

The Engelmeyer Years These are from public records we obtained randomly showing how Tim Engelmeyer has been doing his job as Chesterfield's Prosecutor by making sure DWI defendants represented by lawyers leave courtroom with no fines or points. Also the records show how Engelmeyer reduces moving violation after moving violation to Illegal Parking and how he reduces crimes to "Littering" violations.

We start with the first cases we reviewed in 2012-2013 and then have shorter summaries of all the cases from 2012 to 2017. That is followed by our recent article concerning the possible reappointment of Engelmeyer for four more years. Finally Engelmeyer has started an e-mail campaign to tell elected officials what a great guy he is. We have a couple examples of that.

08/06/09 Jamie Mantia of Webster Groves was arrested for DWI on Baxter Road after crossing the center line and then swerving back and hitting the curb. She had been arrested four months earlier for DWI by another department. She refused to take a breath test. On 03/14/12 Engelmeyer allowed her to plead guilty to DWI with a SIS probation with NO-Points, NO-Fine and No-Record. He reduced the Improper Lane Use charge to Illegal Parking and Mantia left the courtroom with no new points despite having a prior DWI.

09/01/09 Lee Dong, of Ballwin, an illegal alien was arrested after being observed by a Macy's store security officer and a Chesterfield Police Officer for Stealing. Dong used a razor to remove a price tag on a shirt and then put the shirt over the one he wore into the store. He had a past record for stealing. He committed the theft while his 13-year-old son was with him. Despite a Chesterfield Police Officer being a witness, on 01/24/13 Engelmeyer reduced the charge from a graduated felony of Stealing to Illegal Parking and Dong was fined \$225.

10/15/09 A group of four transsexuals spent three hours shoplifting at Chesterfield Mall before being caught and arrested. Nino Kulasin not only was caught, he confessed. He also had a pair of wire cutters to remove security sensors. On 12/06/12 Engelmeyer reduced the charges to Trespassing and two counts of littering, resulting in cash fines.

08/16/10 DWI (refused breath test), Imp Lane Use. Cardinal Broadcaster was given SIS NO-Points, NO-Fine, NO-Record probation. Engelmeyer reduced Imp. Lane Use to Illegal Parking with a fine. Dan McLaughlin left courtroom with NO-Points on his license.

11/11/10 Dr. Sunrendra Chaganti with a past conviction for DWI almost sideswiped a Chesterfield Police car. He pulled into an apartment complex and drove up on a curb.

He was combative and refused to take a breath test. On 02/25/13 Engelmeyer reduced the DWI charge to Careless and Impudent Driving with a \$500 fine and 2-points and reduced the original C&I charge to Illegal Parking with a \$500 fine. i

12/24/10 Paul Vogt of Ballwin was arrested for DWI on Olive at I-64 and for Improper Lane Use due to weaving across lanes. His BAC was .173, twice the legal limit. On 08/20/12 he was given a NO-Points, NO-Fine, No-Record SIS probation term. His Improper Lane Use charge was amended to Illegal parking and he was fined \$100. He left the courtroom with NO-Points.

08/14/11 Thomas Toben was arrested for DWI and Improper Lane Usage at Highway 141 and Olive. His BAC was .162%. Toben received a NO-Points, NO-Fine, NO-Record SIS probation. His improper Lane Use violation was reduced by Engelmeyer to ILLEGAL PARKING with a \$450 fine. He left the courtroom with No Points.

09/01/11 Sharron Koltun, 65 of St. Charles was stopped for driving extremely slow in the center lane of I-64. Her BAC was .119%. Engelmeyer dropped the DWI to Careless and Impudent. Koltun was fined \$500. The Impeding Traffic (driving less than 40 mph on an Interstate) was reduced to illegal parking with a \$200 fine.

09/25/11 DWI (refused test), Leaving the Scene of Accident, Fail to Exercise Highest Degree of Care. Cardinal Broadcaster Dan McLaughlin already on probation in a one-vehicle accident on Clarkson Road. PG to a reduced charge of Driving with Excessive BAC, SIS Probation for Leaving the Scene of an Accident, NO-Fine, NO-Points. Judge refused to revoke the DWI probation Mclaughlin was already on. McLaughlin's license was suspended for 30 days instead of revoked for one-year.

10/29/11 Shelley Gardner was arrested for DWI, Improper Lane Use and Fail to Yield to an Emg Vehicle. She refused to take a breath test. Engelmeyer dropped the DWI. Gardner pled guilty to Careless and Impudent Driving fined \$500 and Littering with a \$250 fine.

12/24/11 Donna Cochran of Ballwin was arrested for shoplifting six items valued at \$106 at the Dierbergs on Clarkson Road. Engelmeyer reduced the charged to Littering and she was fined \$300.

07/31/11 Andrew Hayes, an Illionis residet was arrested for DWI after he was stopped for speeding 79 MPH in a 45 MPH zone on Eatherton Road. His BAC level was .161. Engelmeyer allowed him to plead guilty to DWI with a SIS NO-Fine, NO-Points,

NO-Record probation. The County judge who heard the case fined Hayes \$1,000 for the Speeding charge.

11/07/11 Two women were observed by Chesterfield Police Officers leaving Chesterfield Mall with stolen property. Lameia Sykes admitted stealing the property but gave officers a false name. She had prior stealing arrests. Stealing is a graduated felony. A third arrest after two convictions is a felony. At the time of her arrest Sykes had outstanding warrants for other theft offenses. On 09/20/12 Engelmeyer reduced the stealing charge to littering despite having two police officers as witnesses. She was fined \$327 that she never paid.

12/03/11 Michael Hill of Ballwin was arrested for DWI, Improper Lane Use (Weaving) and Following Too Closely. He refused to take a breath test. Hill had a prior DWI arrest. He pled guilty to a DWI with a NO-Record, NO-Fine, No-Points probation and the other charges were reduced to Parking Violations. A two time DWI defendant left the courtroom with no new points on his license.

12/30/11 Georgios Rushitaj, a car salesmen from Ballwin had five moving violations that had been reduced to either Illegal parking or Excessive Noise, both No-Points violations. He was charged in Chesterfield with speeding 95 MPH in a 60 MPH zone. Engelmeyer allowed this repeat violator to plead guilty to Illegal Parking and be fined \$300. He left the court room with No-Points.

01/11/12 Theodore Federer, Jr. tried leaving the Fox and Hound pub where he had been drinking using a fake ID. On the way out he tried to till tap and steal money from the register. When confronted by an employee he threw the stolen money down. Federer had prior alcohol related arrests including a DWI accident where he badly injured a passenger in his car. Engelmeyer reduce the theft charge to Littering.

02/12/12 Federer was arrested after officers responded to a suspicious auto call. Federer and two other minors were drinking. Federer had no I.D. and gave a fake name to the officers. That fake name was a real person with arrest warrants. Federer was arrested for Providing False Information and as a Minor in Possession. The charged were reduced by Engelmeyer to one Littering violation.

