

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, September 25, 2007**

The Special Meeting of the City Council was called to order at 5:41 p.m. by Mayor Gayle McLaughlin.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The city clerk announced that the purpose of the Open Session was for the City Council to hear public comment on the following items to be discussed in Closed Session: **CITY COUNCIL - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision [a] of Government Code Section 54956.9) - Marina Westshores Partners LC vs. City of Richmond.**

**CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54957.6):** Agency Designated Representative(s): Leslie Knight, City of Richmond: Represented Employees: Richmond Police Officers Association (RPOA)

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9 - One Case

There were no public speakers.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:42 p.m. (Councilmember Thurmond and Vice Mayor Bates arrived after adjourning to Closed Session). The Closed Session adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The special meeting of the City Council was reconvened at 7:10 p.m. by Vice Mayor Bates who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

Item G-1 required a motion to reconsider.

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

Interim City Attorney Louise Renne reported Closed Session was incomplete and will be continued on October 2, 2007, to discuss the following:

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**PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS**

Mayor McLaughlin read the proclamation launching the initiative "READ RICHMOND READ!" on September 25th, 2007, and presented the proclamation to Monique le Conge, Library Director, and Sherry Drobner, LEAP.

Judy Morgan, President of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, gave a presentation by the Richmond Chamber of Commerce on the Homefront Festival, that will be held at Marina Bay Park, September 29-30, 2007. Ms. Morgan also introduced member of the Festival Committee.

Councilmember Sandhu acknowledged the members of the Belding Woods Neighborhood Council for their hard work in the community.

**STUDY SESSION**

The purpose of the study session was as follows:

Received a presentation of the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee's Annual Report. Richard Mitchell, Planning Director, gave an overview and introduced Lina Velasco and other members of the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee who gave a PowerPoint presentation. Some goals for the upcoming year include: Begin a City-wide survey, Seeking CLG grant monies, and develop Mills Act application and process. Some accomplishments of the committee include: certified local government designation, preserve America community designation, preserve America grant allocation, and State Historical Resources Commission Resolution. A. J. Jelani spoke on this item.

Reviewed and discussed the Richmond Public Library's 2007 Needs Assessment for a New Main Library by Chong Partners Architecture. Monique le Conge, Library Director, gave an overview and introduced Consultant, Leslie Nordby, who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the results of the needs assessment. The needs assessment focused on the new Main Library being the whole community's living room and a focal for other programs.

Received a report on the Richmond Retail Attraction Program from: (1) Amy Wetzel, Vice President of the Buxton Company, on Buxton's findings and recommendations; and (2) Thomas Mills, Economic Development Administrator, on progress to date in attracting retailers. Richmond target area are; (1) Downtown; (2) Macdonald-80 (Target), and; (3) Southern Gateway (Costco).

Discussed the relocation of the Contra Costa County Health Clinic. Vice Mayor Bates gave an overview of the item. District I Supervisor, John Gioia, led the discussion. There was discussion regarding relocating the clinic to Civic Center Plaza, a site at 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and Bissell, and a site adjacent to Doctor's Medical Center in San Pablo. Speakers were: Bill Walker, Ron Holley, Jerome Smith, Corky Booze, James Jenkins, Richard Lompa, and James Cash. Mayor McLaughlin asked the city manager to move forward with planning. The city manager stated there will be a community meeting on October 22, 2007, and details will be made available at a later date.

**COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

In the matter to provide direction to staff regarding award of a construction contract for the 2007 Pavement Rehabilitation Area B to Bay Cities Paving and Grading, Inc. in the amount of \$1,911,793.40. On motion of Councilmember Rogers, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, approved reconsideration of this item by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Butt, Lopez, Marquez, Rogers, Sandhu, Thurmond, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** Vice Mayor Bates. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Viramontes. Rich Davidson gave an overview of the item. Speakers were: Marlo Manqueros, Corky Booze, and Michael Davenport. A motion was made by Councilmember Marquez, seconded by Councilmember Lopez to award the construction contract for the 2007 Pavement Rehabilitation Area B to Bay Cities Paving and Grading, Inc. Vice Mayor Bates offered an amendment, to the motion to require staff to forward to the Council a 90-days progress report to assure compliance. The amendment was accepted. The motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Butt, Lopez, Marquez, Rogers, Sandhu, Thurmond, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** Vice Mayor Bates. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Viramontes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice Mayor Bates announced that Ethel Dotson is gravely ill, and the Council should send flowers.

Councilmember Marquez announced that Councilmember Viramontes was ill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:44 p.m. in memory of Shirley Steel. The next City Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 2, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Approved:

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Mayor