



Community Services Building  
440 Civic Center Plaza  
Richmond, CA 94804

**AGENDA**  
**Tuesday, March 24, 2020**

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**Mayor**  
Thomas Butt

**Vice Mayor**  
Nathaniel Bates

**Councilmembers**  
Ben Choi  
Demnlus Johnson III  
Eduardo Martinez  
Jael Myrick  
Melvin Willis

**ALL CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL PARTICIPATE VIA TELECONFERENCE**

**Housing Authority Tenant Commissioners**  
Jaycine Scott  
Vacant

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The Richmond City Council also serves as Board Members and Commission Members for the following:

**Housing Authority**  
**Joint Powers Financing Authority**  
**Surplus Property Authority**  
**Local Reuse Authority**

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**CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) ADVISORY**  
<https://cchealth.org/coronavirus/pdf/COVID-19-Interim-Guidance-for-Social-Distancing.pdf>

On March 16, 2020, the Health Officer of Contra Costa County issued an Order through April 7, 2020, that directed that all individuals living in the County to shelter at their place of residence except that they may leave to provide or receive certain essential services or engage in certain essential activities and work for essential businesses and governmental services.

On March 17, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, authorizing legislative bodies to hold public meetings via teleconferencing. Executive Order N-29-20 further provides that a legislative body that holds a meeting via teleconference and allows members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically, consistent with notice and accessibility requirements as set forth in the Order, shall have satisfied any requirement that the body allow members of the public to attend the meeting and offer public comment. Such a body need not make available any physical location from which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment.

DUE TO THE SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER AND GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S EXECUTIVE ORDER, WE ARE REVISING THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE ONLY URGENT, TIME SENSITIVE, AND/OR ROUTINE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS. Additionally, attendance at the meeting will be limited to Council members, City of Richmond staff, and members of the news media. Public comment will be confined to items appearing on the agenda and will be limited to written communication as provided below. Consistent with Executive Order N-29-20, this meeting will utilize teleconferencing only.

How to watch the meeting from home:

1. KCRT – Comcast Channel 28 or AT&T Uverse Channel 99
2. Livestream online at <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/3178/KCRT-Live>

We will only accept written public comments. All comments received by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, will be provided to the City Council via e-mail, considered a public record, be put into the record, and considered before Council action. Comments can be submitted via email to [cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us). Please include the agenda item number and title in the email subject line.

For future meetings, the City is working on additional ways for the public to submit comments.

During the pendency of the Executive Order N-29-20, the language in this Advisory portion of the agenda supersedes any language below in the meeting procedures contemplating in-person public comment.

**COMMUNICATION ACCESS INFORMATION:**

**This meeting is being held in a wheelchair accessible location. To request disability-related accommodation(s) to participate in the meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please contact Bruce Soublet, ADA Coordinator, at (510) 620-6509 at least three business days before the meeting date.**

## MEETING PROCEDURES

The City of Richmond encourages community participation at its City Council meetings and has established procedures that are intended to accommodate public input in a timely and time-sensitive way. As a courtesy to all members of the public who wish to participate in City Council meetings, please observe the following procedures:

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** Anyone who desires to address the City Council on items appearing on the agenda must complete and file a pink speaker's card with the City Clerk **prior** to the City Council's consideration of the item. Once the City Clerk has announced the item, no person shall be permitted to speak on the item other than those persons who have submitted their names to the City Clerk. Your name will be called when the item is announced for discussion.

**Each speaker will be allowed up to TWO (2) MINUTES to address the City Council on NON-PUBLIC HEARING items listed on the agenda. Speakers are allowed up to THREE (3) minutes on PUBLIC HEARING items.**

**OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:** Individuals who would like to address the City Council on matters not listed on the agenda or on items remaining on the consent calendar may do so under Open Forum. All speakers must complete and file a pink speaker's card with the City Clerk **prior** to the commencement of Open Forum. The amount of time allotted to individual speakers shall be determined based on the number of persons requesting to speak during this item. **The time allocation for each speaker will be as follows:** 15 or fewer speakers, a maximum of 2 minutes; 16 to 24 speakers, a maximum of 1 and one-half minutes; and 25 or more speakers, a maximum of 1 minute.

**SPEAKERS ARE REQUESTED TO OCCUPY THE RESERVED SEATS IN THE FRONT ROW BEHIND THE SPEAKER'S PODIUM AS THEIR NAME IS ANNOUNCED BY THE CITY CLERK.**

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be enacted, approved or adopted by one motion unless a request for removal for discussion or explanation is received from the audience or the City Council. A member of the audience requesting to remove an item from the consent calendar that is sponsored by City staff must first complete a speaker's card and discuss the item with a City staff person who has knowledge of the subject material **prior** to filing the card with the City Clerk and **prior** to the City Council's consideration of Agenda Review. Councilmembers who request to remove an item from the consent calendar must do so during Agenda Review. An item removed from the Consent Calendar may be placed anywhere on the agenda following the City Council's agenda review.

