December 5, 2007

To: Honorable Mayor Gayle McLaughlin
Members of the City Council

From: Finance, Administrative Services and Economic Development Committee

SUBJECT: SUMMARY
Finance, Administrative Services and Economic Development Committee
Monday, December 3, 2007, 6:26 p.m.

Attendance: Present: Chair Rogers and Members Butt (arrived at 6:45 p.m.), Lopez and Viramontes
Absent: None

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

A motion made by Councilmember Viramontes, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, approved the following items without discussion:

Discuss & Consider recommending a sole source purchase of 800 MHz public safety radio equipment from Dailey-Wells in an amount not to exceed $473,359.27.

Discuss & Consider recommending award of a contract to Psomas Dodson to assist the City regarding the implementation of the Stormwater Scope Study in an amount not to exceed $300,000.

Discuss & Consider WCCTAC’s request for approval of proposed bond issuance structure – (Heldover).

Discuss & Consider funding recommendations for City of Richmond festivals

- Councilmember Viramontes stated that the Home Front Festival should be considered a “signature” event of regional and national proportions and suggested that other festival committees submit their budgetary needs as well.

- Members of Juneteenth and Cinco de Mayo festival committees were present and asked for equity of the amount of City’s monetary contributions for all City festivals. Currently, all City festivals are funded at $20,000.

- Jim Goins, Finance Director, suggested that this matter be discussed during the Mid-Year Budget review.
OUTCOME:

A motion was made by Councilmember Viramontes, seconded by Councilmember Lopez to forward this matter to the Recreation and Parks Commission for discussion at their meeting of December 5, 2007, to determine whether the Home Front Festival should be designated a signature event, determine the criteria for such a designation, and solicit financial needs of the other City funded festivals. This matter was also referred to the City Council for discussion at their meeting of January or February 2008.

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 24, 2008 at 9 a.m.

ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.