

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, June
25, 2013**

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:39 p.m. by Mayor Gayle McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Vice Mayor Boozé, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Absent:** Councilmembers Beckles, Myrick, and Rogers arrived after adjourning to Closed Session.

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:

**CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54957.6):**

Agency designated representatives: Bill Lindsay, Jack Hughes, Michael Banks, Lisa Stephenson, and Bruce Soublet

Employee organization: International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), Local 188

The Evening Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:41 p.m. The Closed Session adjourned at 6:24 p.m. The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:39 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 H-1 and H-2 were removed from the Consent Calendar. A motion by Councilmember Rogers, seconded by Councilmember Myrick, added an emergency item to the agenda to consider adding two additional school resource officers, passed by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

Mayor McLaughlin and Felicia Taylor, TECHS Program Director, presented the 2013 TECHS All Star Reading is Fun Club certificates of accomplishment. Myrtle Braxton and Marcos Banales gave comments.

Mayor McLaughlin and Vice Mayor Boozé presented a proclamation welcoming the Whole Foods Distribution Warehouse to the City of Richmond to Beth Krouse, Whole Foods public relations representative.

Mayor McLaughlin presented a proclamation recognizing June 2013 as LGBTQQ - Lesbian Gay Bi-Sexual Transgender Queer and Questioning - Pride Month in the City of Richmond, and honoring all members of the LGBTQQ community who reside in Richmond. The following individuals gave comments: Jackie Thompson, Mark Wassburg, Kate Sibley, Nancy Burke, Judy Weatherly, Wesley Ellis, Pam Saucer-Bilbo, Jim Jenkins, Marilyn Langlois, (*The City Council took a 5-minute recess*). Terrance Cheung,

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Melvin Willis, Ben Barr, Dameion King, and Marcos Banales.

EMERGENCY ITEM

The matter to consider supporting the West Contra Costa Unified School District's proposal to add two additional school resource safety officers into their budget was presented by Councilmember Rogers. School Board Member Charles Ramsey gave comments. A motion by Councilmember Bates, seconded by Councilmember Rogers, supported the proposal and directed the City Manager to designate a representative of the city to attend the next school board meeting to express the city's view on the matter, passed by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

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

City Attorney, Bruce Goodmiller, reported that there were no reportable actions taken during closed session.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Jackie Thompson stated trucks double park on 27th Street causing a hazard and that she has noticed cars double parked in the City Council lot also.

Pearl Hunter stated that flag poles are to be used for governmental purposes only and not used for flying other flags such as the Gay Pride Flag. Ms. Hunter agreed with an earlier suggestion to perhaps install a 3rd flagpole to fly other types of flags.

Dejeana Burkes and Antwon Cloird announced that this year the North Richmond Music Festival will be honoring Jimmy McCracklin and asked that the fees to use the park be waived.

Vickie Robinson stated that she was offended by so many people smoking marijuana at the Juneteenth Festival.

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Mark Wassburg complained that vehicle checkpoints are not being conducted.

Wesley Ellis stated that Nevin Plaza needs better security.

Aisha Hall stated that she has started a scholarship program at Los Medanos College called “Walk Miles against Violence”.

Courtney Cummings thanked those who attended the Native American Pow Wow event.

Naomi Williams thanked Fire Chief Banks and Police Chief Magnus for walking in the Juneteenth Parade.

Sims Thompson stated some businesses are placing large dumpsters on the street at South 31st and Hoffman Boulevard without reflectors, which makes them dangerous because they cannot be seen at night.

Harpreet Sandhu expressed disappointment that the Supreme Court struck down the Voting Right Act. Mr. Sandhu also thanked Vice Mayor Boozé and Councilmember Bates for coming to the Sikh Temple to try and help them with their issues.

Marilyn Langlois stated that Fred Jackson’s CD titled “Bouquet according to Fredology” has been released. The CD can be purchased from Fred’s sister Dorothy Fox by calling (510)290-4386 or e-mail glen.fox@sbcglobal.net.

Eleanor Thompson thanked Mayor McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Boozé, and Councilmember Beckles for attending the Social Progress Inc. Parade and Festival last year and invited everyone to also attend this year’s 4th of July Parade.

