November 16, 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, November 15, 2012, at 10:10 a.m.

Present: Chair Boözé and Councilmember Bates.
Absent: None

Update the Public Safety Committee on the status of the recommendations given at the May 17, 2012 public hearing on the appeal by Mr. Carl Adams of the Hearing Officer's determination upholding an Administrative Citation issued by the City's Code Enforcement Unit.

Code Enforcement Manager, Tim Higares, gave an overview of the matter. The bid given to Mr. Adams for Code Enforcement to clean his property is $37,175. The cost would increase if hazardous materials were found on the property. Mr. Adams declined the offer.

Zachary Knox, Attorney representing Mr. Adams, stated that the 2nd Administrative Citation should be dismissed in full.

A motion by Councilmember Bates, seconded by Chair Boözé, that the applicant be given 60 days to thoroughly clean the lot up and if it is cleaned up, the administrative citation fees will be waived. In the event it’s not cleaned up, city staff will clean up the property and charge the property owner for the cost and a lien will be placed on the property, passed by the unanimous vote of the committee.

Hold a public hearing on the appeal by Ms. Gloria Johnson of the Hearing Officer's determination upholding the Administrative Citation issued by the City's Code Enforcement Unit related to the Subject Property

Code Enforcement Officer, Renee Sousa, gave an overview of the matter.

A motion by Councilmember Bates, seconded by Chair Boözé, that the fee be reduced in half to $250 and be given up to six months to pay, passed by the unanimous vote of the council.

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT

Jackie Thompson stated that there is a large pothole on 30th Street, between Nevin and Barrett. There doesn’t seem to be any street sweeping on Stege Avenue between Cutting Boulevard and 37th street.
There will not be a meeting in December. The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2013. Councilmember Bates requested that an update regarding the sign ordinance in reference to political signs be on the January agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.