03/29/12 Federer was stopped by a WalMart security officer for stealing a large bottle of booze. Federer decided to fight the security officer which escalated the offense to a Strong Arm Robbery. During the fight he dropped the bottle of booze and it broke. Once he was found officers charged him with Stealing and Destruction of Property, instead of robbery. Engelmeyer reduced the charged to Littering.

01/17/12 Don Wiegand was arrested for DWI and Improper Lane use for weaving from lane to lane on I-64. His BAC was .121%. Engelmeyer Okayed a No-Fine, No-Points SIS Probation. He reduced the Improper Lane Use to Illegal Parking with a \$226 fine. Wiegand left the courthouse with No Points on his driving record.

01/25/12 Eba Robsan of St. Louis, an Ethiopian, was arrested at Macy's for shoplifting. She was trying to remove the security sensors for four garments and destroyed the garments in the process. She was charged with Stealing, Possession of a Theft Devise and Destruction of Property. Engelmeyer reduced all three charges to Littering and Robsan was fined \$300.

On 03/31/12 Chesterfield Police observed a car being driven at a high rate of speed drive off a parking lot before going east on I-64. The driver, Mark Barrett, was found to be drunk. He refused to take a breath test. On 11/29/12 he pled guilty to DWI with Engelmeyer recommending a SIS NO-Points, NO-Fine probation. Engelmeyer then reduced Careless Driving citation to Illegal Parking so Barrett left court with no-points. Barrett had been sued prior to his arrest for causing an injury accident.

04/04/12 Kelly Kraemer of Florissant was arrested for stealing three clothing items at destroying three anti-theft sensors at Chesterfield Mall. Engelmeyer amended the theft and destruction of property charges to 2-counts of Littering. Kraemer was fined \$500.

04/20/12 Samuel Dorshaw was cited for Driving While Revoked after being stopped for a license plate violation. Engelmeyer reduced the 12-point violation to a No-Point Illegal Parking Violation with a \$300 fine.

05/11/12 Michele Scarato a homeowner was cited for Failure to Have Parental Control after police found 21 teenagers had been drinking at a party at her house. Engelmeyer reduced the charge to Littering and she was fined

05/12/12 Tim Engelmeyer claims he has never reduced a DWI to Illegal Parking. Here is one case that he did just that. Police were called by an apartment resident that her ex-husband was drunk and threatened her on the phone saying he was coming to her Chesterfield apartment to kill her. Officers saw him drive up. He was arrested for DWI and Driving on a Suspended License. He refused to take a breath test. Engelmeyer dismissed the DWI and reduced the Driving While Revoked to Illegal Parking with a \$500 fine. He received NO-Points for driving drunk on a suspended license.

10/16/12 Dr. Pearl Serota of Creve Coeur was cited for driving 68 MPH in a 40 MPH Highway Construction Zone during work. She received a similar ticket from another department three weeks later. Engelmeyer reduced her citation to Illegal Parking and she was fined \$250.

The next five years it is much more of the same from Engelmeyer including reducing Leaving the Scene of Accident with Injuries charged to Illegal Parking. There appears to be no justice for wealthy people who hire lawyers for the last decade with Engelmeyer as City Prosecutor. In all of the cases we randomly selected we never found one time that Engelmeyer actually went to trial, except for one. That was the case of a woman who with her disabled daughter failed to pay her hotel bill. Engelmeyer won that trial and the woman without a lawyer appealed the case to the Missouri Court of Appeals.

You can read about the random cases we pick and see the work of Engelmeyer on our Website's Drunks and Thieves section.

Here is the list of almost all the cases we picked randomly involving Engelmeyer.:

08/06/09 DWI and Imp Lane Use SIS NO Fine, No-Points Probation for DWI, Imp Lane use reduced to Illegal parking.

09/01/09 Stealing by prior theft suspect. Reduced to Littering.

10/15/09 Multiple counts of stealing. Reduced to Trespassing and Littering

11/11/10 Prior DWI charged with DWI and C&I Driving. DWI reduced to C&I. C&I reduced to Illegal Parking.

12/24/10 DWI (.173% BAC) and Imp Lane Use. DWI SIS NO-Fine, No-Record, NO-Points probation and Imp Lane use reduced to Illegal Parking.

05/01/11 DWI in 11am Sunday Accident (BAC .30%). Engelmeyer does not prosecute the defendant. He represents the driver who was hit. Despite 3-witness and a video of the accident Chesterfield Special PA. The DWI was reduced to Excessive BAC which only has 8-points and results in a suspension and not a revocation. The careless and Impudent Driving that caused the injury accident was amended to Illegal Parking.

07/31/11 DWI (.161 BAC) and Speeding (79/45). DWI SIS NO-Points, No-Fine, NO-Record probation, \$1000 fine for speeding.

08/14/11 DWI (.162% BAC and Imp Lane Use. DWI SIS NO-Fine, No-Points, No-Record probation. Imp Lane reduced to Illegal parking.

08/30/11 Driving While Intoxicated/Drugged (Just used alcohol, heroin and marijuana), Improper Lane Use. DWI-D (despite lab reports) reduced to C&I Driving. Improper Lane Use amended to Illegal Parking.

09/01/11 DWI charge amended to C&I \$500 fine, Impeding Traffic (Driving Under 40MPH on I-64) reduced to Illegal Parking.

10/29/11 DWI, Imp Lane Use, Fail to Yield to Emg Veh had DWI amended to C&I, Imp Lane Use and Fail to Yield combined and amended to Littering.

11/07/11 Stealing, reduced to Littering \$327 fine despite defendant having numerous past arrests for stealing.

12/03/11 DWI (Prior offender Refused Breath Test) Imp Lane, Following Too close. DWI SIS Probation NO-Points, NO-Fine NO-Record. Imp lane and Follow Too Close reduced to Illegal Parking.

12/24/11 Stealing Reduced to Littering

12/30/11 95 MPH/60 Zone amended to Illegal Parking.

01/11/12 Attempted Till Tap (Stealing) & Stealing reduced to Littering

01/17/12 DWI (.121 BAC) and Imp Lane Use. DWI SIS NO-Fine, NO-Points, NO-Record Probation. Imp Lane Use reduced to Illegal Parking

01/25/12 Stealing, Destruction of Prop, Poss of Theft Device. All three combined to an amended Littering charge.

02/12/12 Minor In Poss & Give False Name. Combined to Littering,

03/29/12 Stealing (Actually Robbery filed in Muni court as stealing). Reduced to Littering.

03/31/12 DWI, C& I Driving. DWI SIS NO-Fine, NO-Points, NO-Record Probation. C&I Driving amended to Illegal Parking. NO Points at all.

04/04/12 Stealing and Destruction of Property. Both charges amended to Littering.

