November 18, 2011

To: Honorable Mayor Gayle McLaughlin
Members of the City Council

From: Public Safety and Public Services Standing Committee

SUBJECT: SUMMARY
Meeting of the Public Safety and Public Services Standing Committee
Wednesday, November 17, 2011, at 10:06 a.m.

Present: Chair Bates, Councilmembers Boozé (arrived @10:07 a.m.) and Ritterman

Absent: None

1. Review and recommend: 1) action in response to recent legislation relative to the oversight of bingo operations by local municipalities; and 2) the proposed changes in operating conditions at Quick Shot Bingo at 1401 Marina Way South to allow the use of an upgraded version of the Champ II software.

   The operators of Quick Shot Bingo would like to upgrade the bingo equipment to include an electronic bingo gaming section.

   The Public Safety Committee did not object to the equipment upgrade and requested an update report in 6 months.

2. Discuss and consider amending Richmond Municipal Code Chapters 9.22, 11.76, and 11.78, regarding the regulation of the repair, storage, and parking of motor vehicles in residential areas.

   Code Enforcement Director, Tim Higares, gave an overview of the matter. Inoperable vehicles cannot be stored in public view. Naomi Williams and Jackie Thompson gave comments.

   The committee requested an update report in 30 days indicating how many and the locations of citations issued in the past year. Staff was also directed to return to the Public Safety Committee with edits to existing ordinances to be fairer and more equitable that addresses tagging of non-operational vehicles; classic vehicles and second story view of vehicles.

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT

Naomi Williams expressed disappointment over the approval of the Bike Master Plan, which converted South 37th Street into one lane.

Jackie Thompson requested that the curb at 37th and Stege Avenue be painted red for safety reasons.

The meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.