Community Services Building
440 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804

AGENDA
Tuesday, September 22, 2009

Mayor
Gayle McLaughlin

Vice Mayor
Ludmyrna Lopez

Councilmembers
Nathaniel Bates
Thomas K. Butt
Jeff Ritterman
Jim Rogers
Maria T. Viramontes

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Community Redevelopment Agency
Housing Authority
Joint Powers Financing Authority
Surplus Property Authority
Local Reuse Authority
MEETING PROCEDURES

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PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: Anyone who desires to address the City Council on items appearing on the agenda must complete and file a pink speaker’s card with the City Clerk prior to the City Council’s consideration of the item. Once the City Clerk has announced the item and discussion has commenced, no person shall be permitted to speak on the item other than those persons who have submitted their names to the City Clerk. Your name will be called when the item is announced for discussion. Each speaker will be allowed TWO (2) MINUTES to address the City Council on NON-PUBLIC HEARING items listed on the agenda.

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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.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be enacted, approved or adopted by one motion unless a request for removal for discussion or explanation is received from the audience or the City Council. A member of the audience requesting to remove an item from the Consent Calendar must complete and file a speaker’s card with the City Clerk prior to the City Council’s consideration of Item C, Agenda Review. An item removed from the Consent Calendar may be placed anywhere on the agenda following the City Council’s agenda review.

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

5:00 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

C. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

Shimada Room of the Community Services Building

A. CITY COUNCIL

A-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
(Subdivision [a] of Government Code Section 54956.9):

Citizens for Eastshore Park vs. City of Richmond

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RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

A. ROLL CALL

B. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

C. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

D. AGENDA REVIEW

E. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

E-1. Proclamation honoring October as Youth Violence Prevention and Awareness Month and October 17, 2009, as the sixth annual Youth Stopping Violence Summit in Richmond - Mayor McLaughlin (620-6503).
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E-2. Presentation of a proclamation in recognition of National Hispanic Heritage Month - Mayor McLaughlin (650-6503) and Vice Mayor Lopez (620-6581).

E-3. Presentation of certificates honoring Casper's Hot Dogs and Ramos Construction as Richmond small businesses of the month for September 2009 - Mayor McLaughlin (620-6503).

E-4. Receive a California Clean Air Award presented by Narinder Dhaliwal of the California Clean Air Project for adopting comprehensive secondhand smoke protection laws - Councilmember Butt (236-7435).

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

G. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

G-1. ADOPT an ordinance (second reading) repealing the moratorium on the construction, structural alteration or relocation of permanent signs and enacting new provisions of the Richmond Municipal Code setting forth sign standards - Planning and Building Services Department (Richard Mitchell 620-6706).

H. STUDY SESSION

H-1. PRESENTATION by Don Lau, Vice President, YMCA of the East Bay, on the Rosie's Girls Program and ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of the sponsors, volunteers and participants for their contribution and dedication - Councilmember Butt (620-6581).

H-2. PRESENTATION of Richmond Parks Survey by Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) and Richmond Parks and Recreation Commission - Mayor McLaughlin (620-6503).


H-4. PRESENTATION by Richmond CA. Community Land Trust on the feasibility and benefits of a land trust for the City of Richmond - Mayor McLaughlin (620-6503) and Councilmember Ritterman (620-6581).
H-5. CONDUCT a Study Session in which the City Council will have a discussion on the topic of land trusts with groups interested in supporting a community land trust model in the City of Richmond and Redevelopment Agency staff - Councilmember Rogers (620-6581).

H-6. RECEIVE an update on the progress of the City of Richmond in applying for and receiving American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) project funding - City Manager's Office (Bill Lindsay 620-6512)

I. COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

I-1. DISCUSS and DIRECT staff regarding extending the public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/EIS) for the Point Molate Resort and Casino Project - Mayor McLaughlin (620-6503) and Councilmembers Viramontes and Butt (620-6581).

I-2. APPROVE a construction contract with Gallagher & Burk, Inc. in the amount of $3,522,166, with a contingency and reserve not to exceed $445,834, for the construction of Carlson Boulevard Improvement Project. (The Finance Committee reviewed this item at its September 8, 2009 meeting and recommended approval to the City Council) – Engineering Services (Rich Davidson 307-8105).

I-3. DISCUSS and DIRECT staff regarding comments from city employees, union representatives and the general public regarding proposed personnel cuts, expenditure reduction and potential revenue sources to balance the FY09/10 budget - Councilmembers Bates and Viramontes (620-6581).

J. ADJOURNMENT

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