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City Councilman Unveils Plan To Combat Crime In The Third District

neighborhoods within the Prospect development and build stronger bat crime, stimulate economic range of proposed services to comunveiled a plan that provides a wide City Councilman Troy Nash

the recent murders along Prospect. Prospect. Nash said the plans were hour community vigil at 39th and had successfully completed a 144cussing this plan since 2000 after he Manager Wayne Cauthen in light of advanced with the help of the City Councilman Nash has been dis-

quarters unit to be located near 39th terrain vehicles and a mobile head receive funds to purchase four all Mo., Police department who will includes funding to the Kansas City initiatives funded by the City which The plan calls for three separate

Law enforcement officials are

and abandoned lots found in the in their squad cars due to the alleys urban core. The vehicles are just often unable to apprehend suspects area.

Finally and to the delight of thought of thought of the alleys. increase their ability to combat another tool to use in an effort to

trict, a massive weed abatement

borhoods in the Prospect corridor. and is aimed at cleaning up neighlaunched a few years ago, is funded gram, which Councilman Nash The Rat On A Rat (ROAR) pro-

these dumpers to pollute the inner designed to make it difficult for ROAR patrols. The program is report illegal dumpers and weekly there are incentives for those who With a monitoring task force

apathetic about the future of their and creating the false impression criminal activity by providing cover hazards posed by illegal dumping, the practice often encourages other In addition to the environmental

sands of residents in the 3rd Dis-

program will be launched. District for quite some time. been a major problem for the 3rd In addition to hindering economic Tall weeds and vacant lots have

health nuisance to neighbors, development and serving as a police activity, and cracking down and we can! By funding additional and with the power of government,' going to simply watch as it is devasbeen heard. Our community is not tated, we will respond forcefully The outraged citizens' voice have inals cover, we are striking back. on traits and practice that give crim-

ing additional services to address roughly bounded by 21st on the public safety concerns in an area north 31st on south, and Prospect The City will provide the follow-

trust and city owned lots and alley An additional mowing of land

· The targeted demolition of up

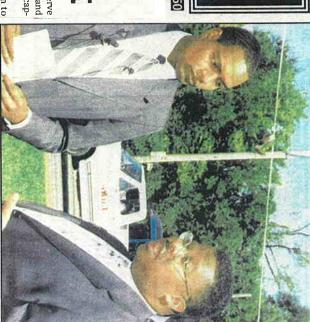
as a cover for criminal activity and impede law enforcement from capexceptionally tall weeds can serve

turing suspects. have to do something about them weeks must not be tolerated. We been discovered over the past few combat crime. The crimes that have "This is a wide-ranging plan to

Avenue east to Indiana Avenue.

al cost to the General Fund of approximately \$40,000; ways within this area at an addition-

to 15 critically vacant and danger-



and Prospect area. Cauthen addressed issues raised by a television budget, beginning next year, we will cut the vacant lots once a month," said Cauthen. - - CALL photo George Murphy sets the record straight at a press conference. Wednesday in the 39th SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT . . . City Manager Wayne Cauthen, reporter concerning the lack of funding to cut weeds in vacant lots budget would allow. Under my administration and with this proposed the past. "I am not aware of what was done in the past and what that

approximately \$60,000 from a federous buildings in the area at a cost of

and Prospect at a cost of \$32,000 from a federal grant to provide command center located at 39th improved police response in the Four ATV's and a mobile police

improvements. ommend at least the following The fiscal year 2005-06 will rec-

plus lots under the Land Trust propcent increase over the current fund imately \$300,000 which is a 350 pererties in the City at a cost of approx-Monthly mowing of all 1,200

backlog of dangerous buildings in need of demolition from recurring demolition funding to prevent a in the City. A doubling of current building