

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, June 9, 2009

The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Mayor Gayle McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Lopez, Ritterman, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Absent:** Councilmember Rogers and Viramontes (Councilmember Viramontes arrived at 6:04 p.m. and Councilmember Rogers arrived at 6:10 p.m.).

PUBLIC COMMENT

The city clerk announced that the purpose of the Open Session was for the City Council to hear public comments on the following items to be discussed in Closed Session:

CITY COUNCIL

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision [a] of Government Code Section 54956.9): Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) vs. City of Richmond

There were no public speakers.

Councilmember Butt recused himself from Closed Session due to a conflict of interest.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 6:04 p.m. The Closed Session adjourned at 7:39 p.m. The Special Meeting of the City Council was reconvened at 7:40 p.m. by Mayor Gayle McLaughlin who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Lopez, Ritterman, Rogers, Viramontes, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Absent:** None.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

City attorney confirmed that it would not be a conflict of interest for Councilmembers that currently live in Marina Bay to participate in the discussion and decision process of Item F-1.

AGENDA REVIEW

None.

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

City Attorney, Randy Riddle, reported the following:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision [a] of Government Code Section 54956.9): Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) vs. City of Richmond – **No reportable action.**

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Naomi Williams expressed her disappointment that the railroad improvements have not been completed at Cutting Boulevard and Carlson Boulevard. She also stated that traffic lights are needed at 36th Street and Center Street and 37th Street and Wall Avenue. She also stated that curb cuts were expected and have not been completed near Pullman Point. She also requested that the City Council consider naming one of the conference rooms at the new Richmond City Hall in memory of the late Councilmember Richard Griffin.

Simms Thompson spoke regarding his concern of the missing lights on Cutting Boulevard and Carlson Boulevard.

Jackie Thompson stated that there is a great for a left turn signal coming from Cutting Boulevard onto Carlson Boulevard. The back yard of the National Guard's property needs cleaning. Engineering did a survey at Stege Avenue and Cutting Boulevard and determined that there was a need for a side walk and cross walk.

Jovanka Beckles reminded the community to come out and support the annual Juneteenth Festival on June 2, 2009. She stated that the parade starts at 10:00 a.m. and the festivities begin at 11:00 a.m. The guest speaker is George Miller and there would be many performers. To request an application to participate as a vendor, please visit www.richmondjuneteenth.com.

Juan Reardon expressed his gratitude to the City Councilmembers that did not vote for the Chevron Expansion Project.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

In the matter to adopt the following regarding the Marina Bay Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District: (1) a resolution

initiating proceedings for formation of the Marina Bay Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District (MBLLMD) and for the levy and collection of assessments for fiscal year 2009-2010; and (2) a resolution accepting the Engineer's Report for the MBLLMD, declaring intention to form the MBLLMD, and setting July 28, 2009, as the date for a hearing on the proposed assessments. Parks Supervisor Tony Norris gave an overview of the item. Speakers were: Naomi Williams, Simms Thompson, Alan Hanrahan, Virginia Finlay, Jackie Thompson, and Jovanka Beckles. A motion was made by Councilmember Viramontes, seconded by Councilmember Rogers, to approve the resolution initiating proceedings to form the Marina Bay Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District, levy of assessments for 2009-2010, call for a hearing on July 28, and accept the staff and engineers report with the following inclusions that the Marina Bay Assessment District ballot measure will include: (1) a commitment to maintain a City funded basic level of service for the Marina Bay Assessment District that will not be reduced to insure the community that this tax for enhanced landscaping and lightening services will not be supplanted; (2) the contribution for the enhanced services, water and other utilities in the Assessment District will average a 42 percent for city and 58 percent for the property owners in the Assessment District due to the national, regional and community at large use of the Marina Bay Parks and Trail assets; and (3) the Marina Bay Assessment District Advisory Committee will have nine members of which five members will be appointed by the HOA Associations for representation, 1 member appointed by the Neighborhood Council for representation, 2 members of non residential property owners and the Harbor Master as the City representative. The Marina Bay Assessment District Advisory Committee and the City staff will provide an annual report of the Assessment District finances and activities to the Neighborhood Council, and the Marina Bay HOA Associations and the City Council. The motion was approved and **Resolution No. 48-09 and Resolution No. 49-09** were adopted by the unanimous vote of the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

City Clerk

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor