RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, June 30, 2015

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Eduardo Martinez, Gayle McLaughlin, Vinay Pimplé, and Mayor Tom Butt. Absent: Councilmember Nathaniel Bates participated by conference call in closed session only. Councilmember Jovanka Beckles and Vice Mayor Jael Myrick arrived after open session adjourned to close session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CITY COUNCIL

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.


The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 6:04 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Mayor Tom Butt who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

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

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

None.
PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

Mayor Butt presented a proclamation honoring Edwin Medina for his years of service to the City of Richmond Police Department. Deputy Medina and several Councilmembers gave comments.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Bill Lindsay presented a brief video featuring the Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline Park and Administrative Chief Shasa Curl.

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

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

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

In the matter to review and adopt resolutions approving: (1) the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Operating Budget and (2) approving the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Capital Improvement Plan, City Manager Bill Lindsay provided a brief introduction of the item and presented a structurally balanced budget with operating revenues and expenditures at approximately $144.4 million dollars. Mr. Lindsay highlighted a range of continued activities that would be necessary for the city to maintain financial stability and pointed out three projects that involved pavement management which utilized federal and grant funds that totaled nearly $7 million dollars. Mr. Lindsay recommended that the City Council consider allocating an additional $2 million dollars in one-time funds (when it becomes available) for a total of $9 million dollars for pavement management for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Mr. Lindsay concluded by stating that the adoption of the resolutions for this item would approve an Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan for a single year. Discussion ensued with staff responding to Councilmembers questions and concerns. Staff will prepare a single-year and three-year program proposal for the use of Chevron ECIA (Environmental Community Investment Agreement) funds for Councilmembers to review and consider at a future meeting. Councilmember Martinez requested that staff distribute a five-year budget projection to Councilmembers for their analysis. Councilmember McLaughlin requested staff consider utilizing in-house staff for concrete work and prioritizing one-time funding for hiring a street crew in the Public Works Department; eliminate one vacant administrative position in the Library and Cultural Services Department to hire a Book Mobile Driver, and a full-time Children’s Librarian; $5,000 fee waiver for the Saffron Strand’s Homeless Workforce Annual Conference; and $1,000 donation for the Pride Family Day Picnic. The following speakers gave comments: Liz Watts, Tarnel Abbott, and Mike Parker. Councilmember Martinez expressed the need for a Children’s Librarian and a Book Mobile with a
designated driver for the Library and Cultural Services Department and requested that staff provide the language that prevents the Public Works Department from moving federal grant funds for contracts to in-house resources. A motion by Councilmember McLaughlin, seconded by Vice Mayor Myrick, directed staff to include the following amendments with the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget: additional $6,000 for festivals, up to $5,000 fee waiver for Saffron Strand’s Annual Homeless Workforce Conference, and $1,000 donation toward the City’s Pride Day Picnic. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Beckles, Martinez, McLaughlin, and Vice Mayor Myrick. Noes: Councilmember Pimplé and Mayor Butt. Abstentions: None. Absent: Councilmember Bates. Another motion by Councilmember McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Beckles, directed staff to prioritize expansion of the road crew for street paving when one-time funds become available. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Beckles, Martinez, McLaughlin, and Vice Mayor Myrick. Noes: Councilmember Pimplé and Mayor Butt. Abstentions: None. Absent: Councilmember Bates. A final motion by Councilmember McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Beckles, adopted Resolution No. 65-15, approving the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget and Resolution No. 66-15, approving the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Capital Improvement Plan. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Beckles, Martinez, McLaughlin, and Vice Mayor Myrick. Noes: Councilmember Pimplé and Mayor Butt. Abstentions: None. Absent: Councilmember Bates.

In the matter to adopt a resolution approving the 2015-16 Appropriations Limit for the City of Richmond pursuant to Article XIIIIB, as amended, of the Constitution of the State of California, a motion by Councilmember Beckles, seconded by Vice Mayor Myrick, approved Resolution No. 67-15 by the following vote: Ayes: Beckles, Martinez, McLaughlin, Pimplé, and Vice Mayor Myrick. Noes: Mayor Butt. Abstentions: None. Absent: Councilmember Bates.
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m, to meet again on Tuesday, July 7, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

Pamela Christian
Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Tom Butt
Mayor

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Clerk of the City of Richmond