

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA,**