04/05/13 Officers stopped a shoplifting suspect who had three arrest warrants outstanding. **She resisted arrest and assaulted the officers sending one to the hospital.** She was charged with Assault and Resisting Arrest. Engelmeyer reduced the two charges to one Peace Disturbance charge with a cash fine.

04/20/12 Driving While Revoked amended to Illegal Parking

05/11/12 Failure to Provide Parental Resp. (21 teenagers found drinking at party). Charge reduced to Littering.

05/12/12 DWI (Breath test refused) and Driving While Revoked. DWI dropped, Driving While Revoked amended to Illegal parking.

05/24/12 DWI (Refused Breath Test) accident related. SIS Probation NO-Fine, No-Points, No-Record,

07/16/12 Engelmeyer DEFENDS FELONY DRUNK DRIVER arrested by Town and Country Police. Engelmeyer got the Felony Third Time DWI dropped to a misdemeanor DWI. Def sentenced to 60-days I jail, but placed on probation having to serve 7-days shock jail time. The Improper Lane Use and Driving While Revoked charges were reduced to Illegal Parking.

08/20/12 A woman with a track record of appealing court cases to the court of appeals was cited for **Stealing and Trespassing** for not paying a hotel bill. She did not have a lawyer and Engelmeyer did not offer her any deals. He put on a trial and she was found guilty and Judge Brunk fined a woman who could not pay a hotel bill for her and her disabled daughter \$500. She appealed to the Circuit Court and then Court of Appeals costing the city money to defend the case. (She lost all the appeals.)

09/30/12 DWI (accident .17% BAC) C&I Driving and Leaving the Scene of Accident. DWI (more than twice the limit) reduced by Engelmeyer to C&I. Original C&I reduced to Illegal Parking. Leaving the Scene of Accident dropped.

10/19/12 DWI (.11% BAC) Speeding 61/45 involved in accident. DWI reduced to C&I Driving and Speeding amended to Illegal Parking.

12/24/12 DWI (Accident Overturned car BAC .162%), Speeding and Minor in Poss of Alcohol. DWI SIS Probation NO-Fine, NO-Points, NO-Record, Speeding amended to Illegal Parking, Minor in Poss amended to Littering.

02/16/13 Stealing Engelmeyer amended to Littering)

07/19/13 DWI (DWI Checkpoint .138%) Reduced to C&I.

07/22/13 DWI (Involved in accident at Wal Mart while drinking beer BAC .10%) DWI SIS No-Fine, NO-Points, NO-Record probation.

07/29/13 DWI (.172%), Speeding, Fail to Yield to Emg Veh, Poss of Marijuana and Minor in Poss of Alcohol. DWI & Poss of Marijuana & Minor Poss of Alcohol. DWI SIS Probation NO-Points, NO-Fine, NO-Record. Fail to Yield to Eng Veh dismissed. Speeding \$225 fine. The attorney representing the defendant was Chuck Billings, the Judge of Des Peres, where Engelmeyer is also the prosecutor.

02/25/12 DWID (Under Influence of Drugs High Level of Marijuana and Xanan, Improper Backing, No Proof of Insurance. (Accident involved, backed into gas pumps, Driver had prior DWIs) DWID SIS NO-Fine, NO-Points, NO-Record probation. Improper Backing amended to Illegal Parking, No Insurance Dismissed. Def left court with NO Points.

03/06/13 Stealing and Resisting Arrest (subject #2). #1 Subject has prior record for Burglary. Before his Chesterfield Court Date he was also arrested for felony drug dealing. Sentenced to 15 days jail, but given credit for time served on other recent jail stays. #2 Subject #2 PG to stealing and given a SIS NO-Fine, NO-Record probation. Engelmeyer amended the Resisting Arrest charge to Littering.

04/25/13 Stealing (Unpaid Hotel Bill) African-American Woman without a Lawyer. 10 Days jail (credit for time served)

09/20/13 DWI at DWI Checkpoint (BAC ,18%) Prior DWI Conviction and No Valid Driver's License. County Judge Dennis Smith sentenced driver to 90 days jail but suspended the sentence and placed defendant on probation. Engelmeyer reduced the No Valid License to Illegal Parking.

07/20/13 Stealing Macy's Def with 3 Felony Stealing convictions and 1 armed robbery conviction who spent most of the last 30 years in Prison was given a cash fine.

04/17/13 DWI (Refused Breath Test with a DWI pending in Ellisville), Improper Lane Use, Suspended Drivers License. DWI SIS Probation NO-Fine, NO-Points, No-Record, . Engelmeyer reduced Imp Lane Use and Suspended Lic to Illegal Parking. Def left Courthouse with NO Points.

08/02/13 Stealing (on Video) Amended to Littering.

11/03/13 Stealing (MDS Donation jar). Engelmeyer reduced to Littering.

11/26/13 DWI (.174% BAC), Improper Lane Use, No Headings at Night. DWI SIS probation NO-Points, NO-Fine, NO-Record. Improper Lane Use and No Headlights amended by Engelmeyer to Illegal Parking. Left court with NO POINTS.

11/30/13 DWI (Accident with children in car) and Careless and Impudent Driving. DWI SIS Probation NO-Fine, NO-Points, NO-Record. Careless Driving reduced by Engelmeyer to Illegal Parking. Left courtroom with NO Points. A year later same def was arrested for DWI in St. Charles Co.

12/01/13 DWI Accident Sunday Afternoon (.246%), Leaving the Scene of an Accident, No Proof of Insurance. SIS No-Points, NO-Fine probation for DWI and LSA. A cash fine for No Proof of Insurance.

12/03/13 Stealing Macy's Employee Pled Guilty to Stealing fined \$300

12/07/13 Stealing SIS NO-Fine, NO-Record probation.

12/11/13 DWI accident (.34% BAC 4 times higher than legal limit) Careless Driving and No Headlights. DWI SIS Probation NO-Fine, NO-Points, NO-Record). Engelmeyer amended the C&I charge to Littering. Def. left court with No-Points.

12/14/13 DWI (Accident .142%) No Operators License (Illegal Immigrant). Engelmeyer reduced the DWI charge to C&I and dismissed the No Drivers License charge all together.

12/20/13 DWI in accident (.21% BAC) SIS Probation NO-Points, NO-Fine, NO-Record

12/20/13 DWI in accident, hit Missouri River Bride (Refused Breath Test). DWI SIS Probation with NO-Points, NO-Fine and NO-Record.

12/23/13 DWI (refused breath test), Disobeyed Red Light, Illegal Turn. Subject was combative with police. DWI SIS Probation NO-Fine, NO-Points, NO-Record. Engelmeyer amended the Red Light Violation and Illegal Turn to Illegal Parking. Defendant left court with No-Points on his record.

