

January 22, 2007

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, January 18, 2007 @ 9:30 a.m.

Present: Chair Marquez and Rogers (arrived@10:05 a.m.)

Absent: Councilmember Bates

The following item was continued to the full City Council agenda due to lack of a quorum:

Consider recommending adoption of an ordinance amending Sections 7.040 of the Richmond Municipal Code by adding Section 7.40.100 pertaining to prohibiting entities performing curb painting services except through a City contract

The following item was forwarded to a future Public Safety Committee agenda:

Consider recommending adoption of an ordinance amending Section 10.24.010(b) of the Richmond Municipal Code pertaining to the closure of parks

Discuss and review renewal of registration and business licenses of lobbyists currently in the City of Richmond

- Janet Schneider, Administrative Chief, stated that a list of current lobbyists was gathered and compared to business license records. There needs to be a notification process to inform those that do not have business licenses that they need to obtain one. Councilmembers were asked to give names of any lobbyists they had contact with.
- Councilmember Rogers believed that this ordinance should not be revised and left as is.

OUTCOME:

Ms. Schneider will send letters to all current registered lobbyists informing them of the requirement that they obtain a business license.

Discuss the availability of public restrooms in the City of Richmond and the current inventory and condition of City of Richmond Park restrooms

- Janet Schneider, Administrative Chief, gave an overview of the matter. Pictures were taken of park restrooms and a list of needs and estimated costs to open or reopen the restrooms. The GIS system was used to identify *all* public restrooms available in the City.

OUTCOME:

Chair Marquez asked that this matter be forwarded to the full City Council for discussion and recommendation.

Discuss a strategic plan to end gun violence in the City of Richmond

- Chief Magnus gave an overview of the matter. It is necessary to implement Compstat, which is a computerized statistics and crime mapping program. Timely crime analysis and good data are critical tools for targeting crime and safety problems. Starting in February, COMPSTAT software will enable department personnel to plan patrol strategies and focus extra attention on areas where violent and other crime is problematic.
- The Police Department will be focusing greater attention on the specific locations and on repeat criminals through the use of extra personnel, additional resources, and help from the community.
- High quality cameras in the right locations can be a powerful tool to deter crime and apprehend criminals.
- Residents should be empowered to rebuild and strengthen the community's neighborhood watch and other citizen-based programs.
- Traffic stops and checkpoints promote safer driving and lead to interactions between police officers and individuals that generate arrests, as well as confiscation of guns and drugs.
- The quality of officers' reports can be improved in order for crimes to receive the best possible follow-up, do not result in the issuance of complaints and warrants, and do not lead to successful prosecutions and convictions.
- Individuals need to be encouraged to come forward with information about crimes. The police department will be working to advertise the tip number (510) 232-TIPS. Anyone can call this number 24/7 to leave a tip in English or Spanish and either remain anonymous or receive a follow-up call if they choose.

- The department will also be working with PERF (Police Executive Research Forum) to explore ways the police department can deploy personnel as effectively as possible.
- Significant benefits have been obtained by the increased number of School Resource Officers. A rigorous truancy enforcement program has been reinstated with the West Contra Costa County Unified School District.
- Chris Tallerico, Naomi Williams and Simms Thompson gave comments.

OUTCOME:

This item was referred to the full City Council for discussion.

OPEN FORUM

Naomi Williams stated that for over 5 years, she has tried to get the Bart track area cleaned in the area of Ohio between Carlson and South 37th St. Ms. Williams also requested that stop signs need to be placed on Center Ave. between South 37th and Carlson. Chair Marquez requested that these issues be submitted in writing to him for follow-up.

Chair Marquez stated that the next Public Safety Committee meeting will be March 8, 2007 at 10:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.