

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, April 26, 2016

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Nathaniel Bates, Gayle McLaughlin, Vinay Pimplé, Vice Mayor Eduardo Martinez, and Mayor Tom Butt. **Absent:** Councilmembers Jovanka Beckles and Jael Myrick arrived after Open Session adjourned to Closed Session.

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. There were no public speakers.

CITY COUNCIL

B-1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Property: Parcel FM—Marina Bay
Agency negotiator: Bill Lindsay, Shasa Curl, and Richard Mitchell
Negotiating party: Marina Village Richmond LLC
Under negotiation: price and terms of payment

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 6:04 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:44 p.m., by Mayor Butt, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

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

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

None.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

E-1. Councilmember McLaughlin and Mayor Butt presented a proclamation recognizing the Wheelhouse Academy of Baseball, and five Richmond youth who traveled to Cuba for a cultural and educational exchange. The Program Director and Coach Thomas Gary, Antwon Clويد, and Rita Barouch gave comments.

E-2. Mayor Butt presented a proclamation declaring Friday, May 13, 2016, to Saturday, May 21, 2016, as Affordable Housing Week "Investing in Homes and Hope" in the City of Richmond. East Bay Housing Organizations and Community Economics, Inc. representative, Dessi "Mia" Carbajal, gave comments.

E-3. Councilmember Bates and Mayor Butt presented a proclamation recognizing John Troughton, Vice President, Brokerage Group at Kennedy Wilson, for being honored in March 2016 as The Association of Commercial Real Estate's Broker of the Year in the land category. Mr. Troughton gave comments.

E-4. Contra Costa County District Attorney Mark Peterson gave a presentation regarding current law enforcement activities in the City of Richmond. Mr. Peterson's PowerPoint presentation provided an overview of his work experience, the District Attorney's Office (DA) mission statement, purpose of the DA, cities and counties served by the DA, 2015 highlights, special prosecutions unit, DA budget, DA office staff and organization, drug unit, gang unit, special prosecution, Chevron fire, human trafficking sweep, investigative unit, interesting facts, office priorities, fiscal cost of gun violence, Richmond Violence Reduction Plan, new programs, truancy reduction and court, gun buy back program, groundbreaking for the Family Justice Center, "Safe Streets" task force, initiatives, cold case unit, and community courts. Mr. Peterson concluded his presentation with an update on how recent Richmond cases were handled by the DA. Discussion ensued. During discussion, the City Council requested that Mr. Peterson work with his staff regarding juvenile detainees being shackled in the courtrooms and provide more DA resources in West County to help with homicide prevention. Richard Stollings, Antwon Cloird, and Ben Therriault gave comments. In closing, Mr. Peterson offered to provide the City Council a report of the Richard "Pedie" Perez case.

E-5. Mayor Butt announced the City of Richmond Board, Commission and Committee vacancies as of April 26, 2016, and asked that interested residents send applications to the City Clerk. Mayor Butt requested that councilmembers assist with the recruitment of new members to fill vacant seats. Councilmembers suggested a reduction in the number of seats for some boards and commissions for consideration at a future meeting.

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

City Attorney Bruce Goodmiller stated that there were no final actions taken.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Bill Lindsay reported on the following items: The John F. Kennedy Park community-build project was selected to receive a national award and a \$10,000 grant. Students from DeAnza, Kennedy, and Richmond High Schools made presentations at their schools for the Y-PLAN (Youth – Plan, Learn, Act, Now) program regarding improving downtown Richmond and mental health issues. The Berkeley Global Campus Community Working Group Recommendations Report was completed and will be presented to the University of California Berkeley leadership at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2016, at the Richmond Field Station (future Berkeley Global Campus).

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Stollings gave comments regarding the definition of a “serious bodily injury” as discussed at the April 19, 2016, City Council meeting. Mr. Stollings also gave comments regarding police body and patrol car cameras.

Don Gosney acknowledged Richmond High School Valedictorian Arnold Dimas for being awarded the Gates Millennium Scholarship. Mr. Gosney also gave comments regarding the cost of college tuition.

Jackie Thompson expressed her forgiveness of others. Ms. Thompson advised the City Council of overgrown vegetation and weeds causing blight on vacant lots in the city.

Antwon Cloird expressed the importance of education and how the community would need to play a role in improving the education system. Mr. Cloird also gave comments regarding the need for more job opportunities, building the community, and how Richmond is viewed.

President of the Richmond Police Officers Association (RPOA) Ben Therriault clarified that the city’s police officers under the rank of sergeant wore body cameras and the RPOA supports the use of body cameras. Mr. Therriault gave comments regarding marijuana taxation and the city’s need to increase revenue. Mr. Therriault also encouraged the District Attorney to send the city a report of the Richard “Pedie” Perez case.

Naomi Williams announced the Commission on Aging’s 22nd Annual Senior Night Out event on Saturday, May 14, 2016, at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Tickets cost \$20.00 per person at the Richmond Recreation Complex, 3230 Macdonald Avenue, Richmond. Ms. Williams recommended that new commission applicants attend a commission meeting prior to appointment to learn the responsibilities of the role.

STUDY AND ACTION SESSION/STUDY SESSION

At approximately 8:46 p.m., Councilmember Beckles departed for the remainder of the meeting.

I-1. The matter to receive a presentation from Russ Branson of the Public Financial Management (PFM) consulting firm, retained through the National Resource Network, providing an update to the five-year financial projection for the City of Richmond, was introduced by City Manager Bill Lindsay. Mr. Branson's PowerPoint presentation gave an overview of the following: budget model phases; city goals in budget initiatives; baseline forecast results with proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 (FY17) budget; expense increases outpacing revenues; FY17 cost increases (mostly personnel-related); how the city spends general fund revenues; issues in achieving a balanced budget; fund balance insufficient (need to reduce FY17 costs); fixing the budget (requires major expense reductions); eliminating the FY17 budget gap; long-term budget recommendations; opportunities to reduce overtime; funding what's not in the budget; impact of "Kids First" initiative; impact of proposed development; use of one-time revenues and funds; and conclusions. At the conclusion of the presentation, discussion ensued. The City Council requested that staff distribute hardcopies of PowerPoint presentations to councilmembers at future meetings. The City Council also requested that staff provide a schedule of the budget adoption process and an updated version of Mr. Branson's five-year financial projection model that included: a five percent taxation for marijuana cultivation and manufacturing; litter fee; real estate transfer tax; and options to offset the five million dollars projected for personnel costs with the results of those options. There were no public speakers for this item.

I-2. The matter to direct staff to take steps to engage a firm with experience in auditing local governments to conduct a full audit of the city organization including improvement and efficiencies in delivery of services, and staffing levels and cost per unit of services, was introduced by Councilmembers Bates and Pimplé. Following the introduction of the item, discussion ensued. A motion by Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin, tabled the item until after Councilmembers adopted the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget. The motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Martinez, McLaughlin, Myrick, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** Councilmembers Bates and Pimplé. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Beckles. There was no further discussion allowed on this item.

At Approximately 10:37 p.m., Mayor Butt announced that Councilmember Beckles departed for the remainder of the meeting and that Item I-5 was continued to the May 3, 2017, City Council meeting.

I-3. The matter to receive a presentation and provide initial direction to staff on the Draft Fiscal Year 2016-2020 Five-Year Strategic Business Plan, was presented by City Manager Bill Lindsay and Senior Management Analyst LaShonda White. Ms. White's PowerPoint presentation provided an overview of the following: overarching goal; a General Plan is a vision; strategic relationships; 2009-2014 five-year strategic business plan; Health in All Policies intervention areas and alignment; 2016-2020 five-year strategic business plan update with key long-term objectives for maintenance and

enhancement of the physical, safe and secure community, economic vitality, sustainable communities, and effective government; and next steps including policy review, implementation, and monitoring. At the conclusion of Ms. White's presentation, discussion ensued. The City Council suggested that Chapter 2 of the plan include a connection with both youth and "seniors". The City Council recommended that the city use an entertainment promoter to generate revenue for the city's auditorium. The City Council suggested a revision to Chapter 4 of the plan to include, "prevent displacement", "reduce homelessness", and "stabilize our neighborhoods". The City Council also requested that staff align the plan with the budget, add metrics, and footnotes for key, long-term objectives with impacts on the budget noted for each objective. *(At Approximately 11:01 p.m., a motion by Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Councilmember Bates, extended the meeting to 11:21 p.m, by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Bates, Martinez, McLaughlin, Myrick, Pimplé, and Mayor Butt. Noes: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Councilmember Beckles).* The City Council directed staff to provide a three-year analysis of the operational costs and revenue generated by the city's auditorium for the City Council to review in one month. There were no public speakers for this item.

I-4. The matter to receive a presentation regarding Richmond's "My Brother's Keeper (MBK)" Local Action Plan that identifies goals and objectives for building strong, lasting bridges to opportunities for boys and young men of color, and approve this plan, was introduced by Councilmember Myrick and presented by Project Manager Lori Reese-Brown. Ms. Reese-Brown's Powerpoint presentation highlighted MBK's vision including mission and values; RichmondBuild program; needs assessment; strategy areas; goals; policies and implementing actions; National Lab Day at Livermore National Laboratory; regulatory framework; and action summit findings. Jackie Thompson and Antwon Cloird gave comments. On motion of Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin, approved the MBK Local Action Plan, by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates Martinez, McLaughlin, Myrick, Pimplé, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Beckles.

I-5. **Continued to the May 3, 2015, meeting.** The matter to receive a report from City Council Public Policy Interns regarding tiny house villages for the homeless and direct the City Manager to research the feasibility of developing a village in Richmond.

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

Councilmember Pimplé reported that he attended the *GoMentum Station: Redefining Mobility Summit* in Concord, California on April 21, 2016, regarding autonomous vehicles.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:21 p.m., to meet again on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

Pamela Christian

Clerk of the City of Richmond

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Approved:

Tom Butt

Mayor