

## **RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, August 5, 2015**

The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Vice Mayor Jael Myrick who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

### **ORDINANCE**

The matter to adopt an ordinance (second reading) amending the Richmond Municipal Code to establish Rent Control plus Just Cause for Eviction was presented. The following individuals gave comments: John Messina, Miss Scotty, Dennis Dalton, Harry Baker, Chris Kavanagh, Tarnel Abbot, Patricia Byers, and Rita Barouch. Councilmember McLaughlin gave the following numbers for tenant assistance: Bay Area Legal Aid (510) 233-9954; Tenants Together Hotline (888) 495-8020; Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE) (925) 348-9165. There will also be a monthly clinic hosted by ACCE and Tenants Together the second Wednesday of each month at the ACCE office in Richmond. City Manager, Bill Lindsay, stated that the Just Cause for Eviction portion of the ordinance does not go in to affect until 30 days after adoption of the ordinance. Councilmember Bates stated that the cities that currently have rent control have the highest rents in the Bay Area and requested that this matter be analyzed and return to the City Council in one year to determine if rent control has been effective or not. A motion by Councilmember McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Beckles, adopted **Ordinance No. 21-15 N.S.**, by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Martinez, McLaughlin, and Vice Mayor Myrick. **Noes:** Councilmember Bates. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Pimplé and Mayor Butt.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m., in memory of Kenji Jones, to meet again on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Approved:

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Mayor