January 16, 2014

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, January 16, 2014, at 10:02 a.m.

Present: Chair Bates and Councilmember Boozé
Absent: Councilmember Myrick arrived at 10:13 a.m.

1. The matter to appoint a chairperson to the Public Safety Committee for 2014, Councilmember Boozé nominated Councilmember Bates. Councilmember Bates was appointed as Chairperson for 2014 by unanimous vote.

2. The matter to consider recommending approval of a resolution of support for the I-80/Central Avenue Project concept and direct staff to proceed with project implementation using the Contra Costa Transportation Authority allocated funds was presented by City Engineer Alan Wolken, Contra Costa County Transportation Authority Representative Amin Abu Amara, and Fehr and Peers Representative Eddie Barrios. The group summarized the project, its advantages, outreach, etc. Supporters of the project include: Jacuzzi Street merchants, John Giao, South Side Improvement Group Plus One, and Costco. The following individuals gave comments: Dave Harris, Mary Selva, Myrtle Braxton, Naomi Williams, Madalyn Law, and Bea Roberson. On motion of Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Councilmember Bates recommended approval of a resolution of support for the I-80/Central Avenue Project concept and directed staff to proceed with the project implementation using the Contra Costa Transportation Authority allocated funds with the condition that after six-months review of the project, the Contra Costa Transportation Authority make another presentation to the Public Safety Committee by the unanimous vote of the Committee. This item will move forward to the February 18, 2014, City Council, Meeting.

3. Withdrew from the agenda the matter to consider a request from Ms. Renee Spearman and her neighbors to close the alley between South 28th Street and 27th Street for public safety reasons.

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT

David Dwyer requested a stop sign at 33rd Clinton Avenue, and he also stated that the street is sinking in front of his home at the corner of 33rd Street and Clinton Avenue.

NEXT PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING – February 20, 2014

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.