

## **RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, July 8, 2008**

The Special Meeting of the City Council was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Mayor Gayle McLaughlin.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers, Bates, Butt, Lopez, Sandhu, Thurmond, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Absent:** Rogers, Viramontes, and Vice Mayor Marquez (Councilmembers Rogers and Viramontes arrived at 7:08 p.m.).

### **STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

### **AGENDA REVIEW**

None.

### **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bruce Beyaert expressed concern regarding Chevron and the completion of the gap in the Bay trail.

Corky Booze thanked the mayor for helping the youth in the community. He also stated that Gloria Dobson was concerned that the City of Richmond provided paving and new lights on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street but has not been able to, at least, stop large trucks from traveling on Cutting Boulevard. He also thanked Councilmember Bates for his support of the Richmond Half Steppers.

Simms Thompson, Jr. expressed concern that the City Council is not doing enough to address problems in the City of Richmond.

Jackie Thompson stated the seniors are complaining about loud noises from motorcycles and would like police to enforce the noise ordinance. She also stated that trees located on 16<sup>th</sup> Street are growing over the sidewalks prohibiting clear passage of cars and pedestrians, and she will submit a list to the City of where other overgrown trees are located throughout the City of Richmond.

### **ORDINANCES**

A proposed ordinance establishing a quorum of the Design Review Board as a majority of currently serving members, provided that a quorum shall be no fewer than three (3) members and at least three (3) affirmative votes shall be required for adoption of a motion was presented. Richard Mitchell, Planning Director, gave an overview of the item. Don Woodrow spoke on this item. A motion was made by Councilmember Viramontes, seconded by Councilmember Rogers to accept the ordinance as presented. Following discussion, the motion was approved motion passed and said ordinance received first reading and was laid over two weeks for second reading by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Lopez, Rogers, Sandhu, Thurmond, and Viramontes. **Noes:** Mayor McLaughlin.

**Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Vice Mayor Marquez.

**COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

In the matter to discuss and direct staff regarding a financial contribution in the amount of \$5,000 to the Richmond Half-Steppers Boys and Girls Track Team. Councilmember Bates gave an overview of the item and stated the action was already approved by an administrative decision. The coach for the Half Steppers, Johnny Holmes, and Assistant Coach, Eric Avery, thanked the City of Richmond for their contribution. Speakers were: John Gioia, Corky Booze, Simms Thompson, Jr., Billy Alexander, and Jackie Thompson. Each member of The Half Steppers introduced themselves to the Councilmembers. Following discussion, on motion of Councilmember Bates, seconded by Councilmember Viramontes, approved \$5,000 and directed staff to seek contributions from the business community to raise additional funds by the unanimous vote of the Council.

In the matter to discuss and direct staff relative to financial contribution to the Richmond Chapter of Girls Inc. in the amount of \$10,000. Councilmembers Bates and Lopez gave an overview of the item. A motion was made by Councilmember Bates, seconded by Councilmember Lopez to proceed with a one-time contribution of \$10,000 and develop guidelines in terms of how money will be appropriated and the responsibility of non-profits that seek funds. Speakers were: Corky Booze, Simms Thompson, Jr., Nancy Barker, Billy Alexander, Jackie Thompson, Gayla Edgerly, Isabel Emerson, Sharon Kidd, and Jovanka Beckles. Councilmember Bates stated that this item was co-sponsored by Councilmembers Lopez and Thurmond. The motion was approved by the unanimous vote of the Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m., to meet again on Tuesday, July 15, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Approved:

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Mayor