

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, June 19, 2007

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order at 7:43 p.m. by Mayor Gayle McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Sandhu, Rogers, Lopez, Viramontes, Marquez, Thurmond, Vice Mayor Bates, and Mayor McLaughlin.

Absent: Councilmember Butt.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councilmember Viramontes announced that her packet was taken from the Dias and asked that it be returned.

AGENDA REVIEW

Removed Items G-5, G-8, G-7, G-11, G-14, G-22, G-23, G-24, G-25, G27, and G-28 from the Consent Calendar (Items G-5 and G-8 were returned to the Consent Calendar prior to the vote to adopt the Calendar).

Withdrew Item G-3 from the Agenda.

Moved Items K-4 and K-1 to be heard after Presentations, Proclamations, and Recommendations.

REPORT FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY OF FINAL DECISIONS MADE AND NON-CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSIONS HELD DURING CLOSED SESSION

Interim City Attorney, Randy Riddle, reported that the City Council convened to Closed Session to confer with legal counsel regarding **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR Government Code Section 54956.8:** Real Property Negotiations (Government Code Section 54956.8)
Property: 2705 Macdonald Avenue (APN 515-241-011-3)
Negotiating Parties: Steve Duran, Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency, and Tony and Sareth Sok, owners
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

Real Property Negotiations (Government Code Section 54956.8)
Property: Portion of Wright Avenue adjacent to the intersection with 4th Street.
Negotiating Parties: Bill Lindsay, City of Richmond, and Jim Cannon, Levine Terminals
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

Real Property Negotiations (Government Code Section 54956.8)
Property: 1 Barrett Avenue
Negotiating Parties: Bill Lindsay, City Manager and Hermann Welm, Industrial/Commercial Land Consulting, Owner Representative
Under Negotiations: Price and Terms.

No action was taken by the Council.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Corky Booze stated his disappointment with Councilmember Viramontes behavior towards Mayor McLaughlin.

Kathy Robinson requested the public's help to encourage our young school children by giving them positive feedback.

Jim Jenkins gave comments about the good things he has seen going on in Richmond. He stated crime is down in the City of Richmond. He also stated that the Councilmembers should refrain from fighting among themselves.

Chris Tallerico stated the City's priority should be more police officers.

Myrtle Braxton-Ellington stated she is concerned about the physical appearance of the South side of Richmond. She stated that the weeds in the parks are unacceptable and requested the City to hire Richmond residents to do the work.

Gisela Hernandez invited the City Council and residents to a community forum being held at Doctors Medical Center at 2000 Bayo Road on June 20, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the forum is to review and discuss the business plan options report.

Charles T. Ramsey reported that the Ivy League Program is sending 25 high school students from Kennedy and Richmond High Schools to summer study programs at Penn, Cornell, Dartmouth, and Brown.

Madeline Kronenberg stated teachers from the district will be attending the summer study programs with the students. She stated she is the liaison on the School Board for the City of Richmond.

Bennie Singleton, on behalf of CISCO, thanked Mayor McLaughlin, Councilmember Lopez, City Manager Bill Lindsay, and representatives from the Police and Fire Departments for attending their event on Thursday, June 14, 2007.

Hector Javregui requested that the lights be fixed in the Iron Triangle.

Hazel Wheeler requested more programs for the youth in Richmond.

Gardina Garcia stated she is displeased with the trash located throughout the City.

Denisha Gammage informed the Council that it took over 10 minutes for the police to respond to a shooting located around the corner from the police substation on Macdonald Avenue. She stated we need more police officers in the City.

Gloria Alvarado shared the positive activities going on with the youth at St. Mark's Church.

Father Ramiro Flores stated we need more lights in the high-crime areas of Richmond.

Reverend Alvin C. Bernstine requested clarification on the term phantom police. He stated we need real police in the City of Richmond and more programs to enhance the youth of Richmond.

Jennifer Susskind stated that Richmond Equitable Development Initiative (READY) supports the community organizing efforts of CISCO.

Debbi Landshoff stated she believes in the good work CISCO is doing in the community. She stated that she was pleased that she could print all of the agenda item materials from the City of Richmond's Website. She also stated that in order for City Council Meetings to start on time and attract more support from the community, the meetings should not be combined with other agency meetings.

Jovanka Beckles was pleased with the successful Juneteenth Festival.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

Mayor McLaughlin read a letter of recognition honoring Reverend Sheila Cook for her service as a police chaplain and in the community. Reverend Cook gave comments and thanked everyone for supporting her. Councilmember Sandhu also gave comments and thanked Reverend Cook for her service in the City of Richmond. Councilmembers Marquez, Rogers, Thurmond, Viramontes, and Vice Mayor Bates thanked Reverend Cook for the work she has done for the City of Richmond. Alicia Medina thanked the City Council for recognizing Reverend Sheila Cook

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Councilmember Marquez, seconded by Councilmember Viramontes, all items marked with an asterisk (*) were approved by the unanimous vote of the Council.

*-Adopted Resolution No. 59-07 adjusting appropriations of the 2006-2007 Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and grant programs in the amount of \$158,839.

*-Adopted Ordinance No. 19-07 N.S. that contains a description of the previously approved eminent domain program of the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency pursuant to the Redevelopment Plans (the "Plans") for Project Area Nos. 1-A (Eastshore Park), 1-B (Pilot), 1-C (Potrero), 3-A (Galvin), 6-A (Harbor Gate), 8-A (Hensley), 10-A (Downtown), 10-B (Nevin), 11-A (Harbour), and 12-A (North Richmond) (the "Project Areas"), and adopt the attached Notice of Exemption for the Ordinance.

Withdrew from the agenda to authorize the Community and Economic Development Director to terminate for default of a lease with Point Richmond R & D Associates, LLC for unimproved City property located on West Richmond Avenue adjacent to the Tech Center II.

*-Approved the purchase of the 24 police cars.

*-Approved the "Guidelines and Policy for Donations of Furnishings and Plaques" as recommended by the Recreation and Parks Commission.

*-Approved the award of a contract to McNabb Construction for the renovation of play equipment at Shields-Reid Park in North Richmond in an amount not to exceed \$157,500 to be funded by the 2006-2007 North Richmond Waste and Recovery Mitigation Fee Fund.

In the matter to authorize staff to call for construction bids for the 2007-08 Pavement Rehabilitation Projects. This item was reviewed and referred to the City Council by the Finance Committee on 6/14/2007 Engineering. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Bates, seconded by Councilmember Marquez, to request the city attorney to establish and

implement penalties when individuals do not respond favorably to our employment request, including sanctions of more than a \$1000 a day. Following discussion, a substitute motion was made by Vice Mayor Bates, to have the item held over for one week in order for the city attorney to develop sanctions that make it impressive for contractors to respond to the Richmond local employment. The substitute motion failed for lack of a second. The original motion passed by the unanimous vote of the Council.

*-Authorized staff to amend the existing construction management services contract with Harris & Associates, Inc. to include the services for the 2007 Pavement Rehabilitation projects, which would increase the contract value by \$760,000 for a total amount of \$1,510,000. This item was reviewed and referred to the City Council by the Finance Committee on 6/14/2007.

*-Accepted the work performed by Republic Electric for the completion of the "Installation of eight In-Pavement Crosswalk Warning Light Systems at a final construction cost of \$194,947.00.

*-Accepted the San Francisco Foundation (SFF) Grant in the amount of \$10,000, and authorized the Director of Library & Community Services to sign any documents related to acceptance of these funds.

A proposed contract with ABC Security Service, Inc., to provide unarmed security service for the Richmond Public Library in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 for FY 07/08, with options to renew the contract through 2010 was presented. Monique le Conge, Library and Community Services Director, gave an overview of the item. Corky Booze spoke on this item. On motion of Councilmember Marquez, seconded by Councilmember Viramontes, approved the contract by the unanimous vote of the Council. On motion of Councilmember Marquez, seconded by Councilmember Rogers, extended the meeting 15 minutes by the unanimous vote of the Council. (Councilmember Butt was recorded as voting no).

*-Approved the purchase of CLASS system software and hardware upgrades from ActiveNetwork in the amount of \$38,000 for photo ID scanning capabilities at community centers for recreation program participants.

*-Approved the sole-source purchase of sixteen (16) Useful DiscoverStation public access computers for the Richmond Public Library in an amount not to exceed \$23,000.

A proposed contract with Boom Boom, Inc., in the amount of \$25,000 for the 2007 Fireworks Celebration to be held July 3, 2007, at the Marina Bay Park was presented. Juan Reardon spoke against this item. On motion of Councilmember Viramontes, seconded by Councilmember Marquez, approved the contract, by the unanimous vote of the Council.

*-Approved the sole-source purchase of twelve (12) sets of Globe Custom 7.5oz Millenia G-Xtreme Turnouts for the Fire Department in an amount not to exceed \$28,800 through L.N. Curtis and Sons.

*-Approved a contract amendment with the Crossover Creative Group for an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for the development of a "teaser" campaign to promote the Community of Leaders recruitment campaign.

*-Approved a contract with San Francisco Radio Assets (KSFO AM 560, Oakland Raiders Radio) to provide commercial messages that will enhance police recruitment efforts in the amount of \$17,000.

*-Approved a contract with the Police Executive Research Forum in the amount of \$48,500 for Police Department personnel development and crime reduction consulting services.

*-Approved a contract with BondLogistix, LLC in the amount of \$40,000 to file a refund claim with the Internal Revenue Service in the amount of \$458,535.73 relating to a previous payment of arbitrage rebate liability of the 1999 Wastewater Revenue Bonds.

*-Reviewed and accepted the City's July 1, 2005, Post-Retirement Benefit Program Actuarial Valuation Report, which calculates the City's Annual Required Contribution (ARC) and annual cost of Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEBs).

*-Reviewed and accepted the Joint Powers Financing Authority's Component Financial Statements for the Year Ended June 30, 2006.

A proposed resolution amending the Trust Indenture of the 2005 Pension Obligation Bonds to provide for adjustment of certain terms of the Series 2005B-1 Bonds and the Series 2005B-2 Bonds that would apply following their respective Full Accretion Dates (as defined in the Indenture), including but not limited to, changes that would result in fixed rather than variable interest rates paid by the City was presented. On motion of Councilmember Viramontes, seconded by Councilmember Marquez, adopted Resolution No. 60-07, by the unanimous vote of the Council.

A proposed ordinance establishing the wages, salary, and compensation for the new classification of Recreation Director was presented for second reading. Corky Booze asked when staff will be hired. Leslie Knight, Human Resources Director, stated they are in the recruitment phase and will hopefully have the position filled by August 2007. On motion of Councilmember Marquez, seconded by Councilmember Viramontes, adopted Ordinance No. 20-07 N.S. by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Butt, Lopez, Marquez, Rogers, Thurmond, Sandhu, Viramontes, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** Vice Mayor Bates. **Absent:** None. On motion of Vice Mayor Bates, seconded by Councilmember Viramontes, extended the meeting 10 minutes by the unanimous vote of the Council. (Councilmember Butt was recorded as voting noe).

In the matter to receive and review (1) a report on updated salary surveys for Local 1021, Local 21, Local 188, RFMA, RPOA, RPMA and Exempt and Confidential Management; (2) introduce an ordinance (first reading) implementing a more comprehensive salary plan for classifications in the Exempt and Confidential Management Group; and (3) discuss with the appropriate bargaining units those identified classifications which are 10% or more out of market and are difficult to recruit (added as a result of the June 14, 2007, Finance Committee Meeting). The following individuals spoke on this item: Juanita Taylor, Kevin Martin, and Theresa Talley Wilkerson. A motion was made by Councilmember Viramontes to adopt item one. Following discussion, Councilmember Viramontes withdrew her motion. The item was moved to executive session to be held on June 26, 2007. On motion of Councilmember Marquez, seconded by Councilmember Rogers, extended the meeting five minutes by the unanimous vote of the Council.

In the matter to authorize the city manager to execute an amendment to the contract with Susan M. Wright & Associates extending the contract term from June 30, 2007, to September 30, 2007 and raising the contract limit from \$10,000 to \$25,000. John Casas spoke on this

item. On motion of Vice Mayor Bates, seconded by Councilmember Marquez, authorized an amendment to the contract by the unanimous vote of the Council.

*-Approved the expenditure of \$127,845, which represents Richmond's share of the 2007/08 West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC) fiscal year budget. (This item was reviewed by the Finance Committee at its June 14, 2007, meeting, and the Committee recommends City Council approval.).

A proposed contract with the Mejorando Group to work with employees city-wide to improve customer service throughout the organization in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for Fiscal Year 2007/08 was presented. Corky Booze spoke on this item. Following discussion, on motion of Councilmember Viramontes, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, approved the contract, by the unanimous vote of the Council. Janet Schneider, Administrative Chief, stated Exhibit B should read 2007 and not 2001 and she will work with the consultant to obtain the proper insurance. Councilmember Viramontes incorporated the changes in her motion. The contract was approved by the unanimous vote of the Council.

In the matter to appoint Councilmembers Butt and Viramontes to an ad hoc committee of the City Council to begin working with staff on restructuring the Planning and Design Review process. Mayor McLaughlin instructed Councilmembers to forward their input to staff and bring the matter back to the Council.

*- Approved the minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Redevelopment Agency/City Council and the Morning and Evening Open Sessions held on June 5, 2007.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The city clerk announced that this was the time set, pursuant to published notice, to conduct a public hearing on approving a Vesting Tentative Map, subject to conditions (Attachment 2), and Design Review Permit with attachments, subject to conditions (Attachment 3), for the Point Richmond Shores residential condominium development (the "Project") at the corner of Dornan Drive and Brickyard Cove Road. Richard Mitchell gave an overview of the item (Mayor McLaughlin passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Bates and left the meeting). Vice Mayor Bates declared the public hearing open. Richard Mitchell, Planning Director, gave an overview of the item. A representative from Toll Brothers gave a brief statement on the item. Beverly Galloway, representing the neighbors, gave a statement in support of the project. (Mayor McLaughlin returned to the meeting). The following individuals spoke on this item: Jonathan Livingston, Nancy Strauch, Lee Hvo, and Bruce Beyaert. On motion of Vice Mayor Bates, seconded by Councilmember Rogers, closed the public hearing by the unanimous vote of the Council. Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Butt, seconded by Vice Mayor Bates, to adopt all staff recommendations, approve a Vesting Tentative Map, subject to conditions (Attachment 2), and Design Review Permit with attachments, subject to conditions (Attachment 3) with three amendments: (1) the City Council shall determine that the Final Project Plans are consistent with the adopted MMRP and all conditions of project approval such that working drawings may be completed. The Project Sponsor shall seek the determination by City Council at the point applicant believes that the Project plans have been refined to the degree that is sufficient for Council's determination that the Project plans are consistent with the adopted MMRP and preconstruction conditions of approval. At the Council hearing, the Council shall determine only whether Project plans conform to this

Condition 2 and shall not impose any additional conditions; (2) the Project Sponsor shall, at its election, either (i) acquire all necessary access and property rights and construct a link between the commuter trail along the northern side of Brickyard Cove Road and the Bay Trail segment at Brickyard Landing, of (ii) reimburse the City costs not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for acquiring all necessary access and property rights and for constructing a link between the commuter trail along the northern side of Brickyard Cove Road and the Bay Trail segment at Brickyard Landing. The applicant's obligation to reimburse the City shall accrue upon the City's completion of the link and presentation of records demonstrating the amount expended; (3) in consultation with the Port of Richmond, the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency and the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), and to the greatest extent possible given the environmental constraints of the Project Site, the Project Sponsor shall preserve or restore all existing utilities to the pier to a condition adequate for future use of the pier for maritime-related purposes; and (4) in consultation with BCDC, the guardrail along the pier shall be designed to allow both safe public access as close as practicable to the water's edge and the occasional mooring of boats on the pier. The Point Richmond Shores Homeowners' Association shall assume no liability for damages resulting from the mooring of boats on the pier. Councilmember Bates modified his motion to include the new language. Discussion ensued and a friendly amendment to the motion was offered by Councilmember Rogers to put a contact point on the side of the pier. The amendment was accepted. The motion passed, inclusive of the requested amendments, by the unanimous vote of the Council.

The city clerk announced that this was the time set, pursuant to mailed notice, to conduct a public hearing to adopt a resolution (Attachment A) authorizing the City of Richmond to levy special assessments against certain properties having unpaid accounts relating to Administrative Citations, constituting a public nuisance under Richmond Municipal Code (RMC) Chapters 6.38, 9.22 and 9.50. Items H-2 and H-3 were heard together. Sgt. Darren Monahan, Police Department, gave a report on the assessments. Mayor McLaughlin declared the public hearing open. A motion was made by Councilmember Rogers, seconded by Councilmember Butt to establish a policy for June 19, 2007, to allow residents present tonight, who have not gone through the appeal process, to be given the opportunity do so. The motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Butt, Lopez, Marquez, Rogers, Thurmond, Sandhu, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** Vice Mayor Bates. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Viramontes. The following individuals spoke on this item: Mildred Coulter, Faye Coulter, Corky Booze, Blanca Garcia, Ernestine Martin chose not to speak, Sofia Murray, Ruben Pedroza, and Lori Sourcie. On motion of Councilmember Viramontes, seconded by Councilmember Marquez, closed the public hearing by the unanimous vote of the Council. Mayor McLaughlin appointed Councilmembers Lopez, Thurmond, and Vice Mayor Bates to a committee to work with the Police Department to clarify the appeal process and report back to the Council. On motion of Councilmember Butt, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, adopted Resolution No. 61-07 by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Butt, Lopez, Marquez, Rogers, Thurmond, Sandhu, Viramontes, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** Vice Mayor Bates. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** None.

The city clerk announced that this was the time set, pursuant to published notice, to conduct a public hearing to adopt a Resolution (Attachment A) authorizing the City of Richmond to levy special assessments against certain properties having unpaid accounts relating to cleanup notifications and inspections, lot cleanups and/or building board ups, constituting a public nuisance under Richmond Municipal Code

(RMC) Chapter 9.22. This item was heard with Item H-3. Daren Monahan, Police Department, gave a report on both items. Mayor McLaughlin declared the public hearing open for items H- 2 and H-3.A motion was made by Councilmember Rogers, seconded by Councilmember Butt to establish a policy for June 19, 2007, that allows residents that are present tonight that have not gone through the appeal process be given the opportunity do so. The motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Butt, Lopez, Marquez, Rogers, Thurmond, Sandhu, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** Vice Mayor Bates. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Viramontes. The following individuals spoke on this item: John Cockle, Lorene Paysinger, Carolyn Glover-Ware, Jose Lopez, Kevin Hampton, and Audry Lee. On motion of Councilmember Viramontes, seconded by Councilmember Marquez, closed the public hearing by the unanimous vote of the Council. Mayor McLaughlin appointed Councilmembers Lopez, Thurmond, and Vice Mayor Bates to a committee to work with the Police Department to clarify the appeal process and report back to the Council. On motion of Councilmember Butt, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, adopted Resolution No. 62-07 by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Butt, Lopez, Marquez, Rogers, Thurmond, Sandhu, Viramontes, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** Vice Mayor Bates. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** None.

The city clerk announced that this was the time set, pursuant to published notice, to conduct a public hearing to accept the Engineer's Report for the Hilltop Landscape Maintenance Assessment District Fiscal Year 2007-2008. Tony Norris, Parks and Landscape, gave a brief overview of the item. Mayor McLaughlin declared the public hearing open. There were no public speakers. On motion of Vice Mayor Bates, seconded by Councilmember Butt, closed the public hearing by the unanimous vote of the Council. A motion was made by Councilmember Butt, seconded by Councilmember Thurmond to adopt the report. A friendly amendment by Vice Mayor Bates to communicate with the neighbors for 2008/2009 was accepted. The motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Butt, Rogers, Thurmond, Sandhu, Viramontes, Vice Mayor Bates, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmembers Marquez and Lopez.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

ORDINANCES

None.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

In the matter to authorize City Staff to work with the Weinstein Memorial Committee to erect a memorial bench in memory of cyclist Daniel Weinstein at Clarence Street at Grand View near Overlook Park. Vice Mayor Bates gave an overview of this item. The following individuals spoke on this item: Zelda Holland, David Kamil, Myrtle Braxton-Ellington, Debbi Landshoff, and David Anderson. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Bates, seconded by Councilmember Viramontes, to authorize City staff to work with the Weinstein Memorial Committee to erect a memorial bench in memory of cyclist Daniel Weinstein. A friendly amendment was offered by Mayor McLaughlin to approve the item in conjunction with the guidelines and policies. The friendly amendment was accepted. The motion passed by the unanimous vote of the Council.

In the matter to direct staff to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for License Plate Readers (LPR) in cooperation with the Richmond Police Department. Mayor McLaughlin gave an overview of the item. On motion of Councilmember Sandhu, seconded by Councilmember Viramontes, directed staff to issue an RFP, by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Butt, Rogers, Thurmond. Sandhu, Viramontes, Vice Mayor Bates, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmembers Lopez and Marquez.

In the matter to direct staff to return with a draft modification to existing zoning text and supporting ordinances to clarify land uses in the buffer zone. Richard Mitchell gave an overview of the item. The following individuals spoke on this item: Sylvia Magid, John Cockle, and Katrinka Ruk. A motion was made by Councilmember Lopez, seconded by Vice Mayor Bates, to direct staff to return to the City Council with a draft modification of existing zone text and supporting ordinances to clarify land uses in the buffer zone. A friendly amendment by Vice Mayor Bates to exclude property already under potential development and going through the planning process as of June 19, 2007, was accepted. The motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Lopez, Marquez, Rogers, Thurmond, Sandhu, Viramontes, and Vice Mayor Bates. **Noes:** Councilmembers Butt and Mayor McLaughlin. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** None. On motion of Vice Mayor Bates, seconded by Councilmember Sandhu, extended the meeting 30 minutes by the unanimous vote of the Council. (Councilmember Butt was recorded as voting no).

In the matter to review and discuss the option for an emergency vehicle access road (EVA) between the proposed Canyon Oaks II development and the existing Canyon Oaks I community; take action to approve or deny the appeal for the Tentative Tract Map (TTM 8451) for the project; certify the Canyon Oaks II Environmental Impact Report (EID 1102306) which includes the Draft and Final EIR, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and, approve a General Plan Amendment and Rezoning for the proposed Canyon Oaks II residential subdivision (GPA/RZ 1102306). Yvette Radford and Brenda LaPlante spoke in support of the item. John Zentner, of Zentner and Zentner, confirmed he was in agreement with all conditions expressed. Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Marquez, seconded by Vice Mayor Bates, to certify a Final Environmental Impact Report for the project; adoption of a Project Mitigation and Monitoring Report, approve a General Plan Amendment and Rezoning, approve a Tentative Subdivision Map for the Project, incorporate the modifications to Canyon Creek Drive and specify its use for emergency access and direct staff to return with a resolution and an ordinance reflecting the Council's action. Discussion ensued (Mayor McLaughlin passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Bates and left the meeting). The motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Butt, Lopez, Marquez, Thurmond, Sandhu, Viramontes, and Vice Mayor Bates. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** Councilmember Rogers. **Absent:** Mayor McLaughlin.

In the matter to discuss the percentage of Richmond residents and minorities hired by Bay Cities Construction on City of Richmond contracts. Vice Mayor Bates gave an overview of the item stating his concern for the low number of minorities being hired by the contractor. Corky Booze spoke on this item. Sal Vaca, Employment and Training Director, gave an update on the statistics. Councilmember Thurmond requested staff submit a report to the Council on June 26, 2007.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

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

Councilmember Marquez announced that the Public Safety Committee will meet on Thursday, June 21, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. In July the Public Safety Meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:17 a.m. in memory of Marie Reis, a City of Richmond volunteer ad activist, to meet again on Tuesday, June 26, 2007.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor