

February 21, 2013

To: Honorable Mayor Gayle McLaughlin and Members of the City Council

From: Public Safety and Public Services Standing Committee

Subject: Summary of the Meeting of the Public Safety and Public Services Standing Committee, Thursday, February 21, 2013, at 10:04 a.m.

Present: Chair Booze, Councilmembers Bates, and Myrick

Absent: None.

1. **APPOINT**: a Chairperson to the Public Safety Committee for 2013.

Outcome: On motion of Vice Mayor Booze, seconded by Councilmember Myrick appointed Councilmember Bates as Chairperson to the Public Safety Committee for 2013 by unanimous vote.

2. **UPDATE**: regarding Vehicle Abatement Fees and a Repair or Demolish Structure Notice received by Rebecca Westbrook - Councilmember Booze (620-6593).

Councilmember Booze requested Code Enforcement Manager Tim Higaes to give an overview of the Westbrook case to bring Councilmember Myrick up-to-date. City Attorney Trish Aljoe also gave comments.

Outcome: On motion of Vice Mayor Booze, seconded by Councilmember Myrick with unanimous vote directed staff to speak with the Westbrook to find out the status of the sale of the property and give an update at the March 21, 2013, Public Safety Committee Meeting. Staff was also directed to immediately provide the Public Safety Committee with a copy of the appeal process ordinance so that the committee may provide staff with suggested language and/or ideas to draft an ordinance that was flexible to individual circumstances. Staff was also directed to provide the draft ordinance at the June 20, 2013, Public Safety Committee Meeting for discussion of the final version of the ordinance.

3. **DISCUSSION**: regarding parking during special events at the Richmond Auditorium and traffic tickets being issued - Councilmember Bates (620-6743).

Chair Bates stated that Chief Magnus intervened and has taken care of the traffic citations that were issued to individuals who parked in City parking lots during a special event at the Richmond Auditorium. He also commended the Richmond Police Department for being the only police department that has continued to increase its police force while other cities are reducing police force. Chair Bates gave an overview of the item. Deputy Police Chief Ed Medina gave an overview of the parking signage around the Richmond Auditorium and Civic Center.

Outcome: Deputy Medina stated that the parking signage was old and would be updated. He stated that the parking lot adjacent to the Communication Center on 27th Street and Nevin Avenue must remain open for staff during the week and weekends. He stated that individuals will be ticketed for parking in the lot. Deputy Medina stated that parking on other City lots will remain open for the public on weekends. Deputy Medina will give an update at the March 21, 2013, Public Safety Committee Meeting regarding the signage issue.

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public speakers.

NEXT PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING - MARCH 21, 2013 (Staff to place the following item on the agenda):

- Chair Bates requested a status report from staff on the Knobcone Court development and roads in the community
- Vice Mayor Booze requested City Engineer Alan Wolken address the Public Safety Committee regarding water from the Greenway running onto the property of residents on 41st Street and Ohio Avenue
- Vice Mayor Booze requested an update on missing lights on the Richmond Parkway from Parchester Villiage to Giant Highway

SPECIAL MEETING REQUEST (staff to arrange)

- Chair Bates requested staff arrange a special meeting with the Public Safety Committee, a BNSF representative, Auto Warehousing, and Richmond Port staff to discuss traffic and train issues that have occurred, and proposed solutions, due to the closing and repair of the Dorman Tunnel

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.