

RESOLUTION NO. 113-12

RESOLUTION DIRECTING STAFF TO ENSURE THAT CHEVRON USES THE HIGHEST STANDARDS AND BEST TECHNOLOGY IN THE REPAIR OF THEIR CRUDE UNIT AND EXPRESSING CITY COUNCIL EXPECTATIONS FROM CHEVRON SUBSEQUENT TO THE AUGUST 6TH REFINERY FIRE

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2012, a fire at the Richmond Chevron oil refinery resulted in more than fifteen thousand people seeking treatment at local hospitals, forced local residents to shelter in place in their homes for hours, and shut down public transport leaving many local residents stranded at bus stops and at BART; and

WHEREAS, Chevron desires to repair the Crude Unit #4 and requires permits from various public agencies, including the City of Richmond and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District; and

WHEREAS, Chevron desires to construct the Chevron Richmond Renewal Project and has an active application on file at the City of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond City Council unanimously passed a resolution on March 1, 2011, authorizing the city manager to encourage the Chevron Richmond Refinery to proceed with an application for the Chevron Richmond Renewal Project and committing to process it expeditiously while ensuring transparency and conforming to environmental laws. Working together, Chevron and Richmond continue to progress toward completing the environmental review (EIR) and processing the permit; and

WHEREAS, The Chevron refinery is a vital part of Richmond's economy, and everyone, including Chevron, wants a refinery that will run safely, cleanly and efficiently.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council is also committed to expeditiously process permits to repair damage from the August 6, 2012, fire; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council directs staff to ensure that the repaired project shall conform to all applicable safety and environmental standards, and shall use the best available technology for minimizing pollutant emission to the maximum extent feasible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council expects the following from Chevron:

- Do whatever it takes to operate the refinery safely and without major mishaps.
- Pay its fair share of taxes to the City of Richmond.
- Maximize employment of Richmond residents.
- Assist Richmond in becoming a more economically viable and sustainable city for all our residents by investing in renewable energy, education, job training, economic development and healthy living.
- Expedite implementation of previous commitments to install air monitors and participate in improvements to the community warning system.
- Be trustworthy with the city, regulatory agencies and the community.

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Members of the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on October 2, 2012, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

DIANE HOLMES
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND

(SEAL)

Approved:

GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN
Mayor

Approved as to form:

BRUCE GOODMILLER
City Attorney

State of California }
County of Contra Costa } : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 113-12, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on October 2, 2012.