AGENDA
Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Mayor
Gayle McLaughlin

Vice Mayor
Thomas K. Butt

Councilmembers
Nathaniel Bates
Jovanka Beckles
Courtland “Corky” Boozé
Jeff Ritterman
Jim Rogers

The Richmond City Council also serves as Board Members and Commission Members for the following:

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.

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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

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. LIABILITY CLAIMS - PENDING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9):

Joseph Silva 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 Government Code Section 54956.9):

One case
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RICHMOND HOUSING AUTHORITY

5:30 p.m.

A. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

B. ROLL CALL

C. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

D. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

E. AGENDA REVIEW

F. HOUSING AUTHORITY AS A WHOLE
   F-1. RECEIVE in-depth procurement training, as required by a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) audit finding, designed especially for the Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners to ensure that the board understands its duties and responsibilities as set forth under the rules and regulations of the Federal/HUD procurement process - Richmond Housing Authority (Tim Jones 621-1310).

G. HOUSING AUTHORITY CONSENT CALENDAR
   G-1. ADOPT a resolution authorizing the executive director to execute a contract with Cypress Private Security to provide security services for the public housing senior developments, Nevin Plaza, Hacienda, and Friendship Manor for a one-year term with three optional one-year extensions, at a cost of $305,000 annually. This procurement process has been reviewed and approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), (This item has also been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Housing Advisory Commission at its March 14, 2011, meeting) - Richmond Housing Authority (Tim Jones 621-1310).

H. ADJOURNMENT
JOINT MEETING OF THE RICHMOND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

6:30 p.m.

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 March 2011 as Women's History Month - Mayor's Office (Mayor McLaughlin 620-6503).

   E-2. PROCLAMATION declaring March 17, 2011, Adult Education Day in Richmond - Mayor's Office (Mayor McLaughlin 620-6503).

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

G. REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD CONSENT CALENDAR

   G-1. ADOPT a Redevelopment Agency resolution authorizing the agency executive director to dispose of certain Agency-owned real estate as generally described in the resolution to the City of Richmond - Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency (Steve Duran 307-8140).

H. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

   H-1. APPROVE a contract with BKF Engineers to design a prefabricated pedestrian bridge to replace the existing damaged pedestrian bridge at the Booker T. Anderson Park, in an amount not to exceed $44,368 - Public Works Department (Yader A. Bermudez 231-3009).
H-2. APPROVE a contract with the Downey Brand law firm for the legal review of the requirements as predetermined in the Baykeeper Settlement Agreement and for review of the Sewer Use Ordinance in order to comply with the requirements of the City of Richmond’s National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit in an amount not to exceed $50,000 - Engineering Services Department (Edric Kwan/Chad Davisson 620-5486).

H-3. APPROVE a contract with United Site Services to provide portable toilet services at John F. Kennedy Park (JFK) and Booker T. Anderson Park (BTA) in an amount not to exceed $11,000, for a contract term from March 16, 2011, to June 30, 2012 - Public Works Department (Yader A. Bermudez 231-3009).

H-4. APPROVE a contract with Jet Mulch, Inc. to install blown-in ASTM certified engineered wood fiber surfacing at various park playgrounds in an amount not to exceed $25,641.99, including a 10% cost contingency. The contract term will be from March 16, 2011, to June 30, 2011 - Public Works Department (Yader A. Bermudez 231-3009).

H-5. APPROVE a contract with ShotSpotter Inc. to continue providing maintenance and support for both phases of the ShotSpotter System in an amount not to exceed $60,000 from January 1, 2011, to June 30, 2011 - Police Department (Chief Chris Magnus 621-1802).

H-6. APPROVE a fifth amended, one-year contract with eCivis Incorporated for the annual subscription to a city-wide grant locator database to aid city departments and non-profit organizations in applying for grants, extending the subscription to March 31, 2012, in an amount not to exceed $29,950 - City Manager’s Office (Bill Lindsay 620-6512).

H-7. APPROVE a contract with Packet Fusion for annual maintenance of the City of Richmond's Shore Tel Telephone System in an amount not to exceed $53,550 - Information Technology Department (Sue Hartman 620-6874).

