

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, August 12, 2005

The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 3:47 p.m., by Mayor Irma L. Anderson who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Thurmond, Marquez, Griffin, Rogers, Viramontes, and Mayor Anderson.
Absent: Councilmember McLaughlin and Vice Mayor Rogers. (Vice Mayor Rogers arrived later as indicated in the minutes).

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

In the matter to consider adopting a resolution calling and providing for a Special Election to be held on November 8, 2005, for the purpose of submitting to the voters an ordinance amending the City of Richmond Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance to increase the tax rate by one-half percent (1/2%) (This ordinance will increase the sales tax rate from the current 8.75% to 9.25% in the City of Richmond). A motion was made by Councilmember Viramontes to adopt the resolution calling and providing for a Special Election to be held on November 8, 2005, for the purpose of submitting to the voters an ordinance amending the City of Richmond Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance. Councilmember Marquez seconded the motion with an amendment that this would allow the voters of the City of Richmond to indicate their preference. The amendment was accepted (Vice Mayor Rogers arrived). Vice mayor Rogers stated that he had additional information and requested that the Council adjourn to Closed Session. The Council adjourned to a second Closed Session at 3:52 p.m. The Closed Session adjourned at 3:57 and the Open Session reconvened at 3:57 p.m. The motion by Councilmember Viramontes, seconded by Councilmember Marquez passed and **Resolution No. 120-05** was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Council.

In the matter to consider adopting a resolution giving notice of the holding of a special election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2005, to submit to the voters an ordinance amending the City of Richmond transactions and Use Tax Ordinance. The city clerk stated the election would cost a minimum of \$150,000 to \$200,000 if the election is not consolidated. Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Viramontes, seconded by Councilmember Griffin, to adopt a resolution giving notice of the holding of a special election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2005. Discussion continued and a call for the question was approved by the unanimous vote of the Council. The motion passed and **Resolution No. 121-05** was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Council.

In the matter to consider adopting a resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Contra Costa to Consolidate a Special Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2005, with the Special Statewide General Election to be held on the date pursuant to Section 10403 of the Elections Code. Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Viramontes, seconded by Councilmember Griffin, to adopt the resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Contra Costa to consolidate a

special election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2005. Discussion continued and a call for the question was approved by the unanimous vote of the Council. The motion passed and **Resolution No. 122-05** was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

City Clerk

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor