RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, July 5, 2011

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:14 p.m. by Mayor Gayle McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers, Beckles, Boozé, Ritterman, Vice Mayor Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin. Absent: Councilmembers Bates and Rogers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CITY COUNCIL

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

LIABILITY CLAIMS - PENDING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9):
Clark vs. City of Richmond

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision [a] of Government Code Section 54956.9): Chevron USA Inc. et al vs. Contra Costa County et al; Communities for a Better Environment vs. City of Richmond

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9): One Case

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Initiation of litigation pursuant to Subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9): Two Cases
The Evening Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:16 p.m. The Closed Session adjourned at 6:34 p.m. The Joint Meeting of the Richmond Redevelopment Agency/City Council was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Mayor Gayle McLaughlin who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Boozé, Ritterman, Rogers, Vice Mayor Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin. Absent: None.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Cordell Hindler requested monetary support for the HalfSteppers Track Team who would like to travel to New Orleans for a completion.

Leonard Taylor stated that the July 3rd Fireworks event was a success.

Pastor Raymond Landry gave comments regarding developers and developments throughout the City that have not proceeded properly.

Larry Lewis, executive director of the Police Activities League, (PAL), stated that 30 kids would like to attend a National Tournament in Las Vegas but is in need of approximately $5,000 more. PAL has raised $6,000. Donations should be sent to PAL at 234 S. 22nd Street. The money is needed by July 20, 2011.

Rev. Kenneth Davis requested help from the City regarding many issues facing North Richmond.

Johnny Holmes, Richmond Half-Steppers track team, requested monetary support for the team to be able to attend a competition in New Orleans.
Eric Avery, Richmond Half-Steppers Track Team, introduced some team members and asked for financial assistance to attend a competition in New Orleans. They are in need of $22,000.

Jerome Smith read a poem titled the “The Silk Worm”.

Antwon Cloird gave comments regarding the recent violence and murders in Richmond.

Michael Parker gave comments regarding issues with the economy.

George Brown asked for monetary support of the Police Activities League players in order for them to be able to attend the upcoming tournament in Las Vegas.

Shantina Johnson gave comments regarding the STEM Educational Program that is in need of monetary support.

Jackie Thompson gave comments regarding misdelivery of mail and packages from the US Postal Service.

Courtney Cummings expressed condolences to the families of the recent victims of crime in the city and also thanked everyone who attended the June 25, 2011, Richmond Powwow.

Harpreet Sandhu gave comments regarding the proposed redistricting of Richmond.

James Walker stated that city cars should have the city logo and website on them.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

Items I-3, I-8, I-9, and I-10 were removed from the City Council’s Consent Calendar and Item H-1 from the Redevelopment Agency Consent Calendar.
PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

Mayor McLaughlin presented and welcomed Mayor Sakurai from Shimada City, Japan and a delegation of city officials visiting Richmond to discuss and make plans for the 50th Anniversary Festival in the spring of 2012 commemorating the sister city relationship between Shimada, Japan and Richmond, California. Mayor Sakurai gave comments. The following individuals gave comments: Cordell Hindler, Rev. Kenneth Davis, and Jackie Thompson.

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

City Attorney, Randy Riddle, reported that there were no reportable actions taken during closed session.

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD CONSENT CALENDAR

The matter to adopt a resolution: (1) allowing the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency to enter into a Services Funding Agreement with Community Housing Development Corporation of North Richmond (CHDC) and a second amendment to loan documents with Lillie Mae Jones Plaza, LP and CHDC, and authorizing the Agency executive director to execute any and all necessary documents to carry out these actions; and (2) approving a County Mental Health Service Act (MHSA) Operating Reserve Agreement term sheet, and authorizing the Agency executive director to negotiate and execute the County MHSA Operating Reserve Agreement with Lillie Mae Jones Plaza, LP and the County of Contra Costa consistent with the term sheet was presented by Patrick Lynch, Community & Economic Development Director. Rev. Kenneth Davis gave comments. A motion made by Councilmember/Boardmember Boozé, seconded by Councilmember/Boardmember Rogers, adopted Resolution No. 11-4, by the unanimous vote of the Councilmembers/Boardmembers.
Approved the minutes of the May 3, 2011, meeting. A motion made by Councilmember/Boardmember Ritterman, seconded by Councilmember/Boardmember Beckles, approved the minutes, by the unanimous vote of the Councilmembers/Boardmembers.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Councilmember Beckles, seconded by Councilmember Bates, all items marked with an asterisk (*) were approved by the unanimous vote of the Council.

* Approved the purchase of three dump truck bodies, to be mounted on the cab and chassis trucks previously approved for purchase, from Diamond Truck Body Manufacturing in an amount not to exceed $53,000. Two of the dump truck bodies will be used by the Code Enforcement Division of the Police Department, and one will be used by the Streets Division of the Public Works Department.

* Approved the purchase of a replacement paint striper for the Streets Division of the Public Works Department from Traffic Control Service, Inc. in an amount not to exceed $43,000.

The matter to approve a contract with the Oakland Private Industry Council to process Individual Training Accounts for the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program participants in an amount not to exceed $99,000 and for a term of July 5, 2011, through June 30, 2012 was presented by Employment & Training Director, Sal Vaca. A motion by Councilmember Boozé, seconded by Councilmember Beckles, approved the contract by the unanimous vote of the Council.

* Approved a contract with Rising Sun Energy Center to provide energy efficiency training for the RichmondBUILD Green Careers Academy participants as part of the Green Energy Training Services (GETS) Program in an amount not to exceed $60,000 and for a term of July 5, 2011, through June 30, 2012.
Approved a contract with Solar Richmond to provide solar technology and solar installation training for RichmondBUILD Green Careers Academy participants in an amount not to exceed $67,500 and with a term of July 5, 2011, through June 30, 2012

Approved a contract with Industrial Emergency Council (IEC) to train Fire Department Hazardous Material Technicians in two courses, "Air Monitoring Unknown Atmospheres" and "Field Identification of Unknown Materials," in an amount not to exceed $20,625 using grant funds from the Contra Costa Health Services Hazardous Materials Division

Approved the purchase of two safety crash cushions with arrow boards, used by the Public Works Department to provide for safe traffic lane closures, from Western Traffic Supply, LLC of Pleasanton, California in an amount not to exceed $49,000.

The matter to approve a contract with SCV and Associates to provide security services at the Nevin Community Center for a three-year term. The total contract amount will not exceed $81,000 for the period beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2014 was presented. Jackie Thompson gave comments. Councilmembers Booze and Ritterman stated that they would prefer that the contract be awarded to DP Security. A motion by Councilmember Ritterman, seconded by Councilmember Rogers, approved the contract with SCV, by the unanimous vote of the Council.

The ordinance (first reading) reducing the wages, salary, and compensation for the classification of Library & Cultural Services Director (Salary Range No. 4.1: $9,945 - $14,917/month) was presented. A motion by Councilmember Ritterman, seconded by Councilmember Booze, said ordinance received first reading and was laid over two weeks for adoption, by the unanimous vote of the Council.

The matter to approve a two-year extension of a service agreement with Networkfleet for GPS units used for vehicle fleet monitoring and management, in an amount not to exceed $95,000 was presented. The proposed term will be Fiscal Year 2012-2013. James
Walker gave comments. A motion by Vice Mayor Ritterman, seconded by Councilmember Ritterman, approved the agreement by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Boozé, Ritterman, Rogers, Vice Mayor Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** Councilmember Bates. **Absent:** None.

*- Approved the renewal of a lease for property located at 500 - 23rd Street, to continue its use as a training site for the RichmondBUILD Program. The renewed lease period begins July 5, 2011, and ends June 30, 2012, at a monthly rent of $5,000 per month, with the total amount of payments not to exceed $60,000.


