

October 8, 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, October 4, 2007, at 9:03 a.m.

Present: Chair Marquez, (arrived at 9:24 a.m.) Member Sandhu, Member
Thurmond, (arrived at 9:15 a.m.), and Vice Chair Bates.

Absent: None.

Presentation and discussion regarding Veolia Annual Report - (This item was withdrawn).

Update the City Council on the status of closed circuit television camera program implementation

- Janet Schneider, Administrative Chief, gave an overview of the item. ADT spent about one week surveying locations throughout the City where the cameras could be installed. Twenty-six locations in the central area, eight in North Richmond and approximately seventy at the Port were identified. The completion timeline of the project has not changed. The camera installation is to be completed by January 2008.
- Jeff Gutierrez, ADT representative gave an overview of the camera program.

OUTCOME:

Councilmember Bates requested that a list of proposed camera locations and implementation timeline and cost of installation to each pole be provided to the city council. Also, that another update be given to the full City Council in the near future.

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT

Cochise Potts asked that the Public Safety Committee endorse installation of “Gun-Free School Zone” signs.

Deputy Chief Ed Medina, spoke about the release of inmates into Richmond.

Shirley Poe, Regional Parole Board Administrator for the Department of Corrections, stated that there has been no decision made on the release of 40,000 inmates in California.

Muriel Martin, Unit Supervisor for the Parole Division in Richmond, stated that there are 48 parolees set to be released into Richmond in the next six months. There are currently 348 parolees in Richmond that are currently being supervised.

Ken Nelson, President of the Richmond Branch of the NAACP, asked that the Committee recommend to the city council that they approve posting of “Gun-Free School Zone” signs around Richmond schools.

Rhonda Harris expressed various safety concerns regarding Nystrom School, including the need for speed bumps and crossing guards.

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

Councilmember Bates requested that the matter regarding safety concerns surrounding Nystrom School and the matter regarding lighting throughout the City be placed on the next Public Safety Committee Agenda.

Councilmember Sandhu requested that an item regarding crime statistics at the BART station be placed on the next Public Safety Committee Agenda.

Councilmember Thurmond requested that the committee hear and consider a report from the Richmond Beautification Committee regarding an anti-graffiti program.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m. The next Public Safety Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 8, 2007, at 9:00 a.m.