

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, November 25, 2014

The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Mayor McLaughlin who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Butt, Myrick, Rogers, Vice Mayor Beckles, and Mayor McLaughlin.
Absent: Councilmember Bates. Councilmember Rogers arrived at 6:49 p.m.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

None.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

Mayor McLaughlin and Councilmember Butt presented a proclamation to Mrs. Josephine Alice Lico acknowledging her centennial birthday on November 27, 2014. Mrs. Lico expressed her gratitude for the proclamation.

Mayor McLaughlin presented a proclamation honoring Fire Chief Michael Banks for his service to and his retirement from the City of Richmond. Chief Banks thanked everyone for the acknowledgement. Jackie Thompson gave comments.

Mayor McLaughlin and Councilmember Boozé recognized Veolia Water for implementing the Operator in Training Program to provide job preparedness internships for Richmond residents.

Mayor McLaughlin presented a proclamation recognizing Small Business Saturday 2014, which is November 29, 2014. Leonard Taylor gave comments.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Naomi Williams announced that the Senior Winter Ball will be on December 6, 2014, in the Richmond Auditorium. Tickets are on sale for \$20 at the Recreation Center at 3332 Macdonald Avenue.

Leonard Taylor congratulated all of the winners of the election and expressed his condolences to the student who was killed.

Jackie Thompson requested that the meeting be closed in memory of her nephew Darrell Michael Blackmon, who was killed in a guard rail accident. Ms. Thompson also stated that she is going to start a petition regarding banning guard rails on California freeways.

Marilyn Langlois gave comments regarding Mike Brown and two other people killed by police officers.

Mr. McNeal gave comments regarding housing issues he's been experiencing trying to purchase a home in the city of Richmond.

STUDY SESSION

The City Council received a presentation from staff providing an overview of the City of Richmond's new mobile phone application from I.T. Director, Sue Hartman and Steve Furtado. Staff, in coordination with CRW, has worked on the design and configuration of the CRW CivicTRAK mobile phone app for IOS and Android smartphones. The primary function for this app is for receiving requests for service relating to issues, i.e., potholes, graffiti, abandoned vehicles, blight, etc., as well as additional features including City Hall contacts, City news, City calendar, park locations, recreation, a business directory with over 110 restaurants and grocery and food stores, and current weather. The City has soft launched this app internally for testing purposes with plans to officially announce the app in January 2015. Councilmember Butt requested the cost of the yearly maintenance and would like more information about non-city sponsored

recreational events included also.

The City Council received a report regarding the City's effort to bring Civic Center Plaza into full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act presented by Councilmember Myrick and Senior Assistant City Attorney, Bruce Soublet. Staff was asked to identify the subcontractors that the city could hold responsible for upgrading Civic Center Plaza to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. In the months since, staff has made progress on identifying who the city could hold accountable. Staff has identified the subcontractors responsible for bringing this project into compliance and some things were not in compliance, however, most issues have been corrected. Jackie Thompson and Cesar Zepeda gave comments. This matter will be discussed during a future Closed Session.

The City Council received a presentation of the Made In Richmond, California Gift Box containing foods made locally in the City of Richmond was presented by Janet Johnson, Quina Riley, Chair of the Economic Development Commission, and Theresa Roth from California Delicious. The City Manager's Office and the City's Economic Development Commission (EDC) hosted the first Richmond Foodies Manufacturers and Distributors Network with the growing cluster of specialty food producers and well-known brands gathered to start the formation of the "Richmond "Foodies" Manufactures and Distributors Network. Marilyn Langlois gave comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m. in memory of Daryl Michael Blackmon and Michael Brown, to meet again on Tuesday, December 2, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

City Clerk

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Approved:

Mayor