

## **RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, May 8, 2007**

The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council, Housing Authority, Housing Advisory Commission, and the Public Safety Committee was called to order at 6:12 p.m., by Chairperson/Mayor Gayle McLaughlin.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** City Councilmembers/Housing Authority Commissioners: Butt, Rogers, Sandhu, Thurmond, Viramontes, Hall, Williams, Vice Mayor/Vice Chairperson Bates, and Mayor/Chairperson McLaughlin; Housing Advisory Commission Members: Hall, Williams, Bluit, Vice Chairperson Harrison-Farr, and Chairperson Washington; Public Safety Committee Members: Bates, Sandhu, and Thurmond. **Absent:** Councilmember/Commissioner/Committee Member Marquez, and Councilmember/Commissioner Lopez and Housing Advisory Commission Member Ryder. (Councilmember/Commissioner Lopez arrived later)

### **DISCUSSION**

In the matter regarding Public Housing Property Management Operations and Safety Concerns at Senior Facilities. Tim Jones, Housing Authority Director, gave an overview of the item including a PowerPoint presentation. He stated the following services have been impacted by reductions in funding: (1) property management service, (2) security measures, and (3) resident services. The following were steps taken to offset the reduction in funds: (1) outsourcing of some services, (2) staffing re-alignment to ensure resident managers are at all sites effective July 1, 2007, (3) improved lease enforcement, security measures, and (4) outreach to public agencies and community based organizations. Vice Chairperson Bates gave a recap of the Public Safety Committee's discussion regarding this item. The following individuals spoke on this item: Corky Booze, Jackie Thompson, Monique Doryland, James Cash, Princess Crockett, Clara Jordan, Anthony Houston, Clarence Harvey, Kendall Peterson, Syble Hill, Lillie Thomas, Emma Moore, Gloria Williams, Lola Pugh, John Braswell, Ollie Wright, DeCoty Phillips, Juanita Taylor, and Michael Davenport. Councilmember Lopez suggested exploring other means of funding the security at the sites. Commissioner Bluit stated that the criteria used to assess disability needs and the house rules need to be reviewed and applied to each tenant consistently. Vice Chair Bates stated that all tenants need identification badges. He stated that the responsibility of accessing the storage area should be given to the tenants. The costs for changing a light bulb and a lockout are ridiculous, and the cameras are said to be ineffective. Vice Chair Bates also stated that the police officers living in the properties need to be more visible. Vice Chairperson Bates stated that the Council should allow staff to administratively go forward with what they can without the Council's intervention and submit a progress report. Tim Jones requested the City Council's help with the safety issue. He requested he be allowed to distribute a Request for Proposal (RFP) for 24-hour security, seven days a week at all sites, and submit the results to the Finance Committee. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Viramontes stated she will place on the May 14, 2007, Finance Committee Agenda, an item to discuss ways to provide funding sources for

24-hour security at the Housing Authority's senior housing complexes. Texanita Bluitt stated that the Housing Advisory Commission has decided that meetings will now be held at various sites. She stated the Commission will discuss with Mr. Jones the possibility of sending the minutes to the Public Safety Committee and the City Council. Councilmember Lopez stated that, in the interim, she would like to see 24-hour security guards on site until all administrative changes are put in place. Mayor McLaughlin thanked everyone for their input. She stated that staff will come back with a summary and suggestions of solutions to the situation. She also stated that the Finance Committee will discuss ways to provide funding sources for 24-hour security at the Housing Authority's senior housing complexes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. in memory and honor of Dr. Hamilton T. Boswell, father of Elaine Boswell Raine and Councilmember/Boardmember John Marquez's sister-in-law, Juanita Hernandez Reaves.

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City Clerk

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Approved:

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Chairperson