

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, March 3, 2020**

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Mayor Thomas K. Butt.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Ben Choi, Demnlus Johnson III, Eduardo Martinez, Vice Mayor Nathaniel Bates, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt. **Absent:** Councilmembers Jael Myrick and Melvin Willis arrived at 5:02 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The city clerk announced that the liability claim closed session item was withdrawn from the agenda. 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:

**CITY COUNCIL**

LIABILITY CLAIMS - (Government Code Section 54956.9):

Pamela Hampton vs. City of Richmond

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

Solvay, USA Inc. vs. City of Richmond

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957):

Title: City Manager

Cordell Hindler gave comments regarding the performance evaluation item.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:03 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Mayor Butt.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Choi, Johnson III, Martinez, Myrick, Willis, Vice Mayor Bates, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** None.

**STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

Items G-6 and G-12 were removed from the Consent Calendar.

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

Assistant City Attorney, Shannon Moore, stated there was nothing to report.

### **REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager, Laura Snideman, encouraged everyone to vote for the Presidential Primary Election. Ms. Snideman also stated that Golden Gate Grill restaurant had a soft opening on February 24, 2020, which is located at 803 Wright Avenue, Richmond, California.

### **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Cordell Hindler stated that he met with students from Salesian College Prep High School to encourage them to apply for the city's Youth Council. Mr. Hindler also stated that the West County area needed a hospital.

Naomi Williams announced that the Commission on Aging sponsored a free workshop titled "Is Your Legal House In Order", at the Bermuda Room of the Richmond Auditorium on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Ms. Williams also stated that the chairs in the Council Chambers are very deteriorated.

Don Gosney gave comments regarding the Point Molate Draft Environmental Impact Report and asked for an extension to review the report.

Rick Perez gave comments regarding police misconduct and the death of Pedie Perez.

Mark Wassberg gave comments in opposition of the proposed area of the city the homeless were planned to be allowed to live in.

Kabir Kapur gave comments regarding the presidential primary election.

Hassan Abdelaoui stated there needed to be more fields for soccer practice in Richmond.

Hannah Kent, Dana Currie, Andy Acia, and Kapris James expressed concerns regarding the proposed homeless transitional village in Richmond.

Joseph Puleo gave comments regarding the appointment of Interim Police Chief Bisa French and that a poll should be taken to see if the police personnel support her as permanent chief.

### **CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**\*G-1.** Approved the sole-source contract with Red Cloud, Inc. to install seven Motorola antennas at the fire stations, for a term of March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

**\*G-2.** Approved an agreement with Performance Abatement Services to cleanup an oil spill at Terminal 3 with a value not to exceed \$25,000.

**\*G-3.** Approved a proclamation declaring March 10, 2020, as Tibetan Uprising Day in the City of Richmond.

**\*G-4.** Approved a proclamation declaring February 29, 2020, as Rare Disease Day in the City of Richmond.

**\*G-5.** Adopted **Resolution No. 14-20**, approving the transfer \$25,000 from District reserve funds to the operating budget to upgrade the crosswalk safety signage for the light up crosswalk at the Marina, as requested by the Marina Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District Advisory Committee.

**G-6.** The matter to adopt a resolution approving Veolia Water to manage and award a contract to ZFA Structural Engineers for the Seismic Retrofit Study for specific structures at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$279,002 (Project Cost of \$244,788, plus a 15% contingency cost of \$34,214) was presented by Councilmember Bates. Senior Civil Engineer, Tawfic Halaby stated that this contract would only cover seismic structural evaluation and not related to the Baykeeper Settlement. A motion by Councilmember Bates, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, adopted **Resolution No. 15-20**, by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

**\*G-7.** Received the City's Investment and Cash Balance Report for the month of January 2020 - Finance Department (Belinda Brown/Delmy Cuellar 620-6790).

**\*G-8.** Adopted **Resolution No. 16-20**, authorizing placement of liens and special assessments for unpaid garbage collection service fees on County property tax records.

**\*G-9.** Approved a contract with Hatchuel Tabernik & Associates to support the Department of Children and Youth in the development of a Community Needs Assessment and Strategic Investment Plan. The total contract amount will not exceed \$177,033, with a contract term expiration of June 30, 2021.

**\*G-10.** Approved the minutes of the February 4 and 18, 2020, Regular City Council meetings.

**\*G-11.** Adopted **Ordinance No. 06-20 N.S.**, amending Richmond Municipal Code (RMC) Article VI, Building Regulations by repealing and replacing Chapter 6.02, adopting the 2019 California Building Standards Code with noted Administrative and Energy Code amendments, and repealing Chapters 6.04, 6.16, 6.20, 6.28, which are superseded by the 2019 codes and incorporated into RMC Chapter 6.02, and repealing Chapter 6.46, which has been superseded by the California Green Building Standards Code incorporated into Chapter 6.02.

**G-12.** The matter to review the Public Facilities Impact Fee Credits Policy and to adopt a resolution approving the policy was presented by Revenue Manager, Antonio Banuelos and Planning Director, Lina Velasco. Joe Puleo gave comments. A motion by Vice Mayor Bates, seconded by Councilmember Willis, approved the item, adopted the policy and directed staff to amend Richmond Municipal Code Section 12.65.070b, and return

to the City Council at a future date for review and approval. **Resolution No. 17-20**, was adopted by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Choi, Johnson III, Myrick, Willis, Vice Mayor Bates and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** Councilmember Martinez. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** None.

#### **COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

**H-1.** The matter to direct staff to begin a meet and confer process with the Richmond Police Officers Association regarding revisions to the Richmond Municipal Code 3.54 entitled Community Police Review Commission was presented by Councilmember Myrick. Rick Perez and Ben Therriault gave comments. Discussion ensued. Following discussion, a motion by Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, approved the item by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Johnson III, Martinez, Myrick, and Willis. **Noes:** Councilmember Choi, Vice Mayor Bates, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** None.

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

None.

*(A motion by Vice Mayor Bates, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, the City Council adjourned to Closed Session to conclude the public employee evaluation of the City Manager. The Closed Session **adjourned at** ):*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m., in memory of Alice Decker, member of the Regla Cuba Sister City Commission, to meet again on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, 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