

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, January 9, 2023

Community Services Building
440 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804

A. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 10:09 a.m. by Mayor Thomas K. Butt via teleconference.

B. ROLL CALL

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

C. PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO

The public comment instructional video was shown.

D. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

E. AGENDA REVIEW

None.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT – (limited to items on the agenda only)

There were no public comments via teleconference.

G. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

To approve Item G-1.

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

Abstentions (1): Mayor Butt

Absent (3): Councilmember Bates, Councilmember Johnson III, and Councilmember Willis

Failed (3 to 4)

G.1 Canvass the returns of the recount of the November 8, 2022, General Election District 2 Ballots

ADOPT a resolution Declaring the Canvass of Returns and Results of the General Municipal Election held on November 8, 2022, for District 2 – City Clerk’s Office (Pamela Christian 510-620-6513).

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1 Approve the City Manager’s proclamation of a local emergency due to flooding in Richmond and large landslide on a hillside on Seaview Drive

ADOPT a resolution ratifying the proclamation of a local emergency in the City of Richmond issued by the city manager (Director of Emergency Services) on January 3, 2023, due to heavy rains, flooding, and a large landslide on a hillside on Seaview Drive that forced the evacuation of residents in the impacted area – City Manager’s Office (Shasa Curl 510-620-6512).

Chief Assistant City Attorney Shannon Moore stated there was a fifth whereas clause added to the proposed resolution that read as follows: "*WHEREAS the City Council also finds that the costs related to responding to storm related activities is beyond the city's current financial capability*". City Manager Shasa Curl, Fire Chief Angel Montoya, Assistant Police Chief Timothy Simmons, Public Works Director Daniel Chavarria, Robert Stevens of CSW/ST2 Engineering Group, Budget Administrator Mubeen Qader, Chief Assistant Attorney Shannon Moore, Public Works Deputy Director Robert Armijo, Community Development Director Lina Velasco, Assistant Fire Chief Aaron Osario, Deputy Director Community Services Recreation Ranjana Maharaj, and Interim Director of Community Services LaShonda White presented a PowerPoint that highlighted the following: an overview of Emergency Operations Center Seaview incident activities; additional areas impacted; unhoused interventions/shelters; and next steps. Discussion ensued. The council requested the following: share the PowerPoint with the entire council; alterations to county shelter pet restrictions for the pet needs of the unsheltered; data statics showing the number of unhoused, sheltered, and the need for sheltering; more information regarding unhoused sheltering deadlines; seek additional county support with the next update; a presentation in February 2023 regarding capital improvement projects budget; response to the unhoused in the same manner and with the same quality and efficiency as the residents impacted by the Seaview incident; and discuss with the county how the unhoused may retain their autonomy without being required to engage in rituals such as prayers in particular shelters.

To adopt said resolution with the stated revision.

Ayes (4): Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Martinez, and Mayor Butt

Absent (3): Councilmember Bates, Councilmember Johnson III, and Councilmember Willis

Passed (4 to 3)

Adopted Resolution No. 1-23

I. ADJOURNMENT

City Attorney Dave Aleshire proposed the following options concerning Item G-1 that failed to pass by a majority vote: reconsider the council's action; continue the meeting until later in the day when there may have been a fuller council in attendance; or call for a special meeting for January 10, 2023, with a fuller council in attendance. Discussion ensued. Mr. Aleshire advised that the mayor could call for a special meeting or four councilmembers would need to agree in writing to a date and time for a special meeting. Mayor Butt recommended four councilmembers get together and call for a special meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

Mayor