01/21/14 Speeding Amended by Engelmeyer to Illegal Parking

02/07/14 Speeding 29 MPH Over Limit and Following Too Closely (same person as 1/21/14 speeder) Speeding amended by Engelmeyer to Illegal Parking. Following Too Close dismissed.

02/08/14 Poss of Drug Paraph (same person as 1/21/14 and 2/7/14) and Littering (throwing a can at passing cars on I-64). Engelmeyer amended the Drug charge to Littering with a cash fine and the Littering was a \$100 fine.

03/20/14 No Headlights at Night, Speeding, Resisting Arrest by Fleeing and Littering. Defendant had extensive arrest record and refused to stop for police until she could throw her marijuana out of the car. No Headlights and Speeding were amended by Engelmeyer to Illegal Parking. The Resisting Arrest was reduced to Littering. The Littering stayed at Littering.

04/10/14 Peace Disturbance, Minor in Poss of Alcohol, Poss of Marijuana. 4 teenagers charged for throwing a party at a Chesterfield Hotel. Subject 1 (Had an arrest record for similar offenses) Peace Dist dismissed, Poss of Marijuana and Minor in Poss of Alcohol were reduced to Illegal Parking even though no car was in the hotel room. Subject #2 (with two active arrest warrants) Pled Guilty to Peace Disturbance and Poss of Marijuana and received a SIS NO-Fine and No-Points probation term. Subject #3 Pled Guilty to Peace Disturbance and received a SIS probation term. She also pled guilty to Minor in Possession and was fined \$100. Subject #4, the only black defendant and only one without a lawyer pled guilty and received no amended charge or No-Record probation term. He was fined \$550 for Peace Disturbance, Poss of Marijuana and Minor in Poss.

04/29/14 Engelmeyer named Special Prosecutor in Brentwood when well known and expensive criminal defensive attorney **Scott Rosenblum while drunk in his Bentley drove onto the wrong side of McKnight hitting a car head-on.** On a video at the police station Rosenblum was talking to himself and admitted being drunk, but refused to take a breath test. Engelmeyer reduced the DWI to C&I, Rosebloom was fined \$522 and placed on a SES probation in lieu of 30-days in jail. Engelmeyer reduced the original C&I to Improper Lane Use with a cash fine.

05/06/14 Stealing (same person as 02/16/13) Stealing Over \$4,000 in clothes from Chesterfield Mall. Engelmeyer prosecuted as State Judge gave SIS No-Fine, No-Record probation term.

06/13/14 Stealing at Victoria's Secret Engelmeyer amended to Littering.

06/14/14 Stealing Engelmeyer amended to Littering \$350 fine.

07/20/14 DWI (.143%) (2 prior DWI arrests) Driving While Revoked (driving on I-64 on two flat tires) Charges which could have been filed as a felony Persistent Offender instead were filed in Municipal Court. Despite 2-prior DWI arrests Engelmeyer and Judge Brunk gave a SIS No-Record, NO-Points, NO-Fine probation term on the DWI. Engelmeyer dropped the Driving While Revoked.

07/21/14 DUID (Accident) (Blood draw showed 2 different drugs, including a sleeping aid). DUID reduced to C&I \$273 cash fine.

07/22/14 Stealing Black Female employee of Walmart shows up without a lawyer at the first court date after her arrest and pleads guilty. She receives no amended charge. She is fined \$400 and has an open criminal record.

07/23/14 Stealing 4-Shoplifters working together. Two with lawyers had charges amended to littering with a fine. The two without lawyers received no amended charges.

07/29/14 Possession of Stolen Property, Possession of Theft Device, Poss of Drug Paraph. Theft Device and Drug charge amended by Engelmeyer to Littering. Stolen Property plea was a \$100 fine.

08/27/14 Peace Disturbance, Resisting Arrest. (Prior alcohol related convictions and resisting arrest convictions.) Engelmeyer dismissed Resisting Arrest and amended Peace Disturbance to Littering.

08/30/14 DW-D (Blood test showed Marijuana), Improper Lane, Poss of Marijuana. DWI-D SIS NO-Fine, NO-Points, NO-Record Probation. Improper Lane Use amended by Engelmeyer to Illegal Parking, Poss of Marijuana amended to Littering.

09/11/14 Stealing and Trespassing (prior offender). Stealing SIS NO-Fine, NO-Record probation. Trespassing charge reduced by Engelmeyer to Littering.

9/24/14 Stealing 2-defendants Despite records both PG and were given SIS NO-Record, NO-fine probations.

09/25/14 Stealing Amended to Littering cash fine.

09/25/14 DWI (.087%) and Speeding 70 MPH in a 45 zone, Fail to Signal, Open Container of Liquor and No Proof of Insurance. DWI SIS NO-Points, NO-Record, NO-Fine probation, Speeding fined \$75 with 2-Points. No Signal amended to Illegal Parking with cash fine, Open Container amended by Engelmeyer to Littering \$200 fine and No Proof of Insurance dismissed.

11/22/14 2 counts Stealing (employee of Walmart) PG African-American Male with No Lawyer. No amended charge. \$200 fine for each count and a criminal record.

11/29/14 Stealing & Possession of Theft Device. Def, an African American Male had no lawyer and received no amended charges when he pled guilty and was fined \$400 and \$100.

11/30/14 DWI (accident against tree in front yard of home. .149% BAC), Fail to Exercise Highest Degree of Care. DWI SIS NO-Points, NO-Fine, NO-Record probation. Pled guilty to Failure to Exercise Highest Degree of Care and fined \$350 with 2-points.

12/09/14 DWI (accident drove into a building, refused breath test or blood draw), C&I, Driving While Suspended. Pled Guilty to DWI \$1,000 fine 90-days in jail (jail time stayed). Engelmeyer amended C&I to Littering. PG to Driving While Suspended \$150 fine.

12/04/14 DWI 2 prior DWI convictions (Passed out at gas station. Refused breath test) Chesterfield Police did not file felony Persistent Offender Charge. He pled guilty to the DWI was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to 30 days in jail, but fine cut to \$500 and jail was waived by Judge Brunk.

12/04/14 DWI (refused to take test) and Imp lane Use. DWI SIS NO-Points, NO-Fine, NO-Record probation. Engelmeyer amended the Imp Lane Use to Illegal Parking with a cash fine. Def. left courtroom with NO Points.

12/09/14 Stealing (Def had already had 2 moving violations reduced to Illegal Parking in nearby West County cities. Def had stolen from same store several days before) SIS Probation NO-FINE, No-Record.

12/10/14 Engelmeyer is defense attorney for woman chased into Creve Coeur where Engelmeyer is the judge. She was charged in Town and Country with DWI (refused test) Speeding 99MPH in 60 Zone and Fail to Signal lane Changes. DWI SIS NO-Fine, NO-Points, NO-Record probation. Fined \$600 for speeding and Fail to Sig charge was dismissed.

