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Date: November 3, 2015

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilwoman Suzie Price, Third District *SP*
Councilmember Daryl Supernaw, Fourth District *DS*
Councilmember Al Austin, Eighth District *al*

Subject: **Reestablishing the Fireworks Steering Committee**

INTRODUCTION:

On September 22nd the Public Safety Committee listened to testimony from numerous residents concerned with the use of illegal fireworks on the 4th of July holiday and months leading up to and after the holiday. In addition to the testimony given at the Public Safety Committee meeting the Mayor and City Council Offices received even more written communication from residents expressing identical concerns. In past years the City lead an effort to inform the public on the dangers of fireworks and that fireworks are illegal in the City. A Fireworks Steering Committee met on a regular basis beginning in the month March through the 4th of July holiday in an effort to be pro-active with fireworks education and enforcement. A number of City Departments participated in the committee including City Council, Harbor, Public Works, Fire, Police and Special Events and Filming. The committee was responsible for such tasks as creating public service announcements/video, press releases, distributing multilingual flyers, posting banners and signs, electronic messages, public education in schools, and notifying block party permit holders that fireworks are illegal.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is anticipated that the use of illegal fireworks will continue to be a problem throughout the entire City and educating the public on the dangers of fireworks needs to be a priority again. Therefore the City Council is requesting that the Fireworks Steering Committee reconvene starting in March of 2016 through the 4th of July holiday in an effort to be pro-active with fireworks education and enforcement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no significant fiscal impact with the establishment.