

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, June 7, 2022

Community Services Building
440 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804

A. OPEN SESSION TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Thomas K. Butt via teleconference.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Nathaniel Bates, Claudia Jimenez, Gayle McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Eduardo Martinez, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt. **Absent:** Councilmember Melvin Willis arrived after the roll was called. Councilmember Demnlus Johnson III was absent for the entire Closed Session.

C. CLOSED SESSION

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

- Winehaven Legacy LLC v. City of Richmond, et al.

**C.2 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code
Section 54957.6)**

- Agency Representatives: Jaclyn Gross and Anil Comelo

Employee organizations:

1. SEIU Local 1021 Full Time Unit and Part Time Unit
2. IFPTE Local 21 Mid-Level Management Unit and Executive Management Units
3. Richmond Police Officers Association RPOA
4. Richmond Police Management Association RPMA
5. IAFF Local 188
6. Richmond Fire Management Association RFMA

D. PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION

The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Jeanne Kortz and Sally Tobin gave comments regarding Item C.1. Henry Powell, Kevin Tisdell, and Angela Walton requested the council to consider taking action to make Juneteenth a city holiday.

E. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 4:40 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

F. REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond Housing Authority Board of Commissioners was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chair Thomas K. Butt via teleconference.

G. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Nathaniel Bates, Claudia Jimenez, Gayle McLaughlin, Vice Chair Eduardo Martinez, Chair Thomas K. Butt, and Housing Authority Tenant Commissioner Jaycine Scott. **Absent:** Commissioners Demnlus Johnson III and Melvin Willis were absent for the entire meeting.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO

The public comment instructional video was shown.

I. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

J. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Richmond Housing Authority (RHA) Executive Director Nannette Beacham presented a PowerPoint that highlighted the following: RHA human resources updates; Nevin Plaza; Hacienda development; RHA/RichmondBUILD clean-up collaboration; and RHA Housing Corporation and Easter Hill Housing Corporation quarterly meetings.

K. AGENDA REVIEW

None.

L. HOUSING AUTHORITY OPEN FORUM

There were no public comments via teleconference.

M. HOUSING AUTHORITY CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion made by Commissioner Jimenez, seconded by Commissioner McLaughlin, to approve the Housing Authority Consent Calendar passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Commissioners Bates, Jimenez, McLaughlin, Vice Chair Martinez, Chair Butt, and Housing Authority Tenant Commissioner Jaycine Scott. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Commissioners Johnson III and Willis.

M.1 Contract Amendment with Renoir Staffing

ADOPT a resolution authorizing a contract amendment for as-needed temporary staffing services with Renoir Staffing, in the amount of \$266,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$596,000, and extending the term to June 30, 2024 – Richmond Housing Authority (Nannette Beacham 510-621-1300).

Adopted Resolution 2161

N. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

O. REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:52 p.m. by Mayor Thomas K. Butt via teleconference.

P. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Nathaniel Bates, Claudia Jimenez, Gayle McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Eduardo Martinez, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt. **Absent:** Councilmembers Demnlus Johnson III and Melvin Willis were absent for the entire meeting.

Q. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

R. AGENDA REVIEW

Items X.2, X.1, X.3, Y.4, W.7.a, and W.2.a were moved, respectively, for discussion immediately following the Consent Calendar.

Motion by Vice Mayor Martinez

Seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin

To move Item W.2.a for discussion immediately following the Consent Calendar.

Ayes (3): Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember McLaughlin, and Vice Mayor Martinez

Noes (2): Councilmember Bates, and Mayor Butt

Absent (2): Councilmember Johnson III, and Councilmember Willis

Failed (3 to 2)

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

Senior Assistant City Attorney Heather McLaughlin stated there were no reportable actions taken.

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

City Manager Shasa Curl provided an update regarding a deceased whale on the Richmond shoreline and communications with responsible agencies to remove it. Ms. Curl announced that the Richmond Promise Fun Run 5K event at the Richmond Craneway Pavillion and Richmond's first Ferry Fest at the Richmond Ferry Terminal was scheduled for Saturday, June 11, 2022. More information was available by calling (510) 214-6614 for the 5K event and (510) 620-6512 or by visiting www.sanfranciscobayferry.com regarding the Ferry Fest.

