

February 17, 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, February 16, 2012, at 10:02 a.m.

**Present:** Chair Bates, Councilmembers Boozé and Ritterman

**Absent:** None

1. **APPOINT**: the Public Safety Standing Committee Chair and Vice-Chair for 2012.

*A motion by Councilmember Ritterman, seconded by Councilmember Bates, appointed Councilmember Boozé as chairperson. A motion by Councilmember Ritterman, seconded by Councilmember Boozé, appointed Councilmember Bates as Vice Chair.*

2. **RECEIVE**: a presentation on vehicle abatement activity conducted throughout the City - Police Department (Chief Chris Magnus 621-1802).

*Code Enforcement Manager, Tim Higaes, gave an overview of the matter. 1,378 vehicle abatement notices were sent out and only 22 vehicles were towed from private property in 2010.*

*A motion by Councilmember Bates, seconded by Councilmember Ritterman, directed staff to amend the current vehicle abatement ordinance to allow for the preservation of classic cars from unnecessary disposal, and allow planned non-operative vehicles to remain in designated private parking areas. This matter will return to a future Public Safety Committee meeting.*

3. **RECEIVE**: information and direction from Councilmember Boozé relative to a complaint from the public regarding KCRT and Comcast - Councilmember Boozé (620-6581).

*Councilmember Boozé stated that he has received numerous complaints from residents regarding the graininess of the video from KCRT and that the sound transmitted goes up and down constantly. Information Technology Director, Sue Hartman, replied that lighting in the Council Chambers will be improved this fiscal year and Comcast will correct the volume issue. Persons with issues or concerns can contact KCRT at 620-6759 or the I.T. Department at 620-6874.*

*Councilmember Bates suggested that LED lights be installed and that staff research the feasibility and cost of using lapel mics. Councilmember Boozé requested that someone from Comcast and dish TV attend a future Public Safety Committee meeting. Councilmember Bates suggested that Todd Lewis assess possible lighting solutions for the Council Chambers and the Richmond Auditorium. Councilmember Boozé requested that the contact information to make complaints appear on KCRT.*

*Jackie Thompson gave comments.*

- 4. DISCUSS & CONSIDER:** amending RMC Chapter 7.102 Medical Marijuana Collectives to allow approval of additional permits to operate medical marijuana collectives. There are currently three medical marijuana collectives permitted in the City. Discussion may include consideration of additional permits - City Council (Councilmember Bates 620-6581).

*Councilmember Bates gave an overview of the matter. Attorney, Mary Renfro stated that an ordinance amendment will be required if more than 4 dispensaries total are recommended.*

*John Marquez gave comments.*

*Councilmember Bates requested a financial analysis of how much the city will receive from the operation of the collectives.*

*The committee directed staff to amend the current ordinance to allow up to 6 medical marijuana collectives to operate in the city and to allow the collectives to move within zoned areas and forwarded the recommendation to the full City Council.*

#### **OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jackie Thompson stated that the Richmond Parkway is dangerous due to the lack of lighting. Ms. Thompson also requested that speed bumps be installed on Stege Avenue.

Goretha Johnson, Parchester Village Neighborhood Council President, stated that something needs to be done about the poor lighting on the Richmond Parkway. Councilmember Bates requested that this matter be placed on the next Public Safety Committee agenda. Ms. Johnson also requested that inappropriate websites be blocked from the computers at the Parchester Community Center.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.