H-8. APPROVE the purchase of a two-stall shower/restroom combination trailer from Comforts of Home Services, Inc., for use during fire station renovation projects to install gender specific restroom facilities in the amount of $27,579, plus taxes - Fire Department (Chief Michael Banks 307-8041).
H-9. DIRECT staff to request proposals to hire qualified consultant firms and individuals to implement components of the Greenprint Alternative Transportation Program to be directed and managed by the city (This item was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Finance Committee at its February 18, 2011, meeting) - City Manager's Office (Bill Lindsay 620-6512).

H-10. APPROVE the minutes for the February 1, 2011, City Council Meeting - City Clerk's Office (Diane Holmes 620-6513).


H-12. ADOPT a City of Richmond resolution authorizing the city manager to take all necessary steps to acquire certain Redevelopment Agency-owned real estate as generally described in the resolution - Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency (Steve Duran 307-8140).

H-13. ADOPT an ordinance (second reading) enacting a ½ percent Transactions and Use Tax (sales tax) to be administered by the State Board of Equalization subject to approval by the city's voters at the June 7, 2011, special election - (Councilmembers Rogers and Ritterman (620-6581).

H-14. APPROVE the Port Executive Director's and Councilmember Nat Bates' request for travel to China at a cost of approximately $10,000 to continue the business development plan with the Port of Zhoushan, to explore the potential for China auto manufacturing entering the U.S. market though the Port of Richmond's recently renovated automobile facility, and to reinforce the City's Sister City relationship with Zhoushan - Port (Jim Matzorkis 215-4600).

I. RESOLUTIONS

I-1. ADOPT Resolution of Intention No. 906 to rename the portion of Filbert Street between Vernon Avenue and Chesley Avenue to Fred Jackson Way - Planning and Building Services Department (Richard Mitchell 307-8159).

I-2. ADOPT a resolution supporting the collective bargaining rights of workers in the State of Wisconsin - Mayor McLaughlin (620-6503) and Councilmembers Beckles and Ritterman (620-6581).
I-3. ADOPT a resolution asking Congress to expand cities' ability to regulate the placement of wireless communications facilities to protect the health and well-being of the community - Mayor's Office (Mayor McLaughlin 620-6503).

J. ORDINANCES

J-1. INTRODUCE an ordinance (first reading) proposing an amendment to Richmond Municipal Code Chapter 3.59 (Richmond Arts and Culture Commission Ordinance) - Mayor's Office (Mayor McLaughlin 620-6503).

J-2. ADOPT an Urgency Ordinance extending the current moratorium on the acceptance, processing and approval of applications to establish outdoor vendors in any zoning district until the earlier of: (1) February 16, 2012; or (2) the effective date of an ordinance revising the regulations for outdoor vendors - Planning and Building Services Department (Richard Mitchell 307-8159).

J-3. ADOPT an Urgency Ordinance extending the current moratorium on the acceptance, processing, approval and issuance of applications and permits to construct or place new wireless communications facilities in all zoning districts within the City of Richmond to the earlier of: (1) the effective date of legislation addressing land use criteria for wireless communication facilities, or (2) May 14, 2011 - Mayor McLaughlin 620-6503 and Vice Mayor Butt 620-6581.

J-4. INTRODUCE an ordinance (first reading) amending Richmond Municipal Code Section 15.04.890 (Wireless Communications Facilities) to address certain aspects of aesthetics and other aspects of the public safety and welfare that are not adequately protected in the revised Wireless Ordinance, and to address scrutiny applied in reviewing the installation and modification of such facilities - Mayor McLaughlin (620-6503) and Vice Mayor Butt (620-6581).

K. COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

K-1. RECEIVE a presentation on the Via Verdi restoration options and recommendations, and a status report on California Emergency Management Agency project funding - Engineering Services Department (Edric Kwan 621-1825/Tawfic Halaby 621-1612).

K-2. DIRECT staff to explore legally feasible options for wastewater treatment for the City of Richmond Municipal Sewer District - Mayor McLaughlin (620-6503), Vice Mayor Butt (620-6581) and Councilmember Ritterman (620-6581).
K-3. DIRECT staff to refrain from re-opening digester operations at the City of Richmond Municipal Sewer District wastewater treatment plant until it is demonstrated that the facility can be reliably operated without posing hazards to the community - Mayor McLaughlin (620-6503).

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

M. ADJOURNMENT

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