12/14/14 Improper Lane Use, Driving While Revoked and No Proof of Insurance (same person as 1/21/14, 02/07/14 and 02/08/14. \$150 fine for Imp Lane Use. Driving While Revoked amended to Littering cash fine. No Proof of Insurance dismissed.

12/17/14 DWI (accident with injuries .146% BAC) (months later def involved in another DWI accident). Even after the second DWI accident handled by the Highway Patrol in Franklin County, Engelmeyer agreed to a SIS NO-Fine, NO-Points, NO-Record probation.

12/24/14 Stealing and Possession of Stolen Property (3-witnesses and video) Engelmeyer reduced both charges to Littering.

02/21/15 DWI (refused Breath Test), Driving While Revoked, Expired Lic Plates, Poss of Marijuana and Open Container. (Def had an extensive drug, DWI, stealing arrest record.) Engelmeyer reduced DWI to C&I Driving, reduced Driving While Revoked to No Operators License, Engelmeyer amended the drug charge to Littering. Fine \$1,327.

02/28/15 DWI Reduced to C&I Driving cash fine.

03/06/15 DWI (refused test), Speeding and Improper Lane Use, Engelmeyer amended the DWI to C&I Driving \$300 fine and amended the Speeding and Improper Lane charges to Illegal Parking.

04/09/15 Leaving the Scene of Injury Accident, Careless & Impudent Driving. Despite causing two injuries and totaled two of three cars in the accident. Engelmeyer reduced both charges to Illegal Parking with cash fines but NO-Points, NO-Record.

04/16/15 DWI (refused breath test, prior DWI Conviction), Improper Lane Use, Open Container. PG to DWI on city charges in state court. \$500 fine, 60 Days in jail but jail stayed. Improper Lane Use \$300 fine. Open Container amended by Engelmeyer to Littering.

04/20/15 Aggressive Driving, C&I Driving, No Insurance, Peace Disturbance. (Accident, that was actually intentional assault with a dump truck against ex-wife's boyfriend.) Engelmeyer dropped Aggressive Driving, Amended C&I to Illegal Parking with cash fine. PG to peace Disturbane with cash fine. NO-Points, NO-Record on Drivers' License, despite trying to use a truck as a lethal weapon in morning rush hour.

05/05/15 DWI (Accident, prior DWI, .093%), Improper Lane Use, Driving on Suspended Lic. DWI SIS NO-Fine, NO-Points, NO-Record probation, Driving While Suspended (due to prior DWI) reduced to No Operators License. PG to Improper Lane Use and fine \$250.

08/18/15 Leaving the Scene of Accident, Improper Lane Use PG fined \$225 on each charge. (Points were suspended on the LSA with driver attending Driver's School.)

08/22/15 DWI (Refused test, threatened police officers) SIS NO-Fine, NO-Points, No-Record probation.

10/20/15 Stealing (2 suspects both with lengthy arrest records) Def #1 Charged in Muni Court by Police instead of Felony. #1 had two prior arrests in Chesterfield and 1 in St. Louis, plus he was on probation after Circuit Court guilty plea for stealing a car in Chesterfield. He PG guilty and the Car Theft probation was revoked and he was sentenced to 5 years in prison. Def #2 PG and was sentenced to 5-days in jail.

11/20/15 Stealing, Destruction of Property, Trespassing. (Subject returned to court from prison where he was on other theft and drug charges.) Pled guilty and given "30-Days Time Served" counting his first month in prison.

05/26/16 Stealing 17-year-old African-American Male with No prior record and No lawyer, received no amended charge from Engelmeyer. He pled guilty and was fined \$300 and an open public theft record.

05/28/16 Leaving the Scene of Accident, Fail to Exercise Highest Degree of Care, Poss of Marijuana, Poss of Drug Paraph. LSA SIS Probation NO-Fine, NO-Record, NO-Points, PG Fail to Exercise Highest Degree of Care cash fine, Poss of Marijuana SIS Probation, Poss of Drug Paraph amended to Littering cash fine.

07/31/15 Stealing 2-defendants Def #1 Engelmeyer reduced charge to Trespassing. Def #2 with no attorney PG. There was no amended charge for African-American female. \$300 cash fine.

CITY PROSECUTOR TIM ENGELMEYER'S REAPPOINTMENT IS DEALYED WHILE I'M ACCUSED OF A NUMBER OF THINGS.

When the agenda for May 1, 2017 Chesterfield City Council meeting was released on Friday April 28 and received by Council members the reappointment of City Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer for four years was on the agenda. It surprised a lot of people.

On Wednesday February 15 Engelmeyer schedule from 6-to-8 o'clock to give a talk saying what he did as city prosecutor and to defend himself from the public records I have been posting for five years showing what an awful job he had been doing.



Engelmeyer called me a “blogger” during his talk. After his talk which was attended by about 25 people including a number of city council members he loudly told people that my writings were false and he was being attacked. He added that I’d rather be at a basketball game than attend his municipal court seminar.

The fact is in 2006 when I moved back to St. Louis from Washington, DC I agreed to be the “table referee” and PA announcer for a local university’s basketball teams and the PA announcer at a minor league ballpark for their baseball team. I receive the schedules for the basketball games and baseball games four to five months in advance. I have done this for 12 years. It has not been a secret. Engelmeyer could easily have seen that I would be unable to attend his talk at the time he scheduled it.

Both Engelmeyer and Councilman Randy Logan have mentioned how people should ignore what I write about the municipal court because “I don’t live in Chesterfield.” That’s interesting. Perhaps everyone should ignore how Elliott Davis and I broke the story about the Doorack scandal. Neither of us live in Chesterfield. I brought the story how a city councilman moved out of town but continued to serve. I broke the story how the city was using almost all of its Parks Reserve Budget to buy land for a baseball complex fronted by Mike Matheny and Dan Buck. Apparently according to Engelmeyer

and Logan people should ignore the truth of public records if they are presented by someone who doesn't live in Chesterfield. It sounds discriminatory to me,. Especially since I pay sales tax in Chesterfield.

The Agenda meeting on Monday May 1 opened with the Engelmeyer reappointment. Here is what the mayor had to say.

“Shortly after I was elected there was a glut of cases written by Mr. Hoffmann brought to me by residents. At that time I was reasonably satisfied that Mr. Engelmeyer was doing a good job,” said Mayor Bob Nation.

“Whether there is any legitimacy to these ascertains by Mr. Hoffmann or not I thought the Public Health and Safety Committee should look into this,” said Mayor Nation suggesting he reappoint Engelmeyer for just a one-year term.

This was interesting as Mayor Nation called me at home, even though I don't live in Chesterfield. He accused me of lying in one of the pieces I wrote. It was about a very drunk driver going north on Hwy 141, almost crashing into a light pole by St. Luke's Hospital and finally getting stopped after exiting on Olive.