Maximo Rivera and Ina Mason stated more funds need to be allocated to repair and clean Shields Reid Park in North Richmond.

Melvin Willis stated that more attention should be given to city parks to encourage the community to use them.

Ray Landry gave comments regarding Freedom of Speech.

Beto Mejia and Johnny Valdepena, Victory Outreach, invited everyone to attend a live drama called “Hypnotize” that will take place at the PAL Center on July 13, 2013, at 6 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

The matter to consider establishing a personnel committee made up of two Councilmembers to review the performance of at-will City of Richmond employees, and approve the appointment of Councilmember Tom Butt and Councilmember Nat Bates was presented. Jackie Thompson gave comments. Discussion ensued. A motion by Mayor McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Beckles to end debate, passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers, Beckles, Butt, Myrick and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** Councilmembers Bates and Rogers and Vice Mayor Boozé. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** None. A motion by Councilmember Butt, seconded by Mayor McLaughlin, approved the item by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Butt, Rogers, Myrick and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** Vice Mayor Boozé. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** None.

The matter to consider reaffirming the two-person City Council committee in regard to Chevron-related issues of the City of Richmond, and reapprove the appointment of Mayor McLaughlin and Councilmember Butt was presented. Marilyn Langlois gave comments. A motion was made by Mayor McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Beckles, to approve the appointments. A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Bates, seconded by Vice Mayor Boozé, to appoint Mayor McLaughlin, Councilmember Butt, and Vice Mayor Boozé. Mayor McLaughlin ruled the substitute motion out of order because the Mayor is the only one who can suggest members to be appointed. The original motion passed

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by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Butt, Rogers, Myrick and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** Councilmember Bates and Vice Mayor Boozé. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** None.

(11:30 – A motion by Councilmember Beckles, seconded by Councilmember Butt, to extend the meeting 5 minutes, passed with Vice Mayor Boozé and Councilmember Bates voting “no”).

STUDY AND DIRECTION TO STAFF SESSION

The matter to review and adopt the following resolutions: (1) approving the Fiscal Years 2013-14 and 2014-15 Operating Budgets, and (2) approving the Fiscal Years 2013-18 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan Budget was presented by City Manager, Bill Lindsay. Harpreet Sandhu, and Johnny Holmes gave comments. Discussion ensued. A motion by Councilmember Rogers to approve the budget and instruct the city manager not to fund additional expenses for employee take home cars; and if the City receives money from the Westridge Apartments \$4 million be allocated for street repair, failed for lack of a second.

(11:00 - A motion by Councilmember Butt, seconded by Councilmember Myrick, to extend the meeting 30 minutes, passed with Councilmember Bates voting “no”).

A motion by Councilmember Butt, seconded by Councilmember Beckles, to adopt the budget as proposed and direct the city manager to return to the city council with a detailed report regarding options for funding street repairs; and that any adjustments can be made after the July 1st, if necessary. A substitute motion by Vice Mayor Boozé, seconded by Councilmember Bates to approve the budget and direct the city manager to state in writing that the city provided take home cars be phased out; and that the Half-Steppers Track Team and Sikh community parade receive \$5,000 each, failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmember Bates and Vice Mayor Boozé. **Noes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Butt, Rogers, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Abstain:** Councilmember Myrick.

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Absent: None. The original motion passed and **Resolutions 62-13** and **63-13**, passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Butt, Myrick, Rogers, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** Vice Mayor Boozé and Councilmember Bates. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** None.

A motion by Councilmember Rogers, seconded by Councilmember Butt, adopted **Resolution No. 64-13**, approving the 2013-14 Appropriations Limit for the City of Richmond pursuant to Article XIII B, as amended, of the Constitution of the State of California, by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Butt, Myrick, Rogers, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** Councilmember Bates. **Abstain:** Vice Mayor Boozé. **Absent:** None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m., in memory of Stacy Marshall, Bert Curry, Bobbie Blue Bland, Mother Ingram, to meet again on Tuesday, July 2, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

City Clerk

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Approved:

Mayor