

September 20, 2013

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, September 19, 2013, at 10:04 a.m.

Present: Chair Bates and Vice Mayor Boozé.

Absent: Councilmember Myrick arrived at 10:15 a.m.

1. The matter to hold a public hearing on an appeal by Cornelius Doherty Jr. of Doherty's Truck Rental regarding an administrative citation issued for an illicit discharge of non-stormwater to the stormwater collection system was presented by Chad Davisson, Joanne Le, Lynn Scarpa, Stormwater Division, and appellants Mr. and Mrs. Doherty. On April 22, 2013, a resident witnessed a man from Doherty's Truck rental pour what he identified as oil into a storm drain inlet located at 5920 Bayview Avenue, Richmond. Veolia Water responded to clean up the contents and determined that it would not be able to remove the material, therefore the city utilized the services of RES Environmental Services to clean the line segment between Bayview and Alameda Avenue. The cost of the clean-up was \$6,841.38. City Source Control Inspector, Joanne Le, conducted an inspection and observed black sediment with an odor of oil and based on the findings, Ms. Le, Doherty's was issued an administrative citation based on this illicit discharge and violation of the city's municipal code. Owner, Cornelius Doherty, Jr., submitted an appeal to the administrative citation on May 6, 2013, stating there was a plumbing back-up in the wash area and water was going into the shop and that no oil was ever dumped. Mr. Doherty stated that a non-employee filled up a 5-gallon bucket of water and took it to the curb. Based on the findings, a fine of \$250 was imposed. An addendum to the Hearings Officer's Findings was issued August 20, 2013 which removed the discussion of the \$6,841.38 in clean-up costs, however Mr. Doherty paid the total cost of the clean-up.

OUTCOME: A motion by Councilmember Bates, seconded by Councilmember Myrick, this matter will return to the Public Safety Committee once an appropriate and justifiable fee is determined by staff after closely examining the bill from the clean-up company, passed by the unanimous vote of the committee.

2. Receive a report from the Code Enforcement Manager on the purchase of additional Flash Cams.

Code Enforcement Manager, Tim Higare, gave an overview of the matter. Currently, there are no funds to purchase cameras.

***OUTCOME:** A motion by Chair Bates, seconded by Councilmember Bates, that funds be identified from the police department budget to purchase cameras.*

3. Update report regarding water runoff at the property located at 41st Street at Ohio Avenue.

Risk Manager, Kim Greer, stated that no claim has been filed and there is no proof of liability by the City. Alan Wolken, City Engineer, stated that a culvert was created and the drainage will be redone.

***OUTCOME:** Councilmember Boozé stated that he will speak with Ms. Estes to get a list of itemized charges of items that have been damaged. Councilmembers Boozé and Myrick requested an update at the October or November Public Safety Committee meeting. A letter will also be sent to Ms. Estes requesting that she complete a claim form.*

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT

Jackie Thompson asked for an update on the location of earthquake shelters in the city. Ms. Thompson stated that the cameras should be placed in the illegal dumping hotspots.

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 p.m.