The Chesterfield Police officer wrote how the driver did not have a Missouri driver's license, but instead had a temporary license issued by the Ellisville Police after his arrest three week earlier. I wrote how despite being arrested three weeks earlier for DWI, Engelmeyer gave him a SIS NO-Fine, NO-Points, NO-Record probation on the DWI and reduced the Improper Lane Use charge to Illegal Parking so the drunk driver left court with NO-Points despite being arrested for DWI twice in a month.

Bob Nation accused me of lying, because Engelmeyer told him he didn't know about the Ellisville arrest. Of course he would have if he had only read the arrest report. Chesterfield Police Chief Ray Johnson claimed he could not find any Ellisville report.

I went to the Ellisville Police Department and confirmed the driver had been arrest but I could not obtain a police report or court record. I spent \$25 and obtain a copy of the report from the Drivers' License Section of the Department of Revenue where there was a copy of the report after the driver had either refused a BA test or tested over .08% BAC. I sent a copy of the report to Bob Nation. He never said he was sorry for calling me a liar.

I thought it was amusing that a Police Chief and prosecutor could not get a copy of the report, but I could.

I filed a complaint with the Missouri Supreme Court and the Chief Judge of the St. Louis County Circuit Court over Ellisville refusing to allow the public to review court files. I received a phone call from the Court Clerk apologizing. It turned out the driver got the same deal that Brunk gave him in Ellisville. Arrested for DWI twice in three weeks and no official record! This shows there is something completely wrong with the system. This brings me back to 2011 when I tried to look at the court files of the DWI arrest of Cardinal broadcaster Dan McLaughlin.



Dan McLaughlin mug shot

The court clerk refused to allow me to view the files, even though they were open public records. I asked why and she said the Judge has to give permission for people to look at files. I mentioned that all court files, unless closed by a specific court order are open for public review and you don't need permission from anyone. I was told they judge "wants to know who is looking at the files."

What the judge had instructed his clerk to do was **ILLEGAL AND UNETHICAL**. Court records are open to all the public without approval from anyone. Apparently the Chesterfield judge was unaware of this and it was alright with elected officials.

The judge was then and is now Rick Brunk. I filed complaints with the Missouri Supreme Court and the St. Louis County Circuit court. I was eventually able to find out that a very highly intoxicated McLaughlin was stopped by Chesterfield Police after several motorists on I-64 called about his erratic driving. How he had urinated in his pants. How he offered a bribe to the officer and how he refused to take a breath test.

I was also able to learn that McLaughlin was basically convicted of nothing. He was given a SIS NO-Fine, NO-Points, NO-Record probation. The Improper Lane Use charge was reduced to Illegal Parking. He left the courtroom with no points on his drivers' license, despite the fact that citizens were calling the police to stop him, he was falling down drunk and offered the cops a bribe.

I wrote about this in a column I had on AOL patch.com and it got picked up by other media all over the region. Here is a link to that AOL column showing how the municipal court and police department were violating a basic freedom of information:

<https://patch.com/missouri/chesterfield/sunshine-sometimes-hard-to-find-within-chesterfield-c984f51bf06>

(This column clearly shows the City of Chesterfield was active in hiding public records. We later learned that from 2009 until 2016 the city with the knowledge of the entire City Council, city administrator and city attorney illegally hid the \$800,000-plus Doorack Property lease from the public and even did a secret vote to hide it.)

Less than a year later McLaughlin was involved in a DWI accident in Chesterfield, where he was so drunk he could not figure out how to open the door to his SUV or dial his cell phone. While he did plead guilty to a reduced charge on the DWI, Judge Brunk refused to revoke his probation from a year earlier. What is the point of putting someone on probation and not revoke the probation if they commit the same crime shortly thereafter? Apparently if you are on TV and have a high dollar lawyer you cannot get the probation revoked if Rick Brunk is the judge.



Judge Rick Brunk

CHESTERFIELD REWARDS DRUNK DRIVERS WHO REFUSE TO TAKE BREATH TESTS: I have no idea why Engelmeyer is allowed to reward drunk drivers who refuse to take breath tests to get great deals on No-Fine, No-Points probation terms and Probable Cause Charges reduced to Illegal Parking. The rule should be “If you refuse a breath test” you get no amended charges.

Back to the May 1 meetings: It is clear that the Chesterfield Municipal court is just like all the rest of the city courts in the St. Louis area, where justice takes a backseat to taking care of attorneys who have been hired to represent defendants and to generate

revenue. It also appears as if half of the Chesterfield City Council has no interest in being a leader in St. Louis County by reforming the City Court.

Randy Logan spoke next.

“I think he has done a fine job. No I think he has done a great job. I don’t know what you thought would happen in the Health and Safety Committee,” said Logan.



Randy Logan

Then it was Barry Flachsbart’s turn.

“I was with you Mr. Mayor when we went through these (cases published by me). Tim had a good explanation on every one. We have a person saying he is all bad. I have not found a single incident that indicates that. I asked other attorneys that say the City Chesterfield Court is the best there is. As chair of the Public Safety Committee I will do what you direct. But, I think it is unnecessary,” said Barry Flachsbart, who briefly took his head out of the sand to speak.

Last year Flachsbart wrote a bill making it illegal for the prosecutor or judge to do defense work in municipal courts in the region, but grandfathered both Engelmeyer and Brunk. The bill never made it out of committee. So at some point Flachsbart did think there was a problem, even if he is claiming there is not one.



Flachsbart

Councilman Dan Hurt announced the problem and then gave a bad reason to ignore it.

“It has been a regional problem and not a local problem,” said Hurt, who admits the Municipal Courts are a “problem” but asks why fix ours if it is a regional problem.

The councilpersons who oppose the reappointment of Engelmeyer did not bring up the deal making and the discriminatory process against poor people without attorneys. Instead they said there was a **conflict of interest**.

“I think we need to look at the prosecutor and assistant prosecutor being with the same firm and getting all the work. It’s a company and it has a “no-bid” contract,” said Councilman Ben Keathley. Michelle Ohley and Tom DeCampi made the same argument.

WANTING IT BOTH WAYS: It was also amusing that Mayor Nation thought I was honest enough to quote me four times last month on a reelection campaign mailer from articles written and posted on my news website criticizing his opponent Randy Logan. However he questions public records I post and write about.

Flachsbart also used a quote from an article of mine in 2015 when he was running for reelection praising him. Apparently I’m very truthful for Barry and Bob some of the time, but a liar at other times.

AT THE REGULAR MEETING: A MOVE TO DELAY THE REAPPOINTMENT FOLLOWED BY THE MAYOR REMOVING THE REAPPOINTMENT AND THEN THE CITY ATTORNEY RECOMMENDING A RETIRED JUDGE TO ASSIST IN THE

REVIEW. Tom DeCampi moved to continue the reappointment of Engelmeyer until July. The motion was seconded by Ben Keathley.

Barry Flachsabrt then made a Point of Order saying the motion was out of order as the mayor had not formally moved for the reappoint of Engelmeyer.

The mayor then announced he was withdrawing from the agenda any reappointment and Engelmeyer would serve on a month to month basis.

“Because of a lack of consensus in the agenda review meeting I’m deferring it indefinitely until we have a consensus,” said Nation.

“I will ask for approval to send this to the Health and Safety Committee and the allegations made against the municipal judge and prosecutor and the validity of the complaints made by the public,” said Nation.

Dan Hurt then accused the new members of the City Council of not understanding.

“New people who are not familiar with these people are raising concerns. I have a problem with regional conflicts of interests,” said Hurt.



Hurt

Of course the new people with concerns are Barb McGuinness, who was one of the founders of the City of Chesterfield, Ben Keathley, who is the youngest member of the Council ever at 28 and is also a lawyer and Michelle Ohley. They are raising concerns because they are not blind what has been going on in Chesterfield’s court and what Engelmeyer has been doing.

City attorney Chris Graville then recommended getting someone like retired judge Tom DePriest, who was the former warrant officer at the County’s Prosecutor’s Office to act as an advisor. I later mentioned to Barb McGuinness and Graville to consider retired Circuit Judge Jim Hartenbach, who was a top lead prosecutor in the County before being appointed to the bench.

It was decided that the Committee should be the Council as the Whole, where all council members would have a vote.

Taking shots at the messenger: Tim Engelmeyer sat in a front row all by himself and at the end of the discussion asked to speak.



The mayor earlier mentioned the claim and Engelmeyer made it again of the tremendous volume of work they have. The problem Engelmeyer has is he is also the judge in Creve Coeur, the prosecutor in Des Peres and the city attorney and prosecutor in Valley Park, plus he has his own law firm that handles civil and criminal work. He clearly has too much part time work to do a good job and at least four members of the City Council can't see this.

“Our volume was exploding as we had lawyers lined up outside. Even through our volume is down, the seriousness of our cases is up. Despite what you read in blogs, we are a civil firm. This notion that my firm is criminal is flat out wrong,” said Engelmeyer.

Regardless of what Engelmeyer says, our research of cases over five years shows that always if you are represented by a lawyer Engelmeyer will amend and reduce the charges. If you are not represented by a lawyer since 2012 no one has gotten a break, including some poor people who probably deserve one.

Is that fair and is that the way the citizens of Chesterfield want the court run? If it is a serious case and there is a defense lawyer charges are amended and there is never a trial. If you are poor and cannot afford a lawyer you will get no break, from Mr. Engelmeyer or Judge Brunk.

To see all the cases we reviewed picked at random from 2012 to 2017 involving Mr. Engelmeyer go to our website home page and click on the link on the right side.

<http://johnhoffmann.net>

EITHER ENGELMEYER IS TAKING CARE OF LAWYER BUDDIES AND IS LAZY OR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS INEPT! I firmly believe the police department is very good and Engelmeyer is taking care of lawyers and unwilling to do the legwork to research cases and put on trials.

IN 2016 Engelmeyer reduced 1,415 moving citations to Illegal Parking violations. Those cases included:

10 Leaving the Scene of Accident charges. This is a serious charge that should not be amended. Either the police did a terrible job of documenting the cases or Engelmeyer is taking care of lawyers or is too lazy and does not have time to contact witnesses and obtain evidence to try the case.

170 Failure to Exercise The Highest Degree of Care. These citations are normally in connection with auto accidents. Maybe there are extenuating circumstances in 10 or 15 of these cases, but to get rid of 170 of these cases is undermining police auto accident investigations. If the prosecutor needs to turn 170 citations connected to auto accidents into Parking Violations, the police should be investigated for doing a poor job investigating car crashes. I don't believe that is the problem. The problem is Engelmeyer.

733 Speeding Citations: Residents routinely complain about unsafe drivers speeding in their subdivision or on the roads outside of their subdivision. The idea that 733 speeding citations are all bad; points to a corrupt or overzealous police department. For the number of warnings issued by the Chesterfield Police that is clearly not the case. The Chesterfield Police show officers are happy to give a break to a deserving motorist by issue a written warning. The problem here is a corrupt and lazy prosecutor.

51 Disobeying Red Light Citations: I think we all know how dangerous red light runners are. As a retired cop I can also tell how dicey it can be to pull out and stop one of these people on a busy street with cross traffic on the move. Chesterfield Officers had 51 of their red light citations deemed unimportant to the public safety by Tim Engelmeyer who reduced them to Illegal Parking.

44 Driving While Suspended or Driving While Revoked (32 suspended and 12 revoked). There is a very simple charge to reduce these to...Driving without a Valid License. Instead of a 12-point or 6-point charge it is a 2-point charge. The police have to get a certified record from Jefferson City that the license is suspended or revoked and then Engelmeyer throws away the work of the police.

To see the entire list of charges reduced in 2016 by Engelmeyer go to our website and click on the Illegal parking link.

PAY: If the city would hire someone who is city prosecutor along with having only a civil law practice it would be ideal. Wearing three prosecutor's hats plus being a judge and city attorney plus handling civil and criminal work Engelmeyer can't do a good job at any one of them. He is just being greedy and dangerously doing a half-ass job at them all.

The base pay for Engelmeyer \$40,600 a year for a part time job. His law partner makes \$6,000 as the assistant prosecutor. Plus Engelmeyer charges the city an hourly rate when defense attorneys move cases to Clayton which results in thousands of dollars more.

So you basically are talking about \$50,000 a year for a part time job if done only with your law practice.

WHAT ENGELMEYER REFUSED TO DO: He has refused to research cases and see what defendants' records are. He refused to review police reports, contact witnesses to appear in court for trial. He has refused to obtain the video evidence of violations. If he did he could not in good conscious reduce 1,415 cases to Illegal Parking.

THE POLICE CHIEF REFUSES TO STEP UP FOR HIS OFFICERS: Ray Johnson has been Chesterfield's police chief since the city was founded in 1988. Prior to that Johnson was Police Chief in Cape Girardeau. I knew Ray back in the early 1970s when he was a supervisor with the Des Peres Department of Public Safety.



Ray in a recent photo.

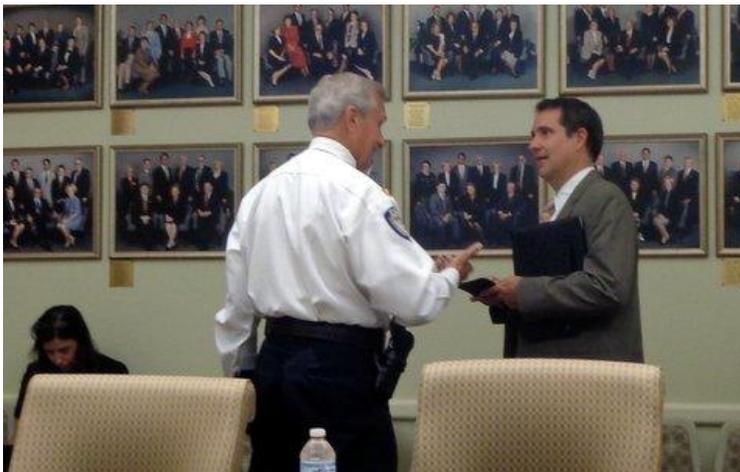


Ray in a photo on the City's website that desperately needs to be updated.

Johnson is way past normal retirement age. He has 50-plus years on the job. He clearly wants to keep his job and does not want to cause waves.

When I asked Chief Johnson a month ago how he can justify Tim Engelmeyer throwing his officers' work out the window by reducing their cases to Illegal Parking 1,400 times a year he told me, "I can't justify it at all."

However, he refuses to address the problem and stick up for his officers and the work they do. It means he justifies it by keeping his mouth shut. Engelmeyer is popular with half the City Council and Johnson does not want to piss half the council off. In fact Johnson gives police like badges to all the councilpersons, which are meaningless and have no authority, but are good for politicians' egos.



Johnson handing a police like "Councilman" badge to then newly elected Tom DeCampi.

Councilman Barry Flachsbart says Chief Johnson has only nice things to say about Engelmeyer. It is time for Johnson to tell the truth and turning 1,400 cases a year into Illegal Parking violations isn't right, is bad for officer morale and can be the cause for less than thorough investigations and reports. "Why bother, all they do is reduce these cases to parking tickets" would be my thought if I was a Chesterfield officer.

AND NOW THE FIRST EMAILS: I'm totally suspect of these emails because they are addressed to exactly the same people in the same order.

From: Sam Duggan <swdugganii@gmail.com>

Date: May 6, 2017 at 10:26:24 AM CDT

To: <barryf@chesterfield.mo.us>, <bmcguinness@chesterfield.mo.us>, <gtilman@chesterfield.mo.us>, <bkeathley@chesterfield.mo.us>, <rlogan@chesterfield.mo.us>, <dhurt@chesterfield.mo.us>, <tdecampi@chesterfield.mo.us>, <mohley@chesterfield.mo.us>

Cc: <mgeisel@chesterfield.mo.us>, <cbg@gravillelaw.com>

Subject: Reappointment of Tim Engelmeyer

Dear Council Members,

I have been a resident of the City of Chesterfield for over 21 years. During this time, I can honestly say that I have been pleased and generally proud of the work that the Mayor, City Council and City Administration has done to grow and develop our community for the benefit of all of its citizens.

I was saddened and disappointed to read the May 2nd article in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that you had delayed the reappointment of Tim Engelmeyer as our prosecuting attorney. Tim has faithfully and honorably served the City of Chesterfield in this capacity for over 16 years. He is one of the most honest and ethical individuals that I know and to the best of my knowledge has the full support of our police department.

Perhaps what I find more troubling is that this all started as a result of accusations from an internet blogger who has repeatedly said unkind things, alleged misconduct and likely made false statements about Tim. To his credit, this past February, Tim conducted a town hall meeting where he "extensively answered questions about his work" and Bob Nations told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that he was satisfied with Tim's detailed answers. But where was the blogger? Why did he not confront Tim with his accusations at the town hall meeting? It is far too easy to hide behind the internet and say whatever you want.

As Council Members, the citizens of Chesterfield are depending upon you to use your best judgement in administering our city to make this a better place for all of its residents. Isn't that what you promised when you campaigned to be elected? You have 16 years of experience, the police department and city

administration to adequately assess Tim's performance and credibility. It appears that you have substituted the opinion of a blogger for your own judgement. This is truly disheartening and as a result, I believe that this investigation is a waste and misuse of my tax dollars.

At the end of the day, I know that the only way to deal with bad behavior and poor decisions of elected city officials is at the polling booth. So, I can assure you that unless there is a dramatic change in your current course of direction, I intend to make my friends, neighbors and business associates in the City of Chesterfield aware of your actions so that those Council Members responsible are not re-elected.

Sam Duggan

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From: "Lawson, William M. (Bill)" <William.Lawson@ogletree.com>

Date: May 5, 2017 at 8:35:35 PM CDT

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Subject: Tim Engelmeyer

Dear Mr. Mayor and Council Members:

I am writing to you in my capacity as a Chesterfield resident, a practicing attorney and an individual who knows Tim Engelmeyer both personally and professionally. I was appalled to read the article in the Post-Dispatch earlier this week in reference to Tim and the City of Chesterfield. Tim is one of the most ethical and professional people I know and the thought that he is being investigated (with my tax dollars) for any type of misconduct does not sit well with me. As inappropriate as it may have been on my part, I questioned Tim as to the alleged misconduct and what I read in the Post. In talking with Tim, I was surprised to learn that he does not really know the basis of the alleged misconduct, other than the fact some internet troll (John Hoffman) has written some unkind and blatantly erroneous things about a few of the

cases Tim has handled over the last 16 years. Apparently this is not Mr. Hoffmann's first challenge with getting facts correct as lack of accuracy seems to follow him wherever he goes.

I understand Tim is up for re-appointment and, certainly, would like to see him be re-appointed. That, however, is not the purpose of my communication. I am much more concerned about the expenditure of my tax dollars for an investigation that appears to be lacking in merit and clearly prompted by an internet troll with absolutely no credibility. If the investigation is based upon the blogs of Mr. Hoffman, perhaps it would make more sense to have Mr. Hoffman come before the City and provide support for his unfounded assertions. In fact, from what I understand, Mr. Engelmeyer has already done his part by providing the city a town hall meeting back in February where all of these 'misconduct' issues were addressed. It is difficult to imagine the City taking steps to ruin the reputation and career of an individual who has done nothing but serve the City well for 16 years, especially if the impetus are words of an uninformed blogger. If the investigation is based on something else, perhaps you could share that information so that I, as a resident, could be more fully informed.

My concerns with the direction of this Council don't end with what you are doing to Mr. Engelmeyer and his reputation. As the parent of a Chesterfield hockey player, I have observed more questionable conduct from the City than I would like to admit (i.e. despite overwhelming public support for the project, attempting to stack the TDD with votes against the new ice skating facility). I don't understand the motivations of the Council, and am growing concerned that the Council (or, at least, several of its members) does not have the best interests of the City and its residents at heart. I, of course, know of only one way to deal with what I believe to be bad behaviors by elected officials – and that is to vote my conscience. I can assure you that absent an explanation (or a drastic change in the current course of action), I will make it my mission to communicate the misgivings of the Council to my neighbors, Chesterfield friends and those in the hockey community to ensure the people behind this witch hunt are not re-elected.

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