

August 2, 2007

To: Honorable Mayor Gayle McLaughlin
Members of the City Council

From: Meeting of the Public Safety and Public Services Standing Committee

SUBJECT: SUMMARY
Meeting of the Public Safety and Public Services Standing Committee
Monday, July 30, 2007, at 9:03 a.m.

Present: Chair Marquez, Members Sandhu, and Vice Chair Bates.

Absent: Member Thurmond. (Thurmond arrived later).

Discussed the results of and staff recommended next steps in response to two Contra Costa Clean Water Program Studies of the presence of pollutants in drainage areas and in street sweepings and provide direction to staff.

- *Janet Schneider, Administrative Chief, gave an overview of the item.*
- *Lyn Garboil, presented a PowerPoint presentation.*

OUTCOME:

On motion of Vice Chair Bates, seconded by Councilmember Thurmond, released the study to the Water Board, by the unanimous vote of the Committee.

Received a staff update on the activities being undertaken regarding the City's Biosolids Management Program, specifically its future dewatering options.

- *Janet Schneider, Administrative Chief, gave an overview of the item and introduced*
- *A motion was made by Councilmember Bates, seconded by Chair Marquez, to direct staff to explore and locate the necessary pipes and come back to the full Council with analysis of costs for second meeting in September.*
- *Chair Marquez stated that staff needed direction as to whether to locate the facility at the treatment plant or landfill.*
- *Vice Chair Bates stated he was reluctant to make a decision without knowing the cost. He suggested staff come back with analysis of the cost, value, advantages and disadvantages.*
- *Councilmember Thurmond stated costs analysis should go directly to the City Council on the second meeting of September 2007.*

OUTCOME:

On motion of Vice Chair Bates, seconded by Councilmember Marquez, directed staff to explore and locate the necessary pipes and come back to the full Council with analysis of costs the second meeting in September, by the unanimous vote of the Committee.

On motion of Vice Chair Bates, seconded by Councilmember Thurmond, directed staff to come back with analysis of the cost, value, advantages, and disadvantages of locating the facility at the treatment plant or landfill and present the analysis to the full Council by the second meeting in September 2007, by the unanimous vote of the Committee.

Direct staff to draft a proposal to pursue potential funding from PG&E for undergrounding the infrastructure on Valley View Road.

- *Councilmember Thurmond gave an overview of the item. He stated that PG&E has funds available for undergrounding utility lines.*
- *Rich Davidson, City Engineer, gave a staff report on the item. He stated he has talked with the Mae Valley Group, Eleanor Loyns, about the undergrounding of Valley View Road. He stated that there are a total of three criteria and you must meet at least one in order to use the Rule 20A money. Valley View Road meets the regional route criteria. It would cost roughly \$1million dollars to underground.*
- *Vice Chair Bates asked what is the percentage of cost PG&E would donate for the project.*
- *Rich Davidson stated PG&E would cover the full amount of the design. He also stated that the PG&E allocation the City normally receives is earmarked for McDonald Avenue and the City is looking at a plan for Carlson Boulevard. The City has approximately four million credits and each year receives a half million credits.*
- *Vice Chair Bates suggested that staff be directed to pursue the credits and to develop a priority list, place Valley View Road on the list to begin to accumulate credits for that purpose and look around the city to see if there are other major areas, i.e. 23rd Street, and develop a criteria for the priorities.*
- *Councilmember Thurmond suggested a cost analysis be included.*

OUTCOME:

On motion of Vice Chair Bates, seconded by Councilmember Thurmond, directed staff to pursue the credits and to develop a priority list, place Valley View Road on the list to begin to accumulate credits for that purpose, look around the city to see if there are other major areas, i.e. 23rd Street, develop a criteria for the priorities, and include cost analysis, by the unanimous vote of the Committee. A report with all requested information will be placed in Council Agenda packets.

Received a status report on construction issues at the Metro Walk Transit village, inter-model station and parking structure, including milestones and schedule for completion.

- *Alan Wolken, Deputy Director, presented the report.*

Recommend that the City Council authorize the City Engineer to, via an existing consulting contract with Tetra Tech, Inc, conduct a feasibility study to determine opportunities to “green” the City’s Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) System. This feasibility study could be completed within 45 days at a cost not to exceed \$50,000. This includes but is not limited to comparing the available waste to energy technologies that can be implemented at the City’s Wastewater Treatment Plant to reduce its impact on the environment and the City’s operating costs.

OUTCOME:

On motion of Councilmember Thurmond, seconded by Councilmember Sandhu, recommended to full Council for further discussion without a recommendation from the Public Safety Committee, by the unanimous vote of the Committee.

Update and recommendation regarding parking problems at the Hilltop Heritage Senior Citizen Housing Development.

- *Vice Chair Bates and Chief Magnus gave an overview of the item.*
- *Chief Magnus stated his recommendations are to remove the no parking signs on the north side of the street to allow parking on both sides of the street. The curb in cul-de-sac would be painted red.*
- *Chair Marquez asked how cars parked for a long period of time would be handled.*
- *Chief Magnus stated the beat officer would give attention to vehicles left for long periods of time.*
- *Follow chiefs recommendations of removing no parking signs on entrance to building also residents living in the building should have parking stickers, also come up with handicapped parking. Work w/heritage park staff and tenant association,*

OUTCOME:

A motion was made by Vice Chair Bates, seconded by Chair Marquez, to eliminate no parking signs, paint cul-de-sac red, and work with Heritage Park Staff and tenants association. The motion passed by the unanimous vote of the Council.

Consider an amendment to the Noise Ordinance regarding loud music in residential neighborhoods.

- *Chief Magnus gave an overview of this item.*

OUTCOME:

Chief Magnus will draft a new ordinance that will make tenants and owners liable for violating the noise ordinance.

Received a timeline report from the Fire Department regarding the fire in San Pablo on July 21, 2007.

- *Chair Marquez gave an overview and Chief Banks presented a timeline report of the fire.*

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT

No public speakers.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m. The next Public Safety Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 4, 2007, at 9:00 a.m.