RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, January 22, 2019

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Vice Mayor Ben Choi.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Nat Bates, Demnlus Johnson III, Eduardo Martinez, and Vice Mayor Choi. Absent: Councilmembers Jael Myrick and Melvin Willis arrived after the Council adjourned to Closed Session. Mayor Thomas K. Butt was absent the entire meeting.

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:

JOINT RICHMOND HOUSING AUTHORITY/RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

B-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (paragraph (1) of Subdivision [d] of Government Code Section 54956.9):

Gary et al vs. Richmond Housing Authority and City of Richmond

There were no public speakers.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:32 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Successor Agency to the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency and Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m., by Vice Mayor Choi.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Bates, Johnson III, Martinez, Myrick, Willis, and Vice Mayor Choi. Absent: Mayor Butt.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

Item J-1 was continued to the January 29, 2019, City Council Meeting.

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

City Attorney Bruce Goodmiller stated there were no final actions taken.
REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Carlos Martinez stated there were no items to report.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Cordell Hindler requested that committees be established to discuss the upcoming mid-year budget review.

Bea Roberson gave comments regarding the need for street sweeping signs in two Richmond neighborhoods. Ms. Roberson also gave comments regarding the equity resolution adopted on December 4, 2018.

Corky Boozé congratulated the newly elected and re-elected Councilmembers. Mr. Boozé also gave comments regarding the Hacienda residents who were displaced and being able to return once the development was completed.

Greg Everetts, Jr., president of Richmond SEIU Local 121, expressed frustration regrading labor negotiations with City staff.

Rick Perez stated he wanted police officers to be accountable for their actions.

Patricia Perez stated that some Richmond police officers tried to prevent a journalist from writing about the death of her grandson, Pedie Perez.

Jamy Mosqueda stated she had ideas on the revitalization of Hilltop Mall.

John Marquez, member of the Board of Trustees at Contra Costa Community College District, and Katrina Vanderwoude, President of Contra Costa College, gave comments regarding a coalition of students who raised concerns regarding the hiring process, safety concerns of the students during the recent wildfires, and asbestos on campus.

Roberta Speakerman, Julie Freestone, and Oliver Pollak gave comments regarding International Holocaust Remembrance Day and the upcoming associated events at the Richmond Museum of History.

Rosanne Ryken gave comments regarding the elimination of fines at the public libraries.

Don Gosney stated that the Plumber and Steamfitters Local 342 Apprentice Sign-Ups were from February 4 through February 8, 2019. For more information, call (925)686-0730 or dongosney@comcast.net.

Eduardo Martinez stated that on Thursday, January 31, 2019, Home Depot locations would offer job applications and interviews.
SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE RICHMOND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Councilmember Willis, the item marked with an (*) was approved by the unanimous vote of the City Council:

*H-1. Adopted Resolution No. 19-1, approving the Successor Agency to the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency’s Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule and an administrative budget for the period July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020 (“ROPS 19-20”) pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 34177(o), and 34171(a),(b), and 34177(j) respectively.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Myrick, the items marked with an (*) were approved by the unanimous vote of the City Council:

*I-1. Approved standing purchase orders with Traffic Logix Corp. to provide pedestrian and street traffic safety devices and related products on an as-needed basis to replace or upgrade damaged pedestrian and street safety devices throughout the City, in an amount not to exceed $450,000 over a three-year period, with an option to extend an additional two years.

*I-2. Approved an amendment to the Bay Area Resource Center contract to present a construction project management course in support of the Richmond Workforce Development Board and the RichmondBUILD Program. The contract term will be August 1, 2015, through June 30, 2020. The contract amount will be increased by $50,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed $249,000

*I-3. Approved a proclamation declaring January 27, 2019, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in the City of Richmond.


*I-5. Received a report on the Richmond Municipal Sewer District for the month of November 2018.

*I-6. Adopted Resolution No. 3-19, authorizing the city manager to execute a Cooperative Implementation Agreement with the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) allowing the City of Richmond to receive $3 million for the construction of full-trash capture devices at Regatta Boulevard to prevent litter from discharging to local watersheds and San Francisco Bay; and accepted and appropriated the budget for $3 million.

*I-7. Approved the minutes of the December 4 and 18, 2018, regular Richmond City Council meetings.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

J-1. CONTINUED to the January 29, 2019, City Council meeting, the matter to approve appointments for the Mayor and Councilmembers to Regional Committees, Ad-Hoc Committees and Liaison Positions for the year of 2019.

J-2. The matter to receive a presentation on the implementation of the Richmond Kids First Initiative was presented by LaShonda White, Administrative Chief, City Manager’s Office, and David Padilla, City Manager’s Office. As stated in Measure K, an amount of $250,000 from the City’s annual General Fund will be budgeted during the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2019 mid-year budget process for the purpose of supporting the establishment of the Department of Children and Youth (Department) and the Richmond Fund for Children and Youth (Fund). The Measures also require the City to budget the following: $700,000 in FY 2019-2020; 1% of the City’s General Fund in FY 2021-2022; 2% of the City’s General Fund in FY 2022-2023; 3% of the City’s General Fund for FY 2023-2024 and each fiscal year thereafter through 2027-2028. For FY 2021-2022 through FY 2027-2028, these percentages of the City’s General Fund will be in addition to any interest earned on the Fund and any amounts unspent or uncommitted by the Fund at the end of any fiscal year. The following individuals gave comments: John Gioia, Jamileh Ebrahimi, Kanwarpal Dhaliwal, and Ruth Dineen. Pierre Thompson submitted written comments. A draft work plan and budget for staff will be presented at a future City Council meeting. The City Council requested a draft work plan, staff budget, and future periodic reports on the initiative.

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

Councilmember Johnson III reported that he recently attended the League of California Cities Conference and attended workshops regarding how to run an effective meeting, social media legislation, and the state budget.
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m., in memory of two recent homicides in the City, and George Hurt, to meet again on Tuesday, January 29, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.

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Clerk of the City of Richmond

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Approved:

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Mayor