AGENDA
Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mayor
Gayle McLaughlin

Vice Mayor
Jeff Ritterman

Councilmembers
Nathaniel Bates
Thomas K. Butt
Ludmyrna Lopez
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.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Individuals who would like to address the City Council on matters not listed on the agenda or on Presentations, Proclamations and Commendations, Report from the City Attorney, or Reports of Officers may do so under Open Forum. All speakers must complete and file a pink speaker’s card with the City Clerk prior to the commencement of Open Forum. The amount of time allotted to individual speakers shall be determined based on the number of persons requesting to speak during this item. The time allocation for each speaker will be as follows: 15 or fewer speakers, a maximum of 2 minutes; 16 to 24 speakers, a maximum of 1 and one-half minutes; and 25 or more speakers, a maximum of 1 minute.

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 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):

Communities for a Better Environment vs. City of Richmond, et al.

A-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(Initiation of litigation pursuant to Subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9):

One Case (City of Richmond vs. Employment Risk Management Authority [ERMA])
SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE 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 and a Certificate of Recognition to Ms. Aller Hunter who celebrated her 108th birthday on May 12, 2010. She has been a Richmond resident for 67 years and is an original Rosie the Riveter - Mayor McLaughlin (620-6503) and Councilmember Bates (620-6581).


E-3. Presentation of American Medical Response (AMR) Hero Awards to Richmond Fire Engines 61 and 66 from the Contra Costa Emergency Medical Services Agency and ADOPT a resolution in support of the City of Richmond seeking designation as a Contra Costa HeartSafe Community to promote healthy lifestyles that encourage heart safety - Vice Mayor Ritterman (620-6581).

E-4. Proclamation honoring Mr. Sylvester Wiggins for his act of heroism on April 24, 2010, in breaking down the door of a burning dwelling to rescue a disabled woman that was otherwise unable to escape - Mayor McLaughlin (620-6503) and Councilmember Bates (620-6581).

E-5. Proclamation honoring family literacy efforts in Richmond, including the Family Literacy Festival scheduled for June 5, 2010, encouraging every family to read a book selection together this summer and proclaiming the book Richmond Tales: Lost Secrets of the Iron Triangle as the first city-wide reading book - Mayor's Office (Mayor McLaughlin 620-6503).
E-6. Receive a report from the Festival Committee on the 2010 Cinco de Mayo festivities held on 23rd Street in the City of Richmond on May 1st and May 2nd - Councilmember Lopez (510-6220-6581).

E-7. Presentation from the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) Board Member Tony Thurmond recognizing the academic success of high school honor roll students and APPROVE co-sponsorship of a picnic at Nicholl Park on Saturday, June 5, 2010, in honor of WCCUSD honor roll students - Councilmember Lopez (620-6581).

E-8. Proclamation in honor of the legendary Lena Horne who participated in the launch of the SS George Washington Carver Liberty Ship at Kaiser Shipyard No. 1 in Richmond, California on May 7, 1943 - Mayor McLaughlin (620-6503) and Councilmember Bates (620-6581).

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

G. STUDY SESSION

G-1. RECEIVE a staff presentation regarding the proposed capital improvement projects for the Wastewater Enterprise, and the potential impact on the rate structure - Engineering Services (Chad Davisson 620-5486).

G-2. RECEIVE presentations that will aid in the city's development of its Climate Action Plan: (1) by Adam Lenz, the City of Richmond’s Sustainability Coordinator, on programs the city is implementing with its Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant to fund energy efficiency retrofits and renewable energy installation in city buildings and Richmond homes; and (2) by Ryan Chan, Goldman School of Public Policy graduate student, on his estimates of how various City Council-adopted policies and programs could reduce greenhouse gas emissions - City Manager’s Office (Bill Lindsay 620-6512).

H. STUDY AND DIRECTION TO STAFF SESSION

H-1. HEAR a presentation from Brookside Community Health Center and APPROVE allocating $1 million in each of four consecutive years ($4 million total) to Brookside Community Health Clinic to complete the construction of its new site at 1st Street and Macdonald Avenue adjacent to the Lillie Mae Jones Plaza - Councilmembers Lopez and Viramontes (620-6581).
I. **ADJOURNMENT**

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