides; and

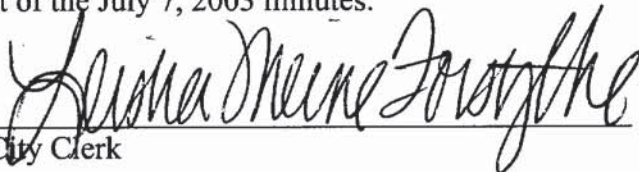
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager direct staff to watch for and cite any improper attention given to mosquito-breeding water sources on private and commercial properties within University City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that while we recognize the position of the St. Louis County Department of Health that it believes it has the authority to do airborne spraying of Permethrin, with this moratorium it is our intention to convey to the County that we strongly discourage this last, potentially serious step of airborne spraying until an appropriate surveillance threshold has been reached that indicates a significant, actual threat that could only be dealt with through such airborne spraying.

Ms. Welsch offered a motion to adopt. Mr. Wagner seconded the motion.
The roll call vote was: AYES: Mr. Munkel, Mr. Wagner, Ms. Welsch, Mr. Sharpe.
NAYS: Ms. Colquitt, Mr. Lieberman and Mayor Adams.

Adopted this 7 day of July, 2003.

I certify that the above is a true excerpt of the July 7, 2003 minutes.



City Clerk