U. ABATEMENT REPORT FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR - 1st Tuesday (public comment allowed under Open Forum)

Director of Public Works Joe Leach presented a PowerPoint that highlighted the following: neighborhood dumpster days and senior/disabled persons assistance; illegal dumping and hazardous waste mitigation; encampments and weed abatement; graffiti removal; Targetville clean-up; and partnerships. The council suggested staff work with the mayor to contact Pacific Gas and Electric Company regarding the use of utility poles to install surveillance cameras in targeted illegal dumping areas. The council reported an extensive encampment on Spring Street.

V. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals gave comments via teleconference:

Jessie Taran gave comments in compassion for the unhoused individuals impacted by abated Richmond encampments. Ms. Taran suggested the city provide resources and assistance to improve living conditions for the unhoused.

Mark Wassberg gave comments regarding unhoused individuals and encampments. Mr. Wassberg also gave comments regarding the war on Ukraine and transgender individuals.

Naomi Williams announced the Richmond Juneteeth event was scheduled for Saturday, June 18, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Williams advised parade participants to meet at the Booker T. Anderson Community Center parking lot at 9:00 a.m.

Pam Stello gave comments regarding alleged misinformation concerning Point Molate and the terms of the settlement agreement.

Katherine Rubie expressed concerns regarding negative comments made toward the unhoused and transgender communities.

W. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Jimenez

Seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin

To approve all items on the City Council Consent Calendar, except items W.2.a and W.7.a.

Ayes (5): Councilmember Bates, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Martinez, and Mayor Butt

Absent (2): Councilmember Johnson III and Councilmember Willis

Passed (5 to 0)

W.1 City Clerk's Office

W.1.a City Council Meeting Minutes

APPROVE the minutes of the regular April 26, and May 3, 2022, Richmond City Council meeting - City Clerk's Office (Pamela Christian 510-620-6513).

W.2 City Council

W.2.a Expand The Terms of Appropriated ARPA Flex Funds for Rydin Road Residents

AMEND direction provided by City Council on December 21, 2021, which appropriated \$50,000 for flex funds for vehicle repair and servicing, to expand the terms under which these funds can be spent, to be overseen by the Community Development Department - Vice Mayor Eduardo Martinez (510-620-6593).

Vice Mayor Martinez introduced the matter. Director of Community Development Lina Velasco provided an oral report. The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Terry Dunn, Don Gosney, Leisa Johnson, Katherine Rubie, Jessi Taran, Payton Silket, Lea Murray, Darnice Lintom, Mebeingme, Jesse Toberman, and Amanda Jenkins. Discussion ensued. The council suggested the funds could potentially be used to place unhoused individuals into rental apartments.

Motion by Vice Mayor Martinez

Seconded by Councilmember Jimenez

To amend prior direction given regarding said flex funds.

(At 11:30 p.m. - a motion by Councilmember Jimenez, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin, to suspend the rules and extend the meeting to vote on Item W.2.a failed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Jimenez and McLaughlin. Noes: Councilmember Bates, Vice Mayor Martinez, and Mayor Butt. Abstentions: None. Absent: Councilmembers Johnson III and Willis).

Continued to the June 21, 2022, City Council meeting.

W.3 Community Development

W.3.a Extension of Regulatory Agreement for The Summit

ADOPT a resolution approving the Amendment to the Amended and Restated Regulatory Agreement with U.S. Reif Sierra Ridge CA L.P., extending the term for an additional 30 years from September 22, 2023, to September 22, 2053 – Community Development Department (Lina Velasco 510-620-6841).

Adopted Resolution No. 71-22

W.4 Finance Department

W.4.a Sanctuary City Contracting and Investment Policy Ordinance Update

RECEIVE a written update regarding the steps taken to ensure compliance with the Sanctuary City Contracting and Investment Policy Ordinance; and APPROVE waivers for Motorola as the only reasonable option, and Westlaw until their contract expires in July 2022 – Finance Department (Delmy Cuellar/Antonio Banuelos/Ofelia Alvarez 510-620-6699).

W.4.b Investment and Cash Balance Report for the Month of April 2022

RECEIVE the City’s Investment and Cash Balance Report and monthly Overtime Report for the month of April 2022 – Finance Department (Delmy Cuellar 510-620-6790).

W.4.c Tax Rate for Tax Override Pension Fund

ADOPT an ordinance (second reading) setting the tax rate for the Tax Override Pension Fund for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 at 0.14 percent – Finance Department (Delmy Cuellar/ Antonio Banuelos 510-620-6741).

Adopted Ordinance No. 08-22 N.S.

W.5 Human Resources

W.5.a Amendments to the City’s Position Control List, Reallocation of Existing Positions, and Appropriation of Associated Funds

ADOPT a resolution to AMEND the current position control to add Administrative Services Analyst, Human Resources Manager, Management Analyst I/II, and three Maintenance Worker I positions; APPROVE reallocation of Executive Secretary II to Administrative Services Analyst in the Finance Department, and Principal Personnel Analyst to Human Resources Manager in the Human Resources Department; and APPROPRIATE funds for associated wages, salaries, and associated compensation for these positions – Human Resources Department (Anil Comelo/Sharrone Taylor 510-620-6602).

Adopted Resolution No. 72-22

W.6 Library and Community Services

W.6.a Pacific Library Partnership Grant for Link+.

ADOPT a resolution to ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE into the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget a Pacific Library Partnership grant for Link+ in

the amount of \$7,402 – Library and Community Services Department (LaShonda White/Melinda Cervantes 510-620-5452)

Adopted Resolution No. 73-22

W.6.b California State Library Grant

ADOPT a resolution to ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE the grant of \$250,000 from the California State Library into the Library's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget for the design and procurement of a replacement Bookmobile – Library and Community Services Department (LaShonda White/Melinda Cervantes 510-620-5452).

Adopted Resolution No. 74-22

W.6.c California State Library Lunch at the Library summer 2022 grant award

ADOPT a resolution to ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE a grant of \$3,200 from the California State Library for the Lunch at the Library program into the Library's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget – Library and Community Services Department (LaShonda White/Melinda Cervantes 510-620-5452).

Adopted Resolution No. 75-22

W.6.d Federal Communications Commission Emergency Connectivity Fund Monies for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and Fiscal Year 2022-2023

ADOPT a resolution approving the Library's request for Emergency Connectivity Funds for the purchase of internet connectivity devices for use by residents; and, if funds are awarded, to ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE into the budget – Library and Community Services Department (LaShonda White/Melinda Cervantes/Christopher Larsen 510-620-5524).

Adopted Resolution No. 76-22

W.6.e Environmental Workforce Development Training Contract Amendment for the RichmondBUILD Program

APPROVE a fourth contract amendment with the National Association of Training and Environmental Consulting (NATEC) International, Inc. to provide additional hazardous materials training classes as part of the RichmondBUILD pre-apprenticeship training program. The contract term will be extended one year, through June 30, 2023. The contract amount will be increased by \$14,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$100,738 – Library and Community Services Department (LaShonda White/Tamara Walker/Fred Lucero 510-621-1562).

W.6.f Production agreement addendum #2 with Pyro Spectaculars North Inc. for a fireworks display show on July 3rd at the Marina Bay Park

APPROVE the Production Agreement Addendum No. 2 with Pyro Spectaculars North Inc. in the amount of \$44,000 to provide a fireworks display show for the City of Richmond on July 3, 2022, at the Marina Bay Park with a term ending date of July 3, 2022 – Library and Community Services Department (LaShonda White/Ranjana Maharaj/Kymerlyn Carson-Thrower 510-620-6789).

W.7 Mayor's Office

W.7.a Diversity Celebration Month – June 2022

PROCLAMATION declaring June 2022 as Diversity Celebration Month in the City of Richmond – Mayor's Office (Mayor Tom Butt 510-620-6503).

Motion by Councilmember Bates

Seconded by Vice Mayor Martinez

To approve said proclamation.

Ayes (5): Councilmember Bates, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Martinez, and Mayor Butt

Absent (2): Councilmember Johnson III and Councilmember Willis

Passed (5 to 0)

W.7.b California State Senate Bill 917 (Support)

ADOPT a resolution urging the California State Legislature to enact California State Senate Bill 917 – Mayor's Office (Mayor Tom Butt 510-620-6503).

