

July 18, 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, July 17, 2014, at 10:05 a.m.

Present: Chair Bates and Councilmembers Boozé and Myrick.

THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Receive a status report from the Police Department regarding a proposed 48-hour grace period for victim property owners of vehicles that were towed due to a crime.

Captain Anthony Williams provided a report. There is currently a 15% discount on fees assessed for victims of crime. Staff recommends that the grace period be included in the negotiation of new tow contracts and should only apply for individuals who do not have insurance. Charles Smith and Mark Lenz gave comments.

OUTCOME: This matter will return to the September 18, 2014, Public Safety Committee meeting.

2. Review zoning areas that are reasonable to accommodate medical marijuana dispensaries.

Chair Bates gave an overview of the matter. Planning Director, Richard Mitchell gave a report. C-2 Districts such as Macdonald Avenue, San Pablo Avenue, and 23rd Street may be allowed to operate dispensaries. The following individuals gave comments: Fred Glueck, Jim Cannon, James Anthony, Lisa Gygax, and Naomi Williams.

OUTCOME: A motion by Councilmember Boozé, seconded by Councilmember Myrick to allow the dispensaries to meet and bring back their suggestions to the Public Safety Committee on September 18, 2014.

3. Direct staff to proceed with a request for the Request for Proposal (RFP) or Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to allow the remaining two of the six allocated dispensaries to be permitted. It is requested that RPD accept applications for 30 days with a recommendation due in early September.

Chair Bates and Deputy Police Chief Medina gave an overview of the item. Currently, the city is receiving taxes from three dispensaries. Lisa Gygax gave comments in opposition of allowing the remaining two of the six allocated dispensaries to be permitted.

OUTCOME: A motion by Councilmember Bates, seconded by Councilmember Myrick, that staff research the cost of the oversight of the dispensaries, review generated, and sales tax plus permitting process over the year and get more information to justify the increase to dispensaries. This matter will be on the September 18, 2014, Public Safety Committee meeting.

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT

Lisa Gygax gave comments regarding the lack of due process for the Greenleaf Collective. This matter will be placed on the September 18, 2016, Public Safety Committee agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.