

April 15, 2008

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, April 14, 2008, at 10:05 a.m.

Present: Chair Bates, Vice Mayor Marquez, (arrived at 10:16 a.m.),
Councilmember Sandhu, and Councilmember Thurmond, (arrived at 10:35
a.m.)

Absent: None

Five City Councilmembers were introduced from Shimada, Japan and expressed their gratitude to Councilmembers and staff. Deputy Chief Ed Medina presented the visitors with City of Richmond Police Department lapel pins and coins.

Discuss & recommend changes to certain City Boards and Commissions' ordinances to allow commissioners to have unlimited term limits

- Chair Bates stated that there are a number of boards and commissions that should not have term limits, such as the Commission on Aging, Historic Preservation Commission and Arts & Culture Commissions.

OUTCOME:

Staff will look at the ordinances for the above mentioned commissions and the committee members will contact staff with any others they wish to change.

Discuss & direct staff regarding recommended changes to the Municipal Code Chapter 11.60 minors related to Juvenile Daytime Curfew

- Police Chief Magnus stated that Richmond has a curfew ordinance that is not in compliance with the rulings of the ninth circuit and there are questions to the legality of the current ordinance.
- There needs to be a connection between crime and to the need for a curfew and there should also be a juvenile diversion option.
- Trish Aljoe, City Attorney's Office, stated that there should be a separate daytime and nighttime curfew ordinance.

- Chair Bates stated that there should be alternative diversion programs in place with the participation and collaboration of the school district, probation department, and the Office of Neighborhood Safety.

OUTCOME:

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Marquez, seconded by Councilmember Sandhu, to accept the recommendations and direct staff to prepare the draft ordinance and present it to the full City Council. The committee recommended that the draft ordinance include that the ordinance apply to the entire City and that a definition of minor is a person under the age of seventeen. Councilmember Thurmond stated that as the proposal comes forward to the City Council, that there be a plan in place as to how the community and youth will be engaged in the establishment of the curfew process.

Discuss & consider strategic and operational plans to address issues of crime and violence

- Devonne Boggan, Office of Neighborhood Safety, stated that his office has been working with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Richmond Parole Unit to assist the approximately 750 parolees that come to Richmond annually on community resources to assist them in being successful in the community and stay out of prison.
- The Boston Cease Fire Team came to Richmond to help support training activities for Richmond's street outreach team.
- The Office of Neighborhood Safety has also attended the Contra Costa Mental Health Prevention and Early Intervention stakeholder sub-committee meetings that are held monthly.
- Kaiser Permanente invited the Office of Neighborhood Safety to a meeting to discuss how they will fund violence and crime prevention activities in the cities in which they are located.

Approve summary notes of the Public Safety Standing Committee held on March 20, 2008

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Marquez, seconded by Councilmember Sandhu, approved the summary note. Councilmember Thurmond abstained because he was absent at the March 20th meeting.

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT

No public speakers.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. The next Public Safety Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 15, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.