

February 24, 2006

To: Honorable Mayor Irma L. Anderson
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
Thursday, February 23, 10:30am

Present: Chair Marquez and Members Bates and McLaughlin

Absent: Councilmember Rogers

Update regarding the transition from white police cars to black and white police cars

- Chief Magnus, Richmond Police Department, presented the report. A committee was established consisting of members of the organization for the specific purpose to consider changing our patrol cars from white, to black and white. The committee also considered recommendations for a new patrol car graphic design, consistent with the philosophy and policies of the organization. The new design will promote visibility.
- Police cars have been confused many times with taxi cabs.
- The committee reviewed several computer generated images of black and white patrol cars throughout California before submitting an application.
- The first three cars have been painted with the remainder of new cars in stock to build this year. The cost of painting is \$1,100/car and the decals are \$485.

OUTCOME:

On motion of Councilmember Bates, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin to recommend this item to the full City Council.

Discussion regarding a parking solution for Wilson & Kratzer Mortuaries on 24th Street and Barrett Avenue

- John Rocha, Wilson & Kratzer Mortuaries, stated that customers appreciate the ability of their customers being able to utilize the City's parking lot and would be impacted negatively if they were not allowed to use it any longer. It is a definite

safety issue. The mortuary would like to be able to purchase part of the lot for their customer's use.

- Kinshasa Towns, Redevelopment Agency, stated that she will meet with Mr. Rocha of Wilson & Kratzer to discuss the future plans for the area.

OUTCOME:

This matter will return to the Public Safety Committee for an update after the meeting between the Redevelopment Agency and Wilson & Kratzer is conducted.

Update regarding installation of a stop light at Hilltop Drive and Park Central

- Steven Tam, Engineering Division, stated that the traffic study has been completed and this will be placed on the Capital Improvement Program Budget. The City will work with Contra Costa County to determine cost sharing for the signal light.

Provide staff direction regarding negotiating a contract to provide security for Pt. Molate

- Chief Magnus stated that the Police Department would like to enter into a security contract to provide 24-hour, uniformed and unarmed security for Pt. Molate by either negotiating a contract with one or more of the current service providers or issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to obtain competitive bids for these services. At this point, it is unclear whether an RFP was ever conducted for these services.
- The maximum budget amount allocated for this service is \$225,000 annually.
- Mike Davenport, DP Security stated that currently, security services are provided on a month to month basis, without a written contract by DP Security and Bajan Security.

OUTCOME:

On motion of Councilmember Bates, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin to clarify if there was an RFP conducted and forward to the full City Council.

Report on the outcome of the Richmond Black on Black Crime Summit

- Chair Marquez stated that this presentation be made before the full City Council at an upcoming meeting as a Study Session item.
- Rev. Andre Shumake, Rev. C. Newsome, and Walter Ross commented. On March 2, 2005, the Richmond Improvement Association convened a facilitated

meeting to engage Richmond residents in a dialogue to identify what the community saw as root causes of youth violence and propose long-term, community-based, anti-crime strategies. Forty persons representing 32 Richmond-based organizations attended this first meeting.

- The goals established at the March 2nd meeting were to organize a community-wide summit, identify major concerns in Richmond's African American community, and lay the foundation for a long-term, community-driven effort to reduce crime and violence.
- One of the most important recommendation for the Crime Summit was the need to assist black men and women whose status in the criminal justice system, makes it impossible for them to gain access to employment, education or housing. Under the program, ex-offenders use existing California State law to clear their criminal records to show their prior convictions as dismissed.

OUTCOME:

This matter will be discussed at the City Council meeting of March 7, 2006.

Tour of Hall of Justice was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.