

December 11, 2014

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, December 11, 2014, at 10:08 a.m.

Present: Chair Bates and Councilmember Boozé

Absent: Councilmember Myrick

THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. **RECEIVE**: a report from the Traffic Division regarding speed calming measures along Moyers Road from Groom Drive to Fordham Drive.

DISCUSSION: Engineer Steven Tams gave an overview of the item. Some recommendations included: installing traffic tables or speed tables would have less impact to vehicles; Moyer was an AC Transit route and that speed tables were the last alternative; and tripping could be used to curve traffic. Mr. Tams suggested that Benjamin Drive and Johann Drive could be used to perform a traffic study at a cost of \$2000; stripping for all intersections would cost \$7,000; and speed tables on Parker Drive and at the school entrance would cost \$5000. Mr. Tams recommended conducting a stop sign study and come back to the Public Safety with results. Chair Bates was disappointed that a report was not included with the agenda packet. Councilmember Boozé made a motion to hold the item over until the next Public Safety Meeting to gather more information. Public Safety Director Yader Bermudez gave comments. He stated that because of the Measure U funds, he would recommend spending the least amount on the above recommendations. Mr. Yader stated that if necessary speed tables could be put in place immediately. Naomi Williams expressed concern regarding the procedures for installing stop-signs. She stated that there was a concern that some neighborhoods are successful in getting stop signs installed and others are ignored, specifically the Pullman Neighborhood was ignored. Mr. Bermudez will look into the issue.

OUTCOME: The Public Safety Continued the item to mid February 2015.

2. **CONSIDER**: recommending that the City Council direct staff to undertake a comprehensive study of a range of issues related to Medical Marijuana including appropriate zoning, location and other issues that have emerged since the ordinance was originally adopted.

DISCUSSION: Planning and Building Services Director Richard Mitchell gave an overview of the item. He recommended conducting a comprehensive study on a

range of issues relating to medical marijuana including expanding services into the central area, and neighborhood commercial areas. The following individuals gave comments: Naomi Williams, Antwon Cloird, Lisa Hirschhorn, Kathleen Sullivan, and Sarah Shrader. Ms. Hirschhorn recommended keeping the medical marijuana dispensaries in C-3 zoning. Ms. Shrader suggested staff speak with applicants to see what issues keep them from opening. She also suggests seeking neighborhoods input early in the process.

OUTCOME: Councilmember Bates suggests revisiting the entire ordinance to make corrections such as the fact that applicants must have a location before they seek a permit when there was no assurance that a permit would be issued. He stated that the process should be reversed.

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no speakers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. in memory of the Honorable Betty Moore Cash.