

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, March 4, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 8:07 p.m. by Mayor McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL

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

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

Removed Items F-3 and F-4 from the Consent Calendar to be heard at the meeting. Removed Items F-13, F-15, and F-16 from the Consent Calendar to be heard immediately following the approval of the Consent Calendar. Continued Items F-9 and G-6 to March 18, 2014.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Antwon Cloird expressed his concern for the lack of the citizens that are prepared for jobs.

Mike Ali gave comments regarding the West Contra Costa Unified School Board's Measure C.

Texanita Bluitt requested clarification regarding the order of agenda items and how they are prioritized. She also gave comments regarding the lack of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility to city facilities.

Sims Thompson stated that priorities are not being adjusted. He also stated that traveling on Barrett was confusing and lacks signage.

Eleanor Thompson stated that everyone knew about the conditions in the Housing Authority units.

Otheree Christian introduced the new officers of the Richmond Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He also invited the community to attend a General Membership Meeting at LaVonya DeJean Middle School, March 8, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

Wesley Ellis stated that Mayor McLaughlin should take responsibility of the Housing Authority issues because she hand-picked each Housing Authority Commissioner. Mr. Ellis also stated that the deplorable conditions individuals are living in should be a human rights issue, and should be addressed by the Human Rights Human Relations Commission.

Jackie Thompson gave comments regarding the lack of seating at bus stops, specifically at Trinity Plaza, and throughout the City of Richmond. She also stated that Stege Avenue does not have regular street-sweeping and requested a copy of the street sweeping schedule for Stege Avenue.

Naomi Williams expressed concern regarding the lack of response from the City regarding her request for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps at 37th Street and Macdonald Avenue. She also informed the Council and City Staff that South 35th Street and Ohio Avenue floods when it rains.

David Lanieu stated that he was continuously harassed by the Richmond Police. He also stated that the City Council was very disrespectful to one another.

Eduardo Martinez stated that Housing and Urban Development (HUD) was responsible for many of the issues at the Housing Authority.

Mike Parker stated that the future of the City of Richmond was in the hands of young people and they need to get involved with the community. Mr. Parker also invited everyone to De Anza High School, Friday, March 7 and Saturday, March 8, 2014, to support RAW Talent's rendition of Poor Boys Kitchen. He also encouraged individuals to join a discussion hosted by Mayor McLaughlin and the Teacher's Union on how to handle the review of local accountability that was now part of law, Friday, March 7, 2014, at the Madeline F. Whittlesey Community Room, 6:30 p.m. Mr. Parker also announced that a group called Blackboard was holding a morning session March 23, 2014, to discuss how to improve schools.

Francis Clay gave comments regarding deplorable housing conditions and also mishandling of funds.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Councilmember Butt, seconded by Vice Mayor Beckles all items under the City Council Consent Calendar marked with an (*) were approved by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

*-Adopted **Resolution No. 16-14** amending the City of Richmond's Position Classification Plan to add the new classification of Crime Scene Technician.

*-Introduced an ordinance (first reading) establishing the wages, salary, and compensation for the new classification of Crime Scene Technician (Salary Range No. 42A: \$4,454 - \$5,254/month).

Continued to March 18, 2014, the matter to approve an amendment to the purchase order with Waxie Sanitary Supply for procurement of green seal

cleaning and paper products, increasing the amount by \$35,000 for a total of \$70,000 during the Fiscal Year 2013-14, and including the option to extend this purchase order at \$70,000 per year for an additional two years.

Continued to March 18, 2014, the matter to approve a contract with Community Violence Solutions (CVS) for the continuation of on-site advocacy services to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, in an amount not to exceed \$81,110 and for the period from January 1, 2014, to December 31, 2014.

*-Approved a contract with Bay Hawk Inc. to provide and install 149 Christy Traffic Rated Boxes for the rehabilitation of the Richmond Parkway lighting system in an amount not to exceed \$185,500.

*-Approved a contract with the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts to support ongoing arts programs and collaborations with the City of Richmond in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 and for a term from January 1, 2014, to June 30, 2014, as allocated in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Public Art budget.

*-Approved a contract with the National Institute for Art and Disabilities (NIAD) to support ongoing arts programs and collaborations with the City of Richmond in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 and for a term from January 1, 2014, to June 30, 2014, as allocated in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Public Art budget.

*-Approved a contract with Active Network, Inc. for the purchase and implementation of ACTIVE Net, an activity management software program for the Recreation Department, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000, and for a term from March 1, 2014, to December 31, 2014.

Continued to March 18, 2014, the matter amending Richmond Municipal Code Sections 9.20.150 and 9.20.155 to increase the solid waste collection rates by 1.56% to reflect the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in accordance with the franchise agreement between the City of Richmond and Richmond Sanitary Service.

*-Adopted **Ordinance No. 2-14** to establish wages, salaries, and compensation for the classifications represented by the Service Employees' International Union (SEIU Local 1021) in the City's classified service, and repealing Ordinance No. 42-06 N.S.

*-Adopted **Resolution of Intention No. 19-14** and introduced an ordinance amending the contract between the California Public Employee's Retirement System and the Richmond City Council for employees sharing additional costs of one percent for classic local safety members in the Richmond Fire Management Association (RFMA), the Richmond Police Officers'

Association (RPOA) and the International Association of Firefighters Local 188 (Local 188).

*-Approved the following appointments:
Community Development Commission: Sarita Ahuja, new appointment, term expiring March 21, 2016;
Human Rights and Human Relations Commission: Carolyn Wysinger, new appointment, term expiring March 30, 2016.

The matter to approve a master lease agreement with Golden Solar Power Group (GSPG) for the General Warehouse and amend the neighboring Auto Warehousing Company's lease Exhibit A to reflect the shared employee parking lot condition located at the Point Potrero Marine Terminal was presented by Port Representative Michael Williams. Councilmember Butt requested staff handle the parking in a global way. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Beckles, seconded by Councilmember Rogers to approve a master lease agreement with Golden Solar Power Group (GSPG) for the General Warehouse and amend the neighboring Auto Warehousing Company's (AWC) lease using new Exhibit A with un-amended parking for AWC A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Boozé, seconded by Councilmember Bates to increase the lease square footage rate by two cents. ***A motion to end debate was made by Councilmember Boozé, seconded by Councilmember Bates failed with Councilmembers Butt, Rogers, Myrick, Vice Mayor Beckles, and Mayor McLaughlin voting Noe.*** The substitute motion failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates and Boozé. **Noes:** Councilmembers Butt, Rogers, Myrick, Vice Mayor Beckles, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** None. The original motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Butt, Myrick, Rogers, Vice Mayor Beckles, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** Councilmembers Bates and Boozé. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** None.

*-Adopted **Resolution No. 17-14** in support of the I-80/Central Avenue Interchange Enhancement Project Phase I concept plan and direct staff to proceed with project implementation using Contra Costa Transportation Authority funds.

The matter to approve an amendment to the existing on-call design services contract with Harris & Associates to continue pavement designs for the City of Richmond, increasing the term by 12 months to a revised termination date of June 30, 2015, and increasing the contract amount by \$100,000 to a total contract amount not to exceed \$600,000 was presented by Associated Civil Engineer Tawfic Halaby. On motion of Councilmember Butt, seconded by Vice Mayor Beckles approved the amendment to the existing on-call design services contract with Harris & Associates by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Butt, Myrick, Rogers, Vice Mayor

Beckles, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** Councilmember Boozé. **Abstentions:** Councilmember Bates. **Absent:** None.

The matter to approve a contract with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore MP in the amount of \$100,000 to continue contract negotiations, legal consultation, and employee training for the period January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014 was presented by Human Resources Management Director Lisa Stephenson and City Attorney Bruce Soublet. ***The City Council recessed at 9:46 and reconvened at 9:52 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.*** City Manager gave comments. On motion of Vice Mayor Beckles, seconded by Councilmember Bates recommended approval of payment to Liebert Cassidy Whitmore MP for services rendered to date, and directed staff to refer the issue regarding consideration of approval of a contract with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore MP to continue contract negotiations, legal consultation, and employee training to the Finance Committee was approved by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

Continued to March 18, 2014, the matter to discuss and provide direction to staff regarding the amount of funding Holland and Knight obtained for the City of Richmond during the term of their contract.

The matter to discuss and consider directing staff to submit a written response regarding a petition from Karki Enterprise Inc. dba: Point Richmond Market and Deli to remove or modify alcohol beverage license conditions was presented by Councilmembers Bates and Butt. Margaret Jordan, Naomi Williams, and Bea Roberson gave comments. On motion of Councilmember Bates, seconded by Councilmember Boozé directed staff to submit a written response regarding a petition from Karki Enterprise Inc. dba: Point Richmond Market and Deli, to remove or modify alcohol beverage license conditions by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

The matter to discuss and consider directing staff to send a letter to Google inviting them to consider the Port of Richmond for the relocation of the barge currently docked at Treasure Island was presented by Vice Mayor Beckles and Councilmember Butt. On motion of Vice Mayor Beckles, seconded by Councilmember Butt directed staff to send a letter to Google inviting them to consider the Port of Richmond for the relocation of the barge by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Butt, Myrick, Rogers, Vice Mayor Beckles, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** Councilmember Boozé. **Abstentions:** Councilmember Bates. **Absent:** None.

The matter to discuss a proposed program to address the immediate problems related to blighted,

foreclosed, and vacant residences in Richmond, and adopt a resolution directing staff to work with the Richmond Community Foundation to create the Richmond Distressed Housing Rehabilitation Program to achieve these objectives was presented by Councilmembers Butt, Bates, and Rogers. Mayor McLaughlin authorized five minutes for Mr. John Knox to frame the program. A motion by Councilmember Boozé to end debate died for lack of a second. Mayors McLaughlin offered the following suggestions/points as a friendly amendment to the program parameters: every effort made to contact the last owner will be documented; (2) each property to be sold will be placed on consent calendar for approval by the City Council; (3) the program shall document interest from buyers to prioritize buyers from high to low; and (4) need to see priority – no property shall be sold as cash only. The following individuals gave comments: Wesley Ellis, Jackie Thompson, Mike Parker, Melvin Willis, David Sharples, and Bea Roberson. *(At 11 p.m., on motion of Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Councilmember Boozé extended the meeting until Item G-5 was completed or one hour to 12:05 a.m. with Councilmembers Butt and Bates voting Noe.)* A motion was made by Councilmember Bates, seconded Councilmember Boozé to adopt the item as presented. A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Rogers, seconded by Vice Mayor Beckles to approve the original motion and add Mayor McLaughlin's suggestions and direct staff to address each suggestion and explain why the points are not practical. A second substitute motion was made by Councilmember Butt, seconded by Councilmember Bates to approve the item as presented and direct staff to evaluate all suggestions/points made by Mayor McLaughlin and bring back the suggestions/points that are deemed reasonable. The second substitute passed and **Resolution No. 18-14** was adopted by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Myrick, Rogers, Vice Mayor Beckles, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** Councilmember Boozé. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** None.

The matter to discuss and provide direction to staff regarding concerns identified by the Country Club Vista Home Owner Association relative to General Plan elements that impact the Hilltop District was presented by Councilmember Boozé. Mayor McLaughlin allowed Michelle Marshall five minutes to address the City Council. She gave comments regarding Country Club Vista surrounded by the Hill Top Mall. She requested the mall solicit stores such as GAP, Cheese Cake Factory, etc. for their interest in relocating to Hill Top Mall. Amit Patel, Becky Ross, and Bea Roberson gave comments. Councilmember Myrick requested the City Manager send a report to each City Councilmember of how the Hill Top Maintenance money was spent over the last five years. *(At 12:05 a.m. on motion of Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Councilmember Rogers extended the meeting for 10 minutes to 12:15 a.m. with Councilmember Butt*

absent.) A motion was made by Councilmember Boozé, seconded by Councilmember Myrick to direct the City Manager the organize a committee of staff from the City Attorney's Office, City Manager's Office, Planning, and Parks and Landscaping, to meet with him twice a month at the Marriott, and staff to meet with members of the community regarding their concerns, and speak with the appropriate individuals regarding the signage. *(At 12:15 a.m. on motion of Vice Mayor Beckles, seconded by Councilmember Myrick extended the meeting for five minutes with Councilmember Butt absent.)* A friendly amendment by Mayor McLaughlin to meet until there was a resolution was accepted. The motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates, Boozé, Myrick, Rogers, Vice Mayor Beckles, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Butt.

Continued to March 18, 2014, the matter to approve a budget for a City of Richmond Youth Council in the amount of \$250,000 over five years beginning in Fiscal Year 2014-15 to provide for meaningful resources for a viable way for Richmond's youth to participate formally in regard to issues and concerns of the City of Richmond.

Continued to March 18, 2014, the matter to discuss and consider changes to the procedures that govern the City Council meetings.

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

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:22 a.m. in memory of long time Richmond residents Gwen Bonner and Rich McCoy to meet again on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

City Clerk

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor