November 18, 2010

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
Thursday, November 18, 2010, at 10:10 a.m.

Present: Chair Bates and Vice Mayor Ritterman

Absent: Councilmembers Viramontes

Review of the proposed revisions to the Housing Authority’s Senior Public Housing Development Housing Rules and provide input to staff.

• Housing Director Tim Jones gave an overview of the item. The following individuals gave comments: Jackie Thompson suggested staff look into what other agencies have done to handle some of the safety issues in senior housing. Delores Johnson stated that something needs to be done to secure the safety of the senior citizens. She mentioned that cameras would be helpful and would be specifically needed at the Barrett gate. She also stated that an additional guard is needed. Texanita Bluitt also gave comments.

• Chair Bates suggested staff looking into purchasing cameras. He also suggested that the matter be referred to the Housing Authority Advisory Committee to gather community and resident input and come back to the Public Safety Committee with recommendations of approval and recommendation to the full City Council.

• Tim Jones requested that the Public Safety Committee allow the Housing Authority’s Management to pursue the capital improvements and to work with the current security to modify the site orders.

OUTCOME:

On recommendation of the Public Safety Committee the matter was referred to the Housing Authority Advisory Committee to gather community and resident input and come back to the Public Safety Committee with recommendations and staff authorized to pursue the capital improvements and to work with the current security to modify the site orders.

Receive a presentation on the draft Street Light Master Plan developed by Republic Intelligent Transportation Services, Inc. and provide direction to staff.

• Interim City Engineer Edric Kwan gave an overview of the item and introduced Steve Fitzsimmons of Republic ITS who gave a PowerPoint presentation. Public
Works Director Yader Bermudez and Jackie Thompson gave comments. Staff recommended that the Public Safety Committee provide direction for other alternatives. - Committee suggested staff present a rough idea of a parcel assessment - and solar recommendation for lighting estimate/projection.

OUTCOME:

On recommendation of the Public Safety Committee recommended that staff prepare draft recommendations for a parcel assessment to handle lighting issues and also estimates/projections for solar lighting as an alternative use.

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT

Jackie Thompson stated that the cracks on Potrero Avenue and 16th Street need to be addressed. She will contact the appropriate staff. She also stated that a police substation is needed at the Cutting Corridor.

John Braswell expressed his disappointment that the Putting Green at Nichols Park has been locked for over a year. Public Works Director Yader Bermudez stated he would look into the issue and contact Mr. Braswell.

Chair Bates informed Mr. Bermudez that there were political signs in the covert on 41 Street and Overend Avenue.

ADJOURNED:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.