City Hall
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AGENDA
Tuesday, October 21, 2008

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Housing Authority
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Surplus Property Authority
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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.

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The City Council’s adopted Rules of Procedure recognize that debate on policy is healthy; debate on personalities is not. The Chairperson has the right and obligation to cut off discussion that is too personal, too loud, or too crude.

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Evening Open Session
Tuesday, October 21, 2008

5:00 p.m.

A. Roll Call

B. Public Comment

C. Adjourn to Closed Session

Closed Session

Shimada Room of City Hall

A. City Council

A-1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
(Subdivision [a] of Government Code Section 54956.9):

Parchester Village vs. City of Richmond

A-2. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
(Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Subdivision (b) of Government
Code Section 54956.9):

One Case

A-3. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
(Initiation of litigation pursuant to Subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9):

One Case
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

A. ROLL CALL

B. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

C. AGENDA REVIEW

D. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

E. REPORT FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY OF FINAL DECISIONS MADE AND NON-CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSIONS HELD DURING CLOSED SESSION

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

F-1. APPROVE a contract with California Skateparks for the design and construction of a grant-funded skatepark facility in Nicholl Park in an amount not to exceed $309,055.95. (The Finance Committee reviewed this item on September 19, 2008, and recommended approval by the City Council.) - Public Works (Yader A. Bermudez 231-3009).

F-2. APPROVE a contract with Astro Construction for replacement of the fence at the Burg Park Tennis Court, in an amount not to exceed $45,100.00 - Public Works (Yader A. Bermudez 231-3009).

F-3. APPROVE the Adopt-a-Park/Trail Program and DIRECT Public Works Department, Parks and Landscaping Division to implement the program – Public Works (Yader A. Bermudez 231-3009).

F-4. APPROVE a contract with Mark Albertson, AIA Architect, to provide professional services to assess roof leak problems at the City's Main Library, and to identify solutions, prepare construction documents, and provide construction support to facilitate a proper repair of water leaks, in an amount not to exceed $31,500.00 - Public Works (Yader A. Bermudez 231-3009).
F-5.  ADOPT a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a modification to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and IFPTE Local 21 and SEIU Local 1021 in accordance with the terms of the Tentative Agreement reached between the parties’ representatives, and extending the same benefit enhancements to Exempt and Confidential Management - Human Resources Department (Leslie Knight 620-6600).

F-6.  ADOPT a resolution formally adopting the voter approved Contra Costa County Measure L-Urban Limit Line (ULL), as the City of Richmond's ULL, for the purposes of compliance with Measure J, and DIRECT Staff to file a Notice of Determination within the time required by law - Planning Department (Richard Mitchell 620-6706).

F-7.  APPROVE the renewal of the K-9 Maintenance Training contract between the City of Richmond and Master K-9 Inc. for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, for a total contract price of $10,749 – Police Department (Chief Magnus Police 620-6656).

F-8.  ACKNOWLEDGE receipt of the City of Richmond Single Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 (The Finance Committee reviewed this item on October 17, 2008, but a quorum was not present) - Finance Department (James Goins 620-6740).

F-9.  APPROVE establishing a pool of performance audit firms to include Macias Consulting Group, Kevin W. Harper, CPA & Associates, Matrix Consulting Group, and MGT of America, Inc. for the internal audit program and APPROVE a contract with each member of the pool for an amount not to exceed $150,000 (The Finance Committee reviewed this item on October 17, 2008, but a quorum was not present.) - Finance Department (James Goins 620-6740).

F-10.  APPROVE a contract with BKF Engineers for design and construction management services associated with the Safe Route to School Improvement Project at a cost of $47,757 - Engineering Department (Rich Davidson 307-8105).

F-11.  APPROVE (1) a contract with Mike Brown Electric Company for the
installation of an emergency generator at a cost of $227,959, and (2) ACKNOWLEDGE that a staff generator purchased during the August Council recess was a proper exercise of the Emergency Procurement Authority granted under Richmond Municipal Code Section 2.52.334 in order to have installation completed by the start of this year's rainy season (The Finance Committee chair referred this item to Council, because there was no quorum at the October 17, 2008 meeting) - City Manager (Bill Lindsay 620-6512).

