

July 20, 2012

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, July 19, 2012, at 10:08 a.m.

Present: Chair Bates, Councilmembers Boozé and Ritterman.

Absent: None

Hold a public hearing on an appeal by Carl Adams of the Hearing Officer's Determination upholding the Administrative Citation issued by the City's Code Enforcement Unit.

Code Enforcement Manager, Tim Higaes, Code Enforcement Manager, and Dave Rogowski, Code Enforcement Officer gave an overview of the matter. Appellant, Carl Adams stated that he cannot afford to have the debris removed from his property. The cost of the penalty is \$6,000. Councilmember Ritterman made a motion to deny the appeal. There was no second to the motion. A motion by Councilmember Bates, seconded by Councilmember Boozé, continued the matter to the September 20, 2012, Public Safety Committee meeting to allow staff and Mr. Adams to discuss an estimate of the cost to remove all of the debris from his lot and denial or approval of the appeal will be determined at the next meeting. The motion passed with Councilmember Ritterman voting "no".

Consider recommending amendments to Richmond Municipal Code Chapter 11.76 (Vehicle Abatement) relating to abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicles (This item was previously discussed at the March 15, 2012, Public Safety Committee meeting).

Attorney, Trisha Aljoe, gave an overview of the matter. Councilmember Boozé stated that he would like to convene a meeting with staff to go through the ordinance in depth and possibly recommend changes. Maeola Gallow gave comments. Councilmember Boozé stated that the fire truck located at the edge of the water be cited rite away. A motion by Councilmember Bates, seconded by Councilmember Boozé, recommended the amendments to the full City Council for approval and also requested that the auto repair portion be looked at separately, passed by the unanimous vote of the committee. This matter will be presented to the Planning Commission also.

Receive a report from the Code Enforcement Manager on the City's current ordinance regarding the parking of recreational vehicles/trucks on public residential streets.

Code Enforcement Manager, Tim Higaes, stated that there is not a strong ordinance regarding this matter. Councilmember Bates recommended that this matter be discussed with the neighborhood councils and with the Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council (RNCC). Nothing will be done at this time.

Discussion and direction to staff regarding the curb protrusions along Macdonald Avenue from 8th Street to 18th Street.

City Planner, Kieron Slaughter and a representative from BKF Engineers gave comments. The protrusions meet all safety standards but there may be more ways to make the protrusions more visible. Councilmember Boozé requested staff to study whether a fire ladder truck and police vehicles would be able to maneuver the turn safely. Jackie Thompson gave comments.

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Jackie Thompson stated that the speeding of vehicles is bad and asked if there is regular street sweeping done on Stege Avenue.

Naomi Williams stated that there is an area on 27th street that is striped yellow that shouldn't have been.

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m. to meet again on September 20, 2012