Adopted Resolution No. 77-22

W.8 Public Works

W.8.a First Amendment to a Contract with Hi-Tech Emergency Vehicle Service for Apparatus Repairs

APPROVE a first amendment to the contract with Hi-Tech Emergency Vehicle Services for parts and repair services for police and fire apparatus, extending the term two years through June 30, 2024, and increasing the contract payment limit by \$170,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$340,000 – Public Works Department (Joe Leach 510-620-5478).

W.8.b Approve the Purchase of a New Elgin Street Sweeper

APPROVE the purchase of a new Elgin street sweeper from Owen Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$390,000 – Public Works Department (Joe Leach 510-620-5478).

W.8.c Proposed Contract with United Site Services of California, Inc.

APPROVE a three-year contract in the amount of \$75,000, with an additional two-year extension option of \$50,000, with United Site Services of California, Inc. to provide and service portable toilets on an as needed basis, with a contract term from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2025 – Public Works Department (Joe Leach 510-620-5478/Greg Hardesty 510-620-6920).

W.8.d Proposed Contract with Enviroclean Maintenance LCC

APPROVE a three-year contract in the amount of \$180,000, with an additional two-year extension option of \$120,000, with Enviroclean Maintenance LCC janitorial services at City park restroom buildings. The contract term will be from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2025 – Public Works Department (Joe Leach 510-620-5478/Greg Hardesty 510-620-6920).

W.8.e Contract for As-Needed Repairs for Street Sweepers

APPROVE a two-year contract for as-needed Elgin/Vactor brand street sweeper repairs with Owen Equipment in a total amount not to exceed \$80,000 – Public Works Department (Joe Leach 510-620-5478).

W.8.f Transportation Development Act (TDA) Grant Contracts with Bike East Bay

APPROVE a Transportation Development Act (TDA) grant-funded contract with Bike East Bay to provide two years of bicycle safety education, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000; and a contract with SOS! Richmond to provide one year of maintenance of the Richmond Greenway in an amount not to exceed \$30,000. Bike East Bay contract will have a term starting June 7, 2022, and ending June 7, 2024. SOS! Richmond's contract will have a term starting July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 – Public Works (Joe Leach/Patrick Phelan 307-8111). This item was continued from the May 3, 2022, meeting.

X. BUDGET SESSION

X.1 Budget Presentation

RECEIVE budget presentations from the city manager and the Police and Fire Departments – City Manager's Office/Finance Department (Shasa Curl 510-620-6512/ Delmy Cuellar 510-620-6790/ Mubeen Qader 510-412-2077). This item was continued from the May 24, 2022, meeting.

City Manager Shasa Curl introduced the matter. The Fire Department's budget was presented by Fire Chief Angel Montoya, Deputy Fire Chief Aaron Osorio, and Fire Marshal Eric Govan. The Police Department's budget was presented by Acting Chief of Police Louie Tirona, Captain Timothy Simmons, Captain Al Walle, and Senior Accountant Steven Linderman. Discussion ensued. The council requested the number of firefighters needed to provide optimum service. The council expressed concerns regarding traffic control. The council requested the level of traffic patrol officers before and after the establishment of the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force. The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Anthony Woodards, Mark Wassberg, Jessi Taran, Leisa Johnson, Steve Bischoff, and Michael Velazquez.

X.2 Receive Update on the Refinancing of the Pension Obligation Bonds (POBs)

RECEIVE an update on the refinancing of the 2005 Pension Obligation Bonds – Finance Department (Anil Comelo/Delmy Cuellar 510-620-6600). This item was continued from the May 24, 2022, meeting.

Interim Deputy City Manager of Internal Services Anil Comelo introduced the matter. Consultants Mark Northcross and Mike Meyer of NHA Advisors presented a PowerPoint that highlighted the following: financing schedule; outstanding bond and swaps; policy goals; Pension Tax Override education; and resolution to be considered at a future meeting. Discussion ensued. The council requested updates on swap termination fees.

X.3 Acknowledge receipt of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Proposed Second Draft Budget

RECEIVE an update on the draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 Annual Operating Budget and Fiscal Year 2022-2027 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan Budget

and provide guidance regarding budget development – City Manager’s Office/Finance Department (Shasa Curl/Delmy Cuellar 510-620-6740).

