

September 21, 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, September 21, 2011, at 10:05 a.m.

Present: Chair Bates, Councilmembers Boozé and Ritterman

Absent: None

1. **REVIEW**: of the proposed amendment to Richmond Municipal Code Chapter 7.102 (Medical Marijuana Collectives) ordinance to increase the number of collectives that may be permitted from three to four and provide direction to staff.

Chair Bates announced that he would take his name off as co-sponsor to this item to avoid a Brown Act violation. Naomi Williams and Lisa Hirschhorn gave comments. Following discussion, on motion of Councilmember Boozé, seconded by Councilmember Ritterman, moved the item to City Council with a recommendation that staff prepare the draft ordinance to increase the number of collectives allowed from three to four, by the unanimous vote of the Public Safety Committee.

2. **RECEIVE**: a report from the Richmond Police Department regarding strategies to address the recent shootings in the city of Richmond.

Police Captains Mark Gagan and Anthony Williams gave reports which included short-term and long-term strategies, the creation of a special task force, the successful confiscation of firearms, and Operation Cease Fire. Texanita Bluit gave comments. Councilmember Boozé asked that checkpoints Chair Bates requested that Police Chief Chris Magnus give a report on the justification of checkpoint at the October 20, 2011, Public Safety Meeting.

3. **DISCUSS & PROVIDE DIRECTION**: to staff regarding traffic safety concerns at the intersection of Center & South 37th Street and the corner of Cutting Boulevard at Stege Avenue.

Myrtle Braxton gave a report to the Committee. Texanita Bluit, Naomi Williams, and James Oakley gave comments. Naomi Williams will submit a list of concerns, regarding the Southside of the City of Richmond, to staff for discussion at the October 20, 2011, Public Safety Committee Meeting. Senior Civil Engineer Andy Young and Engineer Melissa Tigbao of the Engineering Services Department gave comments. This matter will be placed on the October Public Safety Committee agenda for further discussion.

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public speakers.

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m. to meet again on Thursday, October 20, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.