

September 17, 2009

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, September 17, at 10:04 a.m.

Present: Chair Bates, Councilmembers Ritterman, and Councilmember Viramontes

Absent: None

Status Report and Direction to staff regarding the East Bay Radio Communication System Authority project Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) of various cities and other public safety organizations.

- Fire Department Chief Banks gave an overview of item.
- JPA representative gave a presentation which included a PowerPoint presentation and currently paying 60 month without replacement.
- Police Department Chief Magnus spoke on this item. board of directors - 23 member, 6 elected official - (shin, leonard mcneal from city of san pablo)

OUTCOME:

On motion by Councilmember Viramontes to move this item on and at a later date.

Discuss fowl on residential property becoming a potential nuisance for neighbors and CONSIDER RECOMMENDING revisions to Richmond Municipal Code 9.24.040.

- City Attorney Mary Renfro gave an overview of the item. Other cities do have rooster
- Principle Planner Janet Harben stated the ordinance language is very vague and could warrant changes. Suggest changing the requirement based on lot size and make it a conditional use permit
- Naomi Williams stated she does not agree with having roosters in an urban area.
- Police Department Chief Magnus stated he would like to work with city attorney to modify the ordinance to allow rooster in an urban area.

OUTCOME:

On motion of Councilmember Bates suggest hold over for a month to look at other cities to see how they handle. Staff comes back for recommendation

Follow-Up Discussion regarding issues and concerns raised by the Nevin Plaza Housing Complex residents.

- Housing Authority Director Tim Jones on the June 18 meeting stated that there are several issues and concerns in the Nevin Plaza Housing Complex. Some of the issues and concerns are to update the lease and submitted to housing advisory commission. The visiting hours, if violate the house rules, you violate the lease. The meetings in lobby area after visiting hours and to make it more comfortable and that the complex has purchased furniture. The limited police presence. The tenant's problems. The building condition. The restraining orders.
- Councilmember Bates stated that whatever is done needs to be across the board. Illegal drugs that have not been able to be substantiate. Prostitution is restrictions on the visiting hours will probably determine the behavior. People living in units for extended time with children - will do direct home visits - had initial meeting with contra costa county health - if can provide the space, can provide case workers. Direct to work with housing advisory to come with a comprehensive program to make it safer. Police living on site - bed bugs - proposing full structure fumigation. week of October 5, 2009 - out of their 3 - 5 days - omega fumigation service - \$152,000. Suggest Hacienda.

OUTCOME:

On motion of Councilmember Viramontes suggest setting up meeting with Contra Costa County judges regarding the evictions of problem tenants.

Discussion and direction to staff regarding a request for four speed control undulations in the Via Verde neighborhood.

- Frank Recoder gave an overview of the item and has signatures collected from neighbors for a total of 70 signatures.
- Councilmember Bates suggested Frank Recoder work with neighbors and staff. This item should come back in a month with recommendations.

OUTCOME:

On motion by Councilmember Bates for Steven Tam to come back in a month- with the costs associated. Recommended update

Discussion and direction to staff regarding a request for a stop sign and speed

control undulations in the area of Valley View Road.

- No representatives available - will ask a contact person to come back to the public safety committee. To give this location to a consultant for a study session. Staff will bring this item back in a month.

OUTCOME:

Recommended for next meeting

Discussion regarding the next Special Public Safety Committee meeting at the various housing developments.

- Suggest having next public safety meeting at Friendship manor - poll the committee to see when they want to go to Friendship. Add to the Next Meeting: 1.consideration of reestablish the Police Reserve Unit. - 2. Have Police chief talk about the last sixty days during the murders and share with public. 3. Undulation that was referred to staff.

OUTCOME:

On motion of Councilmember Ritterman, seconded by Councilmember Viramontes appointed Councilmember Bates as Chair and Councilmember Viramontes as Vice Chair by the unanimous vote of the Committee.

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT

Five speakers- Tom Myles
Paul Larudee
Vernell Crittendon
Naomi Williams
Frank Recoder

FUTURE ITEMS:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.