**CONDUCT AT MEETINGS:** Richmond City Council meetings are limited public forums during which the City strives to provide an open, safe atmosphere and promote robust public debate. Members of the public, however, must comply with state law, as well as the City's laws and procedures and may not actually disrupt the orderly conduct of these meetings. The public, for example, may not shout or use amplifying devices, must submit comment cards and speak during their allotted time, may not create a physical disturbance, may not speak on matters unrelated to issues within the jurisdiction of the City Council or the agenda item at hand, and may not cause immediate threats to public safety.

**CITY HARASSMENT POLICY:** The City invites public comment and critique about its operations, including comment about the performance of its public officials and employees, at the public meetings of the City Council and boards and commissions. However, discriminatory or harassing comments about or in the presence of City employees, even comments by third parties, may create a hostile work environment, if severe or pervasive. The City prohibits harassment against an applicant, employee, or contractor on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, medical condition, mental disability, marital status, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, and related medical conditions), sexual orientation, gender identity, age or veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local law. In order to acknowledge the public's right to comment on City operations at public meetings, which could include comments that violate the City's harassment policy if such comments do not cause an actual disruption under the Council Rules and Procedures, while taking reasonable steps to protect City employees from discrimination and harassment, City Boards and Commissions shall adhere to the following procedures. If any person makes a harassing remark at a public meeting that violates the above City policy prohibiting harassment, the presiding officer of the meeting may, at the conclusion of the speaker's remarks and allotted time: (a) remind the public that the City's Policy Regarding Harassment of its Employees is contained in the written posted agenda; and (b) state that comments in violation of City policy are not condoned by the City and will play no role in City decisions. If any person makes a harassing remark at a public meeting that violates the above City policy, any City employee in the room who is offended by remarks violating the City's policy is excused from attendance at the meeting. No City employee is compelled to remain in attendance where it appears likely that speakers will make further harassing comments. If an employee leaves a City meeting for this reason, the presiding officer may send a designee to notify any offended employee who has left the meeting when those comments are likely concluded so that the employee may return to the meeting. The presiding officer may remind an employee or any council or board or commission member that he or she may leave the meeting if a remark violating the City's harassment policy is made. These procedures supplement the Council Rules and Procedures relating to disruption of orderly conduct at Council meetings.

Any law enforcement officer on duty or whose service is commanded by the presiding officer shall be Sergeant-at-Arms of the Council meetings. He/she, or they, shall carry out all orders and instructions given by the presiding officer for the purpose of maintaining order and decorum at the Council meetings (City Council Rules of Procedure and Order Section III F, RMC Section 2.12.030).

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## **REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL**

6:30 p.m.

- A. **ROLL CALL**
- B. **STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**
- C. **AGENDA REVIEW**
- D. **REPORT FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY OF FINAL DECISIONS MADE DURING CLOSED SESSION**
- E. **REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**
- F. **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**
- G. **CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR**
  - G-1. PROCLAMATION declaring March 2020 as Red Cross Month in the City of Richmond - Office of the Mayor (Mayor Tom Butt 620-6503)
  - G-2. PROCLAMATION declaring April 2020 as Alcohol Awareness Month in the City of Richmond - Office of the Mayor (Mayor Tom Butt 620-6503).
  - G-3. PROCLAMATION declaring April, 2020 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the City of Richmond - Office of the Mayor (Mayor Tom Butt 620-6503).
  - G-4. RECEIVE a report on the recent resignation from City of Richmond boards, commissions, and committees, and vacancies as of March 18, 2020, and encourage interested individuals send applications to the City Clerk - Office of the Mayor (Mayor Tom Butt 620-6503).
  - G-5. RECEIVE an update regarding the steps taken to address differentials, and on the development on a new policy outlining the City's proposed process for approving non-contractual differentials - Human Resources (Lisa Stephenson 620-6602).
  - G-6. RECEIVE a report from the City Manager regarding the status of strategic plan priorities adopted by the City Council on March 26, 2019 - City Manager's Office (Laura Snideman 620-6512).
  - G-7. ADOPT a resolution amending Fiscal Year 2019/20 to include the West County Agency adopted budget amount of \$400,000 for the joint use operation, maintenance and capital expenses between the West County Wastewater District and the Richmond Municipal Sewer District - Public Works Department (Yader Bermudez 774-6300).

**H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS: REFERRALS TO STAFF, AND GENERAL REPORTS (INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS)**

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

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