

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, January 21, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Councilmember Jael Myrick who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and presided over the entire meeting in the absence of the mayor and vice mayor.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Nathaniel Bates, Eduardo Martinez, Jael Myrick, and Melvin Willis. **Absent:** Councilmember Demnlus Johnson III, Vice Mayor Ben Choi, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt were absent for the entire meeting.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

Items F-8 and F-9 were withdrawn from the agenda. Items F-5, F-12, F-13, and G-1 were continued to the February 4, 2020, City Council meeting. Items F-2, F-10, and F-11 were removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion at the end of the agenda.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Interim City Manager Steven Falk distributed an organizational chart and gave a report on the completion of the reorganization and consolidation of the City of Richmond's departments. Mr. Falk announced the following appointments: Deputy City Manager Economic Development, Shasa Curl; Director of Library and Community Services, Sal Vaca; Public Works Director, Yader Bermudez; Community Development Director, Lina Velasco; and Acting Deputy City Manager Internal Services, LaShonda White. Mr. Falk advised that the Port Director would continue to report to the City Manager while working closely with the Deputy City Manager Economic Development. Mr. Falk provided an overview of accomplishments during his six-month tenure scheduled to end January 30, 2020, and closed with remarks and impressions of the City of Richmond.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Rick Perez gave comments regarding Interim City Manager Steven Falk's report on the reorganization and consolidation of the City of Richmond departments. Mr. Perez expressed concerns regarding the violation of his rights.

Patricia Perez gave comments regarding the Richard "Pedie" Perez case and the Richmond Police Department's video briefing concerning the case.

Don Gosney provided information and invited community members to apply for the Plumbers & Steamfitters Local Union 342 apprenticeship program February 3-7, 2020. Mr. Gosney announced that he had sign-up packages available by calling him at (510) 233-2060 or sending an email to dongosney@comcast.net.

Dena Nelson announced that free certified tax preparation services were available for low-income community members at Rubicon Programs at 101 Broadway in Richmond, Monday through Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Ms. Nelson advised that other free certified tax preparation sites throughout the area were listed at www.earnitkeepitsaveit.org. Ms. Nelson challenged the Council to help find more ways to make tax preparation services available to the community. Ms. Nelson expressed concerns that tax credits go unclaimed and many community members are gauged by expensive paid tax preparers.

Mark Wassberg gave comments regarding the history of violence in Richmond and the Richmond Police Department. Mr. Wassberg expressed concerns regarding item F-14.

Mike Parker and Kabir Kapur thanked the Council for approving the first reading of an ordinance to ban coal in Richmond. Mr. Kapur reminded staff to work on the establishment of a district voting independent committee. Mr. Kapur stated that the City of Berkeley was considering the on-site consumption of cannabis at its dispensaries and lounges. Mr. Kapur recommended that the Council consider the same for Richmond.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

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

***F-1.** Approved the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Environmental and Community Investment Agreement competitive grant program, funding Category 4, the Community Services Mini-Grant Award, guidelines, application, and grant award letter and agreement.

F-2. The matter to approve a proclamation declaring January 27, 2020, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in the City of Richmond was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion. The requestor declined to give comments. A motion made by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, approved said proclamation by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

***F-3.** Approved the purchase of two 2020 Ford Fusion Energi sedans from Towne Ford in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$62,000.

***F-4.** Approved payment to Municipal Maintenance Equipment for repairs to a City of Richmond patch truck in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.

F-5. Continued to February 4, 2020, the matter to adopt a resolution to accept and appropriate a \$2,000,000 contribution from Chevron for the Cogeneration Project at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant as part of Chevron's Modernization Project and mitigation measures in the approved Environmental Impact Report and conditions of approval in the Conditional Use Permit to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions.

***F-6.** Approved a standing purchase order with LN Curtis, using the Master Price Agreement publicly solicited by National Purchasing Partners, Government Division, to purchase firefighting tools and equipment, personal protective equipment, and safety supplies in an amount not to exceed \$350,000 for a term of three years beginning January 21, 2020, through January 20, 2023, with a possible one-year extension.

***F-7.** Approved a sole-source contract with Response Training Group to provide tractor drawn aerial training for fire department staff, for a total amount not to exceed \$20,000 through June 30, 2020.

F-8. Withdrawn from the agenda, the matter to adopt a resolution amending the City of Richmond's Position Classification Plan to add the new Communications Dispatcher III classification. This item was continued from the January 14, 2020, meeting.

F-9. Withdrawn from the agenda, the matter to introduce an ordinance (first reading) to establish wages, salaries, and compensation for the new classification specification for Communications Dispatcher III (Salary Range No. 128 \$7,090 - \$8,577/month). This item was continued from the January 14, 2020, meeting.

F-10. The matter to receive a monthly report on Point Molate activities for the month of October 2019 was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion with item F-11. Project Manager Craig Murray gave a report. Discussion ensued. The Council recommended a future study session regarding Point Molate legal expenses. A motion was made by Councilmember Bates, seconded by Councilmember Willis to approve said reports for both items F-10 and F-11. Further discussion ensued. The Council requested the inclusion of all Point Molate finances in future monthly reports. The Council also requested that the legal expenses for Point Molate be included with the anticipated Point Molate financial feasibility study. The motion passed by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

F-11. The matter to receive a monthly report on Point Molate activities for the month of November 2019 was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion with item F-10. On motion of Councilmember Bates, seconded by Councilmember Willis, approved said report by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

F-12. Continued to February 4, 2020, the matter to adopt by resolution the Demonstration Partnerships Policy as set forth in Exhibit A; and authorized the city manager to enter into Demonstration Partnerships agreements when not otherwise subject to any City Code restrictions, if the agreements meet specified criteria of the Demonstration Partnerships Policy; and directed the city manager to lead implementation of the Demonstration Partnership Policy; as specified therein. This item was continued from the January 14, 2020, meeting.

F-13. Continued to February 4, 2020, the matter to adopt an ordinance (second reading): (1) adding Article 15.04.615 to the Richmond Municipal Code ("RMC") to prohibit new land uses and phase out existing land uses related to the storage and handling of coal and petroleum coke, and (2) making conforming amendments to the Richmond Municipal Code ("RMC") to ensure that it is internally consistent.

F-14. Adopted Ordinance No. 04-20 N.S. (second reading) adopting sections 2.16.050 (City Council Election Districts and Sequencing) and 2.16.060 (City Council Residency) of the Richmond Municipal Code to transition from at-large to by-district elections of City Councilmembers.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

G-1. Continued to February 4, 2020, the matter to hold a public hearing relating to the proposed issuance of charter school revenue bonds by the California Public Finance Authority ("CalPFA"), in an amount not to exceed \$64,000,000, in connection with the issuance of charter school revenue bonds for Wonderful Foundations. The proceeds of the bonds would enable the Borrower to finance the acquisition of public charter school facilities located at 1402 and 1450 Marina Way South in the City of Richmond (the "Project"); and adopt a resolution to approve the proposed financing by the CalPFA.

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

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m., in memory of Councilmember Bates' nephew, Darnell Farr, to meet again on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor