GARLAND
Community Services Committee
Minutes of the March 2, 2010 Meeting

Members Present:
Council Member Laura P. Cox, Chair
Council Member Barbara Chick
Council Member Darren Lathen

Guests:
Council Member John Willis
Council Member Rick Williams
Terry Smith

Staff Present:
Neil Montgomery, Senior Managing Director of Development Services
Brad Neighbor, City Attorney
Richard Briley, Managing Director of Health
Steve Killen, Director of Code Compliance

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

The minutes of the November 30, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Council Member Darren Lathen; second by Council Member Barbara Chick.

Consider Modifications to the Junk Motor Vehicle Ordinance
As requested by the Committee at the previous meeting, the City Attorney drafted modifications to the existing ordinance. Brad Neighbor indicated that after reviewing the current ordinance, the State enabling legislation and discussing issues with the Code Compliance staff, he concluded that a complete rewrite of the ordinance was needed. Consequently, he prepared a draft of a new ordinance and stated that the ordinance clarified definitions and addressed various issues identified by Council members and staff. He articulated for the Committee the significant changes from the existing ordinance. After discussion, the Committee voted to move forward with proposed changes and asked that an item be placed on the March 22, 2010 for the Committee to report to the full Council.

Discuss the Detroit Retaining Occupancy on Foreclosure (ROOF) Program –
Chairperson Cox asked that this item be postponed until the April meeting as she would be discussing this program with individuals from Detroit during the upcoming National League of Cities meeting and would have additional information at that time. The Committee voted to postpone the item until the April 6, 2010 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Neil Montgomery

Approved by Committee: April 6, 2010

Approved by: Council Member Laura Perkins Cox, Chairperson