

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, May 28,
2013**

The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Mayor Gayle McLaughlin who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

ROLL CALL

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

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

Items F-1, G-2, and G-3, were withdrawn from the agenda. Item E-1 was moved to be the first item under the “Study and Direction to Staff” section. Item G-4 will be heard as the first item under the “Study and Direction to Staff” section.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Gosney stated that the contact information for board and commission applicants should be made available to the public.

Sims Thompson stated that information regarding meetings that take place in the city is often not made available to the public.

Mark Wassberg made comments against allowing gay persons to be members of the Boy Scouts.

Jackie Thompson stated that backup information for agenda items is often not provided to the public or is missing from the agenda packet. Ms. Thompson also stated that the city needs to have policies in place to

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address workplace violence. Ms. Thompson also stated that the RichmondBuild Youth Program will perform a skit titled “Change” and asked the City Council to come and support them.

Diane Holmes, City Clerk, clarified that there was a printing problem with this meeting’s packet and there were some items missing, however the on-line packet was correct and is available for viewing by the public after 5 p.m. on the Friday before the City Council meeting.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

Mayor McLaughlin and Councilmember Beckles presented a proclamation acknowledging the Contra Costa College Single-Stop Program to Theresa Archaga, Manager Single Stop USA Program at Contra Costa College, Denise Noldan, President Contra Costa College, Vickie Ferguson, Interim Dean of Students at Contra Costa College, and Donna Floyd, Interim Vice President at Contra Costa College. John Marquez and Mark Wassburg gave comments.

Mayor McLaughlin presented a proclamation recognizing Juneteenth and the 2013 Juneteenth Family Day Parade and Festival to planning committee members, Naomi Williams, Elmina Green, and George Brown.

Mayor McLaughlin and Councilmember Myrick presented a proclamation declaring June 1-7, 2013, as Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillation (AED) Awareness Week in the City of Richmond to Jeff Ritterman, Chief Michael Banks, and Fire Marshall Terry Harris. Jackie Thompson gave comments.

Mayor McLaughlin presented the first place winners of the 2013 Junior Fire Chief Program. The following students were presented awards: Ford School: No. 1: Mariana Cruz, No. 2: Evelyn Jimenez; Grant School: No. 1: Kimberly Martinez, No. 2: Chelsie Oronia; King School: No. 1: Manga Taylor, No. 2: Esli Berenice Rangel; Murphy School: No. 1:

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Myca Erica D. Icban, No. 2: Feanyi Ashiedu; Nystrom School: No. 1: Giovanni Reyes; Olinda School: No. 1: Justin Thai, No. 2: Francesca Ezra Casimiro; Peres School: No. 1: Jennifer Saleedo, No. 2: Maryjane Patino; Sheldon School: No. 1: Gabrielle Lopez; Valley View School: No. 1: Grace Rixen, No. 2: Christopher Riney; St. David's School: No. 1: Tyler Sorenson, No. 2: Andrew Melendez; St. Cornelius School: No. 1: Karla Saldana; Overall School Winners: No. 1: Olinda School: Justin Thai, Valley View School: Grace Rixen. Jackie Thompson gave comments.

STUDY SESSION

WITHDREW a presentation from special counsel Cotchett, Pitre and McCarthy, LLP regarding the London Interbank Offering Rate (LIBOR) litigation.

The matter to receive an update from staff on the evaluation of solar LED street lights and street light LED projects and initiatives was presented by Adam Lenz, City Manager's Office. City staff researched solar LED technology as a potential solution to the current wire theft and lighting issues along the Richmond Parkway. Solar street lights were identified as a means to resolve the wire theft challenges through an environmentally sustainable technology that wouldn't require copper wiring between street light poles. Vice Mayor Boozé requested that a report on the routing of the lights to be replaced be provided before beginning Phase 2 of the project and asked for an update regarding the offer by Omega Pacific Lighting to store some of the City's lights in their warehouse. Richard Stollings & Sims Thompson gave comments. An update report will be provided to the City Council at a future meeting.

The matter to receive a report from staff describing the basis, scope, cost, and schedule for the design and construction of a wet-weather-storage facility to eliminate wet weather related sanitary sewer overflows through engineered overflow structures was presented by Chad Davisson. The City has been working toward meeting the requirements of the 2006 Settlement Agreement with San Francisco Baykeepers. This work has included development of a Sewer System

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Master Plan and construction significant improvements to the sewer collection system to reduce inflow and infiltration, and reduce sewer system overflows. The next critical project is the construction of wet weather storage facilities. The storage facilities will store wet weather flow in excess of the amount of flow that can either be processed through the existing plant or diverted as determined feasible in the future. The preliminary design is underway and is expected to be completed in June 2013. Staff plans to bring a final design agreement to the Finance Committee for further discussion on June 7, 2013. Final design is expected to be completed in early 2014, after which construction would begin.