F-12. APPROVE the following appointments: Workforce Investment Board: Ginny Kuhel, Rhonda Harris, Barbara Vineyard - Mayor McLaughlin (620-6503).

F-13. APPROVE the minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 23, 2008, and the regular meeting held on October 7, 2008 - City Clerk's Office (Diane Holmes - 620-6513).

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

G-1. HOLD a public hearing on an appeal by Anthony Allen of the Planning Commission's September 4, 2008, approval of a Conditional Use Permit, subject to conditions, for the purpose of processing catalog and internet sales of gift baskets including wines, gift basket assembly, and a small retail alcoholic beverage store located at 1099 Essex Avenue - Planning and Building Services Department (Richard Mitchell 620-6706).

H. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

I. AGREEMENTS

J. RESOLUTIONS

K. ORDINANCES

K-1. ADOPT an urgency ordinance adding Chapter 2.63 to the Richmond Municipal Code authorizing the City to issue civil fines and penalties up to $1,000 per day for failure to maintain foreclosed properties - Police Department (Chief Chris Magnus 620-6656).


K-3. INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE (first reading) amending Richmond Municipal Code Chapter 6.38 to provide enhanced enforcement power over unmaintained
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vacant property. - Mayor McLaughlin and Councilmember Butt (236-7435).

L. COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

L-1. DISCUSS and SUPPORT a motion to denounce the offensive and inaccurate language of the recent mailer sent out by the Richmond Police Officers Association (RPOA), and support the right of Richmond Community United for Peace to pursue their demands – Mayor McLaughlin (620-6503).

L-2. DIRECT staff to clarify that recent election campaign materials do not represent the views of the City of Richmond and provide direction to ensure the City of Richmond seals and other identified materials are not used in future campaign mailers - Councilmember Rogers (867-7525).

L-3. CONSIDER directing staff to implement the following internal control procedural changes: (1) AUTHORIZE the City's current auditors, Maze and Associates, to expand their current scope of work to increase Cal Card (credit) transaction sampling; (2) APPROVE the hiring of a forensic auditor to specifically audit the purchases of the Mayor's Office and other offices deemed necessary; (3) DIRECT the Finance Department purchasing staff to randomly check and more thoroughly verify department Cal Card purchases, and report to the Finance Director for appropriate action on an-ongoing basis; (4) REQUEST that the Finance Committee review monthly budget variance reports starting November 7, 2008 - Finance Department (James Goins 620-6740).

L-4. HEAR and DISCUSS a proposal to improve safety in Richmond schools and DIRECT staff to collaborate with the West Contra Costa Unified School District and Contra Costa College for the development and implementation of the Safer Schools Program - Councilmember Bates (620-6581).

L-5. DIRECT staff to identify future construction projects where the City of Richmond will serve as its own general contractor and sub-contract primarily with Richmond-based-construction companies as a strategy to increase the number of local companies working on City-funded projects - Councilmembers Thurmond, Bates, Rogers, and Vice Mayor Marquez (620-6581).

L-6. ESTABLISH an employee volunteer program that would allow City of Richmond employees up to five hours per month of paid leave to volunteer in Richmond schools - Councilmembers Thurmond, Sandhu, and Lopez (620-6581).

L-7. APPROVE (1) the Emergency Grant Program guidelines and application and (2) PROVIDE direction to staff regarding the implementation of a grant review process. The Finance Committee heard the item but took no action since there
was not a quorum for the October 17, 2008, meeting - City Manager's Office
(Bill Lindsay 620-6512).

M. COMMUNICATIONS

N. REPORTS OF OFFICERS: STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS, REFERRALS TO STAFF, AND GENERAL REPORTS (INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS)

O. ADJOURNMENT

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