City Manager Shasa Curl introduced the matter. Finance Director Delmy Cuellar, Budget Administrator Mubeen Qader, Accounting Manager Antonio Banuelos, Principal Personnel Analyst Sharrone Taylor, and Interim Director of Community Services LaShonda White presented a PowerPoint that highlighted the following: background; General Fund; subsidies; proposed adjustments; cost pool; American Rescue Plan Act and Reimaging Public Safety (RPS) budgets; and the budget development timeline. Discussion ensued. The council requested a funds disbursement report for the Richmond Rapid Response Fund allocation; actuary study; additional details regarding cost pool allocations; additional funding for traffic safety infrastructure; and a review of the RPS unspent funds.

Y. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM MAY 17, 2022, and MAY 24, 2022

Y.1 Reintroduce an Ordinance (First Reading) to Revise and Amend Richmond Municipal Code Chapter 12.30

REINTRODUCE an Ordinance (first reading) amending RMC Chapter 12.30 (“Video Service Provider, Utility and Special District Encroachments”) by incorporating Chapter 12.29 (“Street Opening and Pavement Restoration Regulations”); adding provisions that address private landowner encroachments into the public Right-of-Way (ROW); easements; and street vacations; retitling Chapter 12.30 “Encroachments and Easements,” and rescinding Chapter 12.29 in its entirety - City Attorney’s Office/Public Works Department (Dave Aleshire 510-620-6509/Joe Leach 510-620-3008). This item was continued from the May 17, 2022, meeting.

Continued to the June 21, 2022, City Council meeting.

Y.2 Private Landowner Encroachments

RECEIVE a report from the city attorney regarding the legality of staff awarding and transferring city property without approval from the City Council - Councilmember Nathaniel Bates (510-620-6743). This item was continued from the May 17, 2022, and May 24, 2022, meetings.

Continued to the June 21, 2022, City Council meeting.

Y.3 The Segal Group Inc., Classification and Compensation Study

DIRECT the city manager to release the Class and Compensation Study to the City Council – Mayor’s Office (Mayor Tom Butt 510-620-6503). This item was continued from the May 17, 2022, and May 24, 2022, meetings.

Continued to the June 21, 2022, City Council meeting.

Y.4 Presentation of Draft Local Roadway Safety Plan

RECEIVE a presentation of the draft Local Roadway Safety Plan; and PROVIDE feedback – Public Works Department (Joe Leach/Patrick Phelan 510-307-8111). This item was continued from the May 24, 2022, meeting.

Director of Public Works Joe Leach introduced the matter. Infrastructure Administrator Patrick Phelan and Ryan McClain of Fehr & Peers presented a PowerPoint that highlighted the following: "Travel Safe Richmond"; Local Roadway Safety Plan overview; state of roadway safety in Richmond; outreach and safety vision for Richmond; collision profiles; priority corridors; and next steps. Discussion ensued. The council requested the implementation status of the

interim traffic safety measures for Carlson Boulevard previously discussed with residents. The council expressed concerns regarding the proposed reduction of traffic lanes on 23rd Street. Jessi Taran and Garland Ellis gave comments via teleconference.

(At 10:56 p.m. - a motion by Councilmember Jimenez, seconded by Vice Mayor Martinez, to extend the meeting until 11:30 p.m. passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Bates, Jimenez, McLaughlin, and Vice Mayor Martinez. Noes: Mayor Butt. Abstentions: None. Absent: Councilmembers Johnson III and Willis).

Y.5 Street Sweeping

DIRECT the city manager to incorporate into the 2022-23 budget funding to provide: new street sweeping signage in neighborhoods that have not previously been signed; repairs/replace existing deteriorated signage in neighborhoods that have previously been signed; sufficient staff and equipment to perform scheduled street sweeping operations in all neighborhoods; and sufficient enforcement staff to issue citations for vehicles not moved on designated street sweeping days and times. AUTHORIZE vehicle towing operations in areas where citations have not provided sufficient motivation for residents to move vehicles – Mayor’s Office (Mayor Tom Butt 510-620-6503).

Continued to the June 21, 2022, City Council meeting.

Z. NEW BUSINESS

Z.1 Resolution Authorizing a Sole Source Procurement Process for Selected Specialized Police Department Services

ADOPT a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute reoccurring contracts for Fiscal Years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 with Contra Costa County and the State of California at an aggregate annual amount of \$1,955,724. Services contracted with Contra Costa County include the following: California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS) - \$11,000; California Identification Division (CAL ID) - \$145,000; Automated Regional Information Exchange System (ARIES) - \$50,000; All County Criminal Justice Information System (ACCCJIN) - \$23,500; Martinez Detention Facility intake fees - \$46,000; alcohol/toxic drug and crime scene evidence analysis - \$365,000; Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) examinations - \$41,000; annual jail inspection and audit - \$1,000; Coroner & Gunshot Residue (GSR) examination and analysis - \$10,000; out of state inmate extradition - \$4,000; Law Enforcement Training Center - \$21,000; Animal Services - \$1,004,724; Department of Information Technology - \$29,500; East Bay Regional Communication System Authority (EBRCS) - \$182,500; the State of California contracted services including Live Scan fingerprinting - \$16,500 and University of California Regents - \$5,000 – Police Department (Acting Chief of Police Louie Tirona 510-621-1802).

Continued to the June 21, 2022, City Council meeting.

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

None.

AB. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:31 p.m., to meet again on June 21, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

Mayor

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Good Evening Mayor Butt, Council Members and Staff, I have some comments for the Record

1. for the June 28th Agenda,

The Council Should Invite Lavonna Martin to Provide an Update on Homelessness

2. Also to have Tim Haile to provide a Presentation on Electric Vehicle Charging Station

Sincerely
Cordell

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Expand The Terms of Appropriated ARPA Flex Funds for Rydin Road Residents



As a Richmond resident who is anxious to see the Rydin Rd encampment come to a sunset asap . . . Pls consider making the proposed amendment.

I understand the \$\$\$ have been promised the residents for a long time. Some could use the \$\$\$ for repair or registration of vehicles, but many others could use the \$\$\$ more efficiently in different ways to be able to transition to live elsewhere sooner! Let's make this spending a good investment rather than the stop-gap measure these kind've decisions tend to become!

**Thank you,
Florence Davis
5520 Solano Ave, Richmond, CA 94805**

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Dear Honorable Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and City Council Members:

I'm writing on behalf of the Rydin Road Residents and the \$50K Flex Fund Account. Though I am not a resident of Richmond, I do have family there and I was temporarily in Richmond in 2019 when I was experiencing homelessness and had a job opportunity that also provided shelter. This community is important to me for these reasons. In addition, though I am now housed, it has become very important for me to advocate for the homes and work towards ending homelessness.

My experience taught me that no one is safe from becoming homeless: it can happen to anyone, at anytime, for many reasons. For me, I was married, had a child, owned a home, and was going to college when my husband decided he wanted a divorce that began my downward trend. My divorce left me starting over. I depended on government subsidized housing and food stamps while I finished my degrees. I graduated with a Masters and began working in a nursing care facility as a Speech-Language Pathologist, but I eventually transitioned to the public schools as I found my work more rewarding with kids who would see a lifetime of benefits from the therapy I provided.

However, I was rear-ended in a car accident in May 1998, which has proven to have a lifelong impact on me. As I have aged, I found my injuries eventually developed into arthritis throughout my spine, which also included degenerative disc disease. In addition, I had also developed osteoarthritis in my knees. My condition worsened to the point that I was no longer able to keep up with work, and thus earn sufficient income to continue paying rent. After burning through every resource (including cashing in two retirement accounts) to keep me housed, I eventually faced homelessness. For 6 months I reached out to every organization, charity, and agency I could find. Most simply told me to call back when I was homeless. Others had insufficient funding to help so denied assistance in favor of helping those who could benefit from that smaller amount. And others still had so much red tape and restrictions around who, how, and what that the funds were inaccessible. And this is how I became homeless.

There are many myths and stereotypes around who the homeless are and how

they became homeless and it is this that I've found often gets in the way of people having any desire to help or even change legislation or policies. It is also this I fear may get in the way of how this \$50K may be distributed to the residents of Rydin Road. However, I've met several people through my own experiences and at Rydin Road that has shown me that most homeless people are responsible citizens that have simply fallen on hard times. It is my belief that this Flex Fund amount should be divided amongst the Rydin Road residents (past and current) in a fair and equitable manner for the residents to use in the way they best see will assist them. Some never got reimbursed for expenses paid out they've already submitted paperwork for and this should be definitely be a priority. Others are seeking to leave the area which includes being with or near family, but they don't have the means to do so, in which case this money could be used to help them transition. Others have a variety of other needs that could help them in other important ways. Please support these residents in getting their lives more stabilized. The better off they are, the easier it is to get them ready for housing, or to find jobs, or to improve their health conditions, or use improve their financial situations.

Thank you so much for your time, consideration, and much needed action.

Sincerely,

Katherine Rubie
36954 Olive St Apt A
Newark, CA 94560

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Dear City Council,

I support expanding the terms and language for use of the \$50K Flex Funds for Rydin Road Residents. These funds have already been set aside for the residents and do not add an additional burden to the budget. Please help the residents to help themselves by releasing these funds immediately. We all know that it is expensive to live in the Bay Area and that one gallon of gas is nearly \$7. Let's help the folks at Rydin Road live with dignity by assisting with their basic needs until adequate housing is found for them.

In solidarity,

Lea Murray, MPH, MA
Executive Director
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Dear City Council Members,

Happy June! My name is Maeve Bergman and I live in Richmond, California. Hoping this message finds you safe and well as COVID infections rise in our region.

I write in support of agenda item W.2.a.. Vehicle, RV, and structure housed neighbors alike continue to collaborate to learn and act on the needs at Rydin Road.

Sadly, flexible funding appears to remain unspent despite significant ongoing resident needs. In the interest of avoiding the loss or waste of funds, as well as investing to promote community health and safety.

I join neighbors to support your reallocation of funding, including those funds for an unsuccessful city effort to repair resident vehicles and ask you to direct these funds to Rydin residents directly. In the interest of transparency, accountability, and equity, also asked is you ensure:

- no allocation of these funds to cover city expenses;
- direction to the City to distribute the funds in a timely manner; and
- distribution of funds be made evenly among former and current Rydin Residents

As these funds were allocated to a budget line that did not receive any successful bids but were to directly benefit the health and safety of residents, the distribution of these funds, particularly as COVID cases rise, seems not only reasonable but practical.

Thank you for considering! Yours truly, Maeve

Maeve Katherine Bergman, JD, LLM, **MBA**

From: [Paula Boyd](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: Public Comments Agenda Item # W.2.a
Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 11:24:45 AM

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To Whom it May Concern,

I support flexibility in how funds originally set aside for mechanic bids to fix vehicles at the Rydin Road encampment are distributed. I support the redistribution of these funds for to be distributed evenly among the former and current Rydin Residents. I also request that there be accountability and transparency in the manner in which the funds are distributed.

The Rydin Residents are working hard to turn their lives around and even a small amount of additional financial support from the City would assist them in moving forward with their lives. This request does not add any additional expense to the City as it is a redistribution of funds already set aside to address homelessness issues in Richmond. I feel that distributing the funds evenly among former and current Rydin Residents is the most equitable and fair use of the funds. Please redistribute these funds for distribution directly to Rydin Residents.

Thank you,
Paula Boyd

From: [Cordell Hindler](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: Public Comments - X.1 Budget Session
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Good Evening Mayor Butt, Council Members and Staff,

I do Appreciate the Hard Work that the Police and Fire Departments for Richmond

Sincerely
Cordell

From: [Cordell Hindler](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
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Good Evening Mayor Butt, Council Members, and Staff

I appreciate the Hard Work of the City Manager's Office with the Assistance of the Finance Department

Sincerely
Cordell

From: [Cordell Hindler](#)
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Good Evening Mayor Butt, Council Members and Staff

I am asking that the Class and Comp Study be released to the Council and Public

Sincerely
Cordell

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Good Evening Mayor Butt, Council members and Staff,

I have some comments in related to Y.5,

back in the Pre COVID Days,

Parking Enforcement would come around On The 4th Wednesday of the month

People are not moving cars as instructed by the city

so I am In full Support of Citations being Issued

Sincerely
Cordell