The matter to study and authorize funding for the completion of the Riggers Loft Project and the commencement of a Joint Venture Agreement with the Port of Zhoushan; authorize the city attorney to review and finalize a Joint Venture MOU between the Ports of Richmond and Zhoushan; and approve the port executive director's request for travel to China with a cost of approximately \$9,000 to continue the business development plan and 2012 marketing plan with the Port of Zhoushan and AWC, to continue to explore the potential for China auto manufacturing companies entering the U.S. market through the Port of Richmond's recently renovated facility, and to meet with the China Automobile industry was presented by Port Director, Jim Matzorkis. The Port of Richmond has generated success over the past several years as a result of our business development and marketing efforts. This success includes the partnership with Auto Warehousing Company, the Honda Port of Entry Project, renovation of the Point Potrero automobile facilities and the Historic Shipyard 3 facilities, shoreline access via the extended San Francisco Bay Trail, development of railroad crossing quiet zones, and the operating agreement with Subaru. The Port continues a business development plan both locally and internationally. The Port has worked closely in recent months with our sister city partners from the Port of Zhoushan, to execute a marketing plan focused on the emerging automobile industry in China. The Port has established relationships with the auto industry manufacturers, shippers, and logistics organizations.

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Bea Roberson gave comments. A motion by Councilmember Beckles, seconded by Councilmember Butt, approved all of the actions of this item, by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

STUDY AND DIRECTION TO STAFF SESSION

The matter to consider and give direction from City Council for enhanced resources for street maintenance and replacement was presented by Councilmember Butt, Associate Civil Engineer, Tawfic Halaby, and Revenue Manager, Antonio Banuelos. The City receives more complaints and requests for service for street maintenance and replacement than any other single category of City services. Existing sources of revenue for streets are not sufficient to maintain even the current condition of streets. Some cities, including El Cerrito and Orinda, have voted in sales tax increases to finance street maintenance. Others use various types of benefit assessment districts. *(10:38 p.m. – Council took a recess). (10:44 p.m. – Meeting reconvened.* Vice Mayor Boozé requested a report regarding the cost of the street repair work is done in-house or by an outside contractor and what is the time frame to get it done. *(11:00 p.m. – A motion by Councilmember Rogers, seconded by Councilmember Myrick, extended the meeting 30 minutes, by the unanimous vote of the City Council).* A motion made by Vice Mayor Boozé to end discussion, failed by lack of a second. A motion by Councilmember Butt, seconded by Councilmember Rogers, that the City determine if a survey or poll can be conducted to try and judge what residents are willing to contribute to improve the condition of City streets, passed by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

(Councilmember Bates requested that Item G-6 be placed on the June 4, 2013, City Council meeting).

WITHDREW the matter to discuss and consider supporting a Kindergarten to College Savings Account Project in Richmond.

WITHDREW the matter to consider supporting community efforts to establish The Pride & Purpose Promise Scholarship Fund, and direct Employment & Training Department staff to identify partnerships and

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funding opportunities and develop a process to administer the fund once private funding is secured.

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CONTINUED to the June 4, 2013, City Council meeting, the matter to discuss and direction to the city manager to present a plan and a funding source to demolish the Petromark building.

CONTINUED to the June 4, 2013, City Council meeting, the matter to receive a presentation and provide direction to staff regarding the coordination of a retreat for the Richmond City Council.

CONTINUED to the June 25, 2013, City Council meeting, a discussion and direction to staff to amend the Council's Rules of Procedures and Order to conform to the deadline stated in Resolution No. 27-06 or amend Resolution No. 27-06 to conform to the deadline stated in the Rules of Procedures and Order.

CONTINUED to the June 4, 2013, City Council meeting, to consider amending the City Council Meeting procedures to make Council meetings more accessible for the public and more efficient by: (1) instituting a three-month pilot program of having timed items; (2) moving advisory items to the third Tuesday meeting; and by (3) having a special period near the start of the meeting to discuss all items held over from the last meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:33 p.m., in memory of Esther Simon White, former Housing Advisory Commissioner and past president of Friendship Manor, to meet again on Tuesday, June 4, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

City Clerk

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Approved:

Mayor