

Members Present: Council Member Laura P. Cox, Chair

Council Member Barbara Chick Council Member John D. Willis

Guest: Mayor Pro Tem Rick Williams

Staff Present: Neil Montgomery, Senior Managing Director of Development Services

Richard Briley, Managing Director of Health Steve Killen, Director of Code Compliance

Brad Neighbor, City Attorney

Mike Betz, Senior Assistant City Attorney Brian England, Assistant City Attorney

Mitch Bates, Chief of Police

Steve Dye, Assistant Chief of Police

Chairperson Laura Cox called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Council Member Barbara Chick motioned to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2008 meeting; seconded by Council Member John Willis.

## Enhanced Security Measures for Convenience Stores

Chief Bates presented the committee a draft ordinance that had been developed by the City Attorney's office in conjunction with the Police Department. The proposed ordinance set forth requirements for security and safety measures for retail establishments, specifically convenience stores. It addresses issues such as registration, property inspections, trespass affidavits, signage, alarm systems and surveillance camera systems. It was indicated that the ordinance would apply to any new stores and that existing stores would have a grace period to come into conformance. There was discussion among the committee members regarding the timing of the effective date. It was a consensus of the committee to bring this forward for further discussion at the next meeting.

### **Overcrowding Ordinances**

Assistant City Attorney Brian England discussed problems with the language in the current ordinance regarding the definition of family. Brian distributed to the Committee copies of a draft ordinance which contained new language which he suggested would alleviate some of the enforcement problems. Brian indicated this is a part of a multi-pronged approach to modify existing codes. After discussion, the Committee requested that the proposed ordinance be brought forward to the full Council at the first Work Session in February.

### **Community Gardens**

Staff distributed copies of proposed policies and guidelines for this program and asked the Committee members to review for the next meeting.

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### Mayor's Good Neighbor Award

Staff distributed proposed guidelines for this program and asked the Committee members to review prior to the next meeting.

<u>Consider Modifications to Section 52.13 (B) of the Code of Ordinances regarding the</u> storage of residential trash containers.

Richard Briley discussed the language in the current ordinance and the enforcement policies of the Code Compliance Department regarding the storage of residential trash containers. Members reviewed pictures of various situations with different house configurations and the difficulty of meeting the language of the current ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Rick Williams indicated that the intent of the ordinance was to require that the containers be kept out of sight. After discussion among the Committee members, City Attorney Brad Neighbor indicated he would bring back a draft ordinance with different language that would address the concerns. This will be scheduled for the next meeting.

Consider the creation of a policy regarding the acquisition and disposition of vacant, abandoned or foreclosed properties within the City.

This item was postponed until either the February or March meeting.

<u>Discuss setting the regular meeting date for the Community Services Committee.</u>
This item was delayed until the next meeting.

### Announce Future Agenda Items

There were no new agenda items to be brought forward.

#### Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Submitted by: Neil Montgomery

Approved by Committee on February 3, 2009

Approved by: Council Member Laura Perkins Cox, Chairperson