*- Adopted **Resolution No. 57-11**, authorizing placement of liens and special assessments for unpaid garbage collection service fees on County property tax records.

*- Approved the city manager's response to Grand Jury Report No. 1104, entitled "Elected Board Membership," regarding salaries and benefits provided to members of city councils and special district boards in Contra Costa County, and the submittal of a letter to Presiding Judge Laettner.

*- Approved the city manager's response to Grand Jury Report No. 1105, entitled "Ethics and Transparency Issues in Contra Costa County," relating to nepotism, conflict-of-interest, and ethics training policies, and the submittal of a letter to Presiding Judge Laettner.

*- Approved the city manager's response to Grand Jury Report No. 1103 entitled, "County and City Vehicle Maintenance and Usage," regarding the operations, accounts and records of city vehicles, and the submittal of a letter to Presiding Judge Laettner.
*- Accepted and appropriated into the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget $293,750 from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), Transportation Fund for Clean Air. The in-kind match amount of $14,687.50 towards administrative cost has already been appropriated into the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget.

*- Approved the minutes for the April 19, 2011, and May 3, 2011, meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

The matter to adopt a resolution opposing AB 18 in its current form, which would eliminate Adult Education as a specific program meeting the educational needs of adults in California, and in support of West Contra Costa Adult Education was presented by Mayor McLaughlin. The following individuals gave comments: Rev. Landry, Eduardo Martinez, Toni Favila, Ken Ryan, Andres Soto, and Roberto Reyes. A motion by Mayor McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Beckles, adopted Resolution No. 58-11, by the unanimous vote of the City Council. Councilmember Booze requested that Barbara Lee be added to the list of persons that receive the resolution.

ORDINANCES

The matter to introduce an ordinance amending Chapter 2.64, Article II, of the Richmond Municipal Code authorizing a Municipal Identification Program to provide for the issuance of municipal identification cards to residents of the City of Richmond for the purposes of improving public safety, increasing civic participation, and supporting local commerce was presented by Councilmember Beckles. Cordell Hindler, Maria Rivera, Roberto Reyes, Jesse Montiel, Wendy Gonzalez, Andres Soto, Diego Garcia, Yenny Chavez, Antwon Cloird, Juan Reardon, Amarah Hicks, Eduardo Martinez, Millie Cleveland, Alejandro Navarro, Jerome Smith, Richard Stollings, Dr. Raymond Landry, Rev. Kenneth Davis, Toni Favila, Mark Lenz, and Jim Hausken. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Booze asked if persons are currently being arrested for lack of identification. Chief Magnus responded that officers
don’t arrest people based on their lack of identification. A motion by Councilmember Beckles, seconded by Mayor McLaughlin, introduced the ordinance without Item F regarding the set fee per card and inserting: “A fee shall be charged for each Municipal Identification Card issued. The City Council shall set the maximum amount charged per person by resolution”. A motion by Councilmember Beckles, seconded by Mayor McLaughlin, said ordinance received first reading and was laid over two weeks for adoption, passed by the unanimous vote of the Council.

The matter to introduce an ordinance establishing the fees as outlined in the proposed Master Fee Schedule and the adoption of a resolution setting the dollar amount for the new fees and adjusting the dollar amount for current fees was presented by Finance Director, James Goins. A motion by Councilmember Beckles, seconded by Councilmember Rogers, adopted Resolution No. 59-11, by the unanimous vote of the Council.

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

Councilmember Boozé asked if the Human Relations Commission provided a budget report to Rochelle Monk in the City Manager’s Office and thanked Tyler from Richmond Confidential for their positive videos regarding Richmond.

Councilmember Ritterman urged city employees to take the upcoming First Aid and CPR classes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:28 p.m., in memory of Lois Walker, Dolores Felix, Kelsey Jones and the victims of the three homicides over the 4th of July weekend, to meet again on Tuesday, July 19, 2011, at 6:30 p.m.
City Clerk
(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor