



Agenda

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RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL MEETING (This meeting is virtual)

Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
Community Services Building
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Richmond, CA 94804

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Effect of Advisory on In-person public participation

During the pendency of Assembly Bill 361, the language in this Advisory portion of the agenda

supersedes any language contemplating in-person public comment.

A. OPEN SESSION TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION

5:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

C. CLOSED SESSION

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

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- a. Richmond Shoreline Alliance, SPRAWLDEF, Citizens for East Shore Parks, Sunflower Alliance, and GreenActionfor Health and Environmental Justice v. City of Richmond

C.2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957)

- a. Title: City Attorney

C.3. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Government Code Section 54957.6)

- a. Title: City Attorney

D. PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION

E. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

F. REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

6:30 p.m.

G. ROLL CALL

H. PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO

I. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

J. AGENDA REVIEW

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

L. REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER (public comment allowed under Open Forum)

M. ABATEMENT REPORT FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR (public comment allowed under Open Forum)

N. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

O. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

O.1. City Clerk's Office

- a. City Council Minutes 10

APPROVE the minutes of the November 23 and December 7 and 14, 2021, regular City Council meetings - City Clerk's Office (Pamela Christian 510-620-6513).

O.2. City Council

- a. Condemning the horrific events of January 6, 2021, and defending democracy and the sacred right of voting. 30

ADOPT a resolution condemning the horrific events of the January 6, 2021, attack on the United States Capitol and defending democracy and the sacred right of voting – Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin (510-620-6581).

O.3. City Manager's Office

- a. Contract with Social & Public Art Resource Center (SPARC) 34

APPROVE a sole-source contract with Social & Public Art Resource Center (SPARC) for the design, fabrication, installation, and replacement of a series of five murals on the Richmond Senior Center, 2525 Macdonald Avenue, in an amount not to exceed \$18,600, with a term from January 11, 2022, through June 30, 2023 - City Manager's Office, Economic Development (Shasa Curl/Winifred Day 510-620-6952).

O.4. Finance Department

- a. Annual review and adoption of debt policy for fiscal year 2021-2022 59

REVIEW the Debt Policy for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; and ADOPT the resolution approving said policy – Finance Department (Belinda Brown 510-620-6740).

- b. Compliance with developer fees 100

RECEIVE the annual year-end developer fee report as required pursuant to Section 66006 of the Government Code – Finance Department (Belinda Brown/Vrenesia Ward 510-621-1211).

- c. Resolution approving investment policy 106

ADOPT a resolution approving the City of Richmond Investment Policy Fiscal Year 2021-2022 – Finance Department (Belinda Brown 510-620-6740).

d.	Investment and Cash Balance report for the month of November 2021	125
	RECEIVE the City's Investment and Cash Balance Report for the month of November 2021 – Finance Department (Belinda Brown 510-620-6740).	
e.	Resolution approving Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) funding policy	137
	ADOPT a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Funding Policy – Finance Department (Belinda Brown 510-620-6740).	
f.	Annual review and adoption of swap policy for fiscal year 2021-2022	148
	REVIEW the Swap Policy for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; and ADOPT the resolution approving said policy – Finance Department (Belinda Brown 510-620-6740).	
O.5.	Human Resources	
a.	Adopt resolution amending the salary schedule	161
	ADOPT a resolution amending the City's Salary Schedule to reflect the new and deleted classifications; AMEND position control to add one (1) Deputy Director of Community Services – Neighborhood Safety, two (2) Field Coordinators, one (1) Accounting Assistant, one (1) Administrative Aide, and five (5) Neighborhood Change Agents to increase the total amount to eleven (11) Neighborhood Change Agents; and APPROVE allocation of funds for the wages and salaries for these classifications and associated compensation – Human Resources (Anil Comelo/Sharrone Taylor 510-620-6600).	
O.6.	Police Department	
a.	Justice Assistance Grant-funded Purchase Approval	167
	APPROVE a purchase from TYR TACTICAL for Ballistic Plate Carriers and Level III+ Ballistic Plates (a.k.a. bullet proof vests) for the Police Department's SWAT Team using funds provided by the Police department's Justice Assistance Grant program, in an amount not to exceed \$44,159.24 – Police Department (Louie Tirona 510-621-1802).	
O.7.	Public Works	

- a. Veolia’s October 2021 Monthly Operating Report 178

RECEIVE the Veolia Monthly Operating Report for the month of October 2021 – Public Works Department (Joe Leach 510-620-5478/Mary Phelps 510-621-1269).

P. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- P.1. Appeal of Planning Commission’s approval of a conditional use permit and design review (PLN20-043) 192

ADOPT a Resolution Denying the Appeal and Affirming the Planning Commission’s conditional approval of a Conditional Use Permit and Design Review, to construct a single-family residence on a vacant parcel located within the -S, Shoreline Overlay district at 357 Western Avenue – Community Development Department (Lina Velasco 510-620-6706). **This item was continued from the December 7, 2021, meeting. The public hearing is closed on this item; for council discussion and resolution only.**

Q. NEW BUSINESS

- Q.1. Police Staffing Presentation 227

RECEIVE an updated staffing presentation from the Police Department to include changes to the services provided to the community based on resource allocation due to financial and efficiency considerations – Police Department (Acting Chief Louie Tirona 510-621-1802). **This item was continued from the December 7, 2021, meeting.**

- Q.2. Update from Chevron Refinery 248

RECEIVE an update from the Richmond Chevron Refinery on the February 9, 2021, oil spill at the Chevron Long Wharf - Councilmember Claudia Jimenez (510-620-6565). **This item was continued from the December 21, 2021, meeting.**

- Q.3. Amendment to legal services agreement with Ellis Investigations, L.C. 253

APPROVE a first amendment to an existing legal services agreement with Ellis Investigations, L.C., to conduct personnel investigations for the City in the amount of \$90,000, for a total contract amount of \$100,000, for a term of December 21, 2021, through June 30, 2023 - Human Resources Department (Anil Comelo 510-620-6602). **This item was continued from the December 21, 2021, meeting.**

- Q.4. Legal services agreements in amount of \$350,000 per firm 276
- ADOPT a resolution of the City Council authorizing the City to enter into legal services agreements with law firms to provide municipal law advice and to represent the City and related entities in litigation on an as-needed basis, for an amount not to exceed \$350,000 per firm, for three years, beginning on January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, with an option to extend the agreements for two years – City Attorney’s Office (Heather McLaughlin 620-6509). **This item was continued from the December, 21, 2021 meeting.**
- Q.5. Approval of a legal services agreement and amendments to six existing legal services agreements for municipal law litigation 313
- APPROVE a legal services agreement with Edrington, Schirmer & Murphy LLP in the amount of \$100,000, a first amendment to add \$75,000 with Manning & Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez & Trester, LLP, a first amendment to add \$75,000 with Colantuono Highsmith & Whatley, P.C., a second amendment to add \$125,000 with Orbach Huff & Henderson LLP, a second amendment to add \$125,000 with McNamara, Ney, Beatty, Slattery, Borges & Ambacher, LLP, a second amendment to add \$50,000 with Best, Best & Krieger, LLP and a third amendment to add \$210,000 with Allen, Glaessner, Hazelwood & Werth, LLP to represent the City of Richmond in pending municipal law litigation in state and federal court – City Attorney’s Office (Heather McLaughlin 510-620-6509). **This item was continued from the December 21, 2021, meeting.**
- Q.6. Amendment to legal services contract with Downey Brand law firm 357
- APPROVE contract amendment no. 1 with Downey Brand law firm in the amount of \$255,000, for an additional two (2) years, ending December 31, 2024, for the legal review of the requirements as predetermined in the existing Baykeeper Settlement Agreement and to represent the City in any future settlement agreement discussions. The total contact will not exceed \$510,000 without prior council approval - Public Works (Joe Leach 620-5478). **This item was continued from the December 21, 2021, meeting.**
- Q.7. 2021 Community Survey Results 509
- RECEIVE a presentation and report on the City of Richmond's 2021 Community Survey results; and PROVIDE direction to staff as appropriate – City Manager’s Office (LaShonda White 510-620-6512). **This item was continued from the December 21, 2021, meeting.**

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

S. **ADJOURNMENT**