

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, May 26, 2015

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Bates, Martinez, McLaughlin, Pimplé, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** Councilmember Beckles and Vice Mayor Myrick.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The city clerk announced that the purpose of the Open Session was for the City Council to hear public comments on the following items to be discussed in Closed Session:

CITY COUNCIL

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54957.6):

Agency designated representatives: Bill Lindsay and Lisa Stephenson
Employee organizations: Service Employees International Union (SEIU, Local 1021); International Federation of Professional and Technical Employees (Local 21); Richmond Police Officers Association (RPOA); Richmond Police Management Association (RPMA); Richmond International Association of Firefighters (IAFF, Local 188); and Richmond Fire Management Association (RFMA).

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 6:04 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Mayor Butt who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Bates, Martinez, McLaughlin, Pimplé, Vice Mayor Myrick, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** Councilmember Beckles.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

Continued to the June 2, 2015, meeting, Item **E-1**: Introduce the first place winners of the 2015 Junior Fire Chief Program. Items **E-3**: Proclamation declaring Thursday, June 4, 2015, as Family Justice Center Day in honor of the Grand Opening of the West County Family Justice Center at 256 24th Street, **E-4**: Presentation of awards to the Richmond Crime Prevention TECHS Club students for their participation in the Reading is Fun Book Club, and **E-5**: acknowledge the community service of, and present the Scholarships Are Terrific! award, to Yann Picouleau, a Richmond resident and graduate candidate of Pinole Valley High School, were moved up to be heard before **E-2**: Proclamation declaring June 2015 as Diversity Celebration Month and fly the flags of Juneteenth, Native American Pow Wow, and the Rainbow Flag the entire month of June, which was heard last.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

CONTINUED to the June 2, 2015, meeting the matter to introduce the first place winners of the 2015 Junior Fire Chief Program.

Mayor Butt presented a proclamation declaring Thursday, June 4, 2015, as Family Justice Center Day in honor of the Grand Opening of the West County Family Justice Center at 256 24th Street.

Mayor Butt presented awards to the Richmond Crime Prevention TECHS Club students for their participation in the Reading is Fun Book Club.

Councilmember McLaughlin acknowledged the community service of, and presented the Scholarships Are Terrific! award, to Yann Picouleau, a Richmond resident and graduate candidate of Pinole Valley High School.

Vice Mayor Myrick presented a proclamation declaring June 2015 as Diversity Celebration Month and the flags of Juneteenth, Native American Pow Wow, and the Rainbow Flag will be flown the entire month of June. Mark Wassburg gave comments.

REPORT FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY OF FINAL DECISIONS MADE DURING CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Bruce Reed Goodmiller stated that there were no reportable actions.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager, Bill Lindsay, reported on activities that occurred during the past week. The Y-Plan Richmond High School Health Academy gave a presentation on May 7th regarding building a healthy, equitable, and resilient Richmond. The topic was how can youth driven data and insight inform the development of the Richmond Climate Action Plan. 250 students participated in the program. The 3rd Annual Youth Recognition Ceremony through the Richmond ESC program (Excellence Serving our Community), will take place on Wednesday, May 27, 2015, in the City Council Chambers from 5-7 p.m.

STUDY SESSION

The city council received a presentation from students at De Anza High School on recommendations to increase wi-fi availability in the City of Richmond. Vice Mayor Myrick gave an overview of the matter. Instructor, Ben Gill and several students of the Information Technology Academy at De Anza High School students presented a PowerPoint regarding a project to provide free, public wi-fi to the community. IT, Director Sue Hartman, will continue to work with the students on enhancing wi-fi availability in the city using the \$1 million funds from the Chevron Benefits Agreement package.

The City Council received a presentation by the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office regarding the

agency's plans to seek funding from SB 863 to expand the West County Detention Facility by adding 400 new inmate beds was presented by Sheriff David Livingston, Undersheriff Mike Kassin, Assistant Sherrif Matt Huerer, and Project Lead Capt. Tom Chaulk. Senate Bill 863 is a State financing program which provides funding for detention facility construction for counties in California. The current design of the Martinez Detention Facility does not offer adequate program space or mental health treatment space. There are over 650 individuals in custody who have very little access to re-entry and mental health treatment programs. The proposed reentry and treatment facility would include approximately 22,000 square feet of program space. This project is not a jail expansion and two existing housing units will be closed and staff and incarcerated individuals will be transferred to the re-entry and treatment facility. If the grant is awarded, construction would begin in 2017 and occupancy could start in 2019 or 2020. Councilmember McLaughlin asked what type of mental health programs are provided currently and planned for the future. Capt. Chaulk replied that emphasis will be placed on mental health treatment, pre-release, employment, and family reunification services. More detailed program information will be provided to the City Council at a later time. Mayor Butt requested an explanation of the \$10 million figure. Councilmember Martinez requested that the current plans of the Martinez Detention facility be provided to the City Council and what the current length of stay is for inmates in the Martinez Detention Facility. Mayor Butt stated that there was a commitment many years ago to have a booking facility at the West County Detention Facility. Councilmember McLaughlin requested that a timeline be provided regarding approvals and anticipated construction. The following individuals gave comments: Richard Stollings, Mark Wassberg, Antwon Cloird, Fayza Ayyad, Maria Rivera, Lee Lawrence, Mike Parker, Rev. Deborah Lee, Cesar Zepeda, Claudia Jimenez, and Sandy Valeriano. An update on this matter will be given at a future meeting.

The matter to receive a presentation regarding the Richmond Promise scholarship program and draft Richmond Promise Strategic Action Plan was presented

by City Manager, Bill Lindsay, Administrative Chief, Shasa Curl and Mike Uberti. The program seeks to advance the educational outcomes for Richmond residents through collaboration between the City of Richmond, the West Contra Contra Unified School District and community partners. \$35 million of the Chevron Environmental and Community Investment Agreement is allocated to the Richmond Promise. The primary goal is to increase Richmond students' college readiness preparation, graduate from high school, are UC/CSU eligible, attend accredited four year universities and community college and complete a bachelor's degree, associate's degree, or career and technical education. The following individuals gave comments: Julie Wright, Peppina Liano, Constance Anderson, Jim Becker, and Tom Panas. Councilmember Bates stated that those who attended charter schools and trade schools should be included also. Councilmember Pimplé stated that this project is too small for a full time data manager. Mayor Butt requested that the data taken from federal and state grants and the cost of CAL and state universities and community colleges be compiled and show how a student can obtain a full tuition so loans would not need to be sought.

The matter to receive a presentation from union representatives and City of Richmond staff regarding the City's pension and retirement funds was presented by City Manager, Bill Lindsay and Terry Brennand, SEIU California Director of Budget and Pensions. Lisa Stevenson, Human Resources Director, provided a PowerPoint. CalPERS says the average benefit for all retirees in the system is \$33,408 a year. CalPERS career worker starting pension is \$59,700 per year. 78% of retirees earn \$36,000 or less. Police (RPOA & RPMA) Classic PERS Members receive 3% at 50 and employees contribute 12% as of 7/1/15. Fire (Local 188 & RFMA) Classic PERS Members receive 3% at 55 and employees contribute 12%. New PERS Members receive 2.7% at 57 and contribute 12.25%. SEIU Local 1021/IFPTE Local 21/Executive Management Classic PERS Members receive 2.7% at 55 and employees contribute 8%. Mike Parker, Millie Cleveland, and Gabriel Haaland gave comments.

STUDY AND ACTION SESSION

CONTINUED to June 23, 2015, to receive a presentation regarding Just Cause for Eviction and potential rental policy options and provide direction to staff.

(A motion by Vice Mayor Myrick, seconded by Councilmember Pimplé, extended the meeting until 11:30 p.m.)

The City Council received a presentation to provide direction to staff regarding the Rental Inspection Process by Councilmember Pimplé, and Sabrina Lundy, Executive Secretary, Planning Department, who gave an overview of the matter. Currently inspections for 1 or 2 rental units are a \$150 inspection fee per unit once every 3 years, plus \$75 registration fee once every 3 years. 3 or more rental units are a \$150 inspection fee per unit once every 3 years for 20% of the total number of rental units owned in the City, plus \$75 registration fee once a year. Exterior maintenance and interior health and safety items are inspected in accordance with the HUD Housing Quality Standards (HQS) Inspection Checklist. For owners that fail to abate substandard conditions, the City will utilize enforcement and penalties available under the Municipal Code to compel compliance. Fees will be collected by invoices sent to owners and inspections will be scheduled upon receipt of payment. Owners will be assessed fees and penalties for late payments. Rules are outlined in RMC Chapter 6.40 (per Ordinance No. 03-15, adopted January 20, 2015) and a process workflow is available upon request from the Planning and Building Services Department. Councilmember Pimplé suggested that both self-certification and standard inspections require both interior and exterior checklists and that the information about what will be inspected be provided in both English and Spanish to tenants and landlords. Councilmember Pimplé also requested that carpets be assessed routinely as well. Findings and recommendations will be reported to the City Council at a future date.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:19 p.m. in memory of Ethel Wilith and Kate Rivers, to meet again on Tuesday, June 2, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

City Clerk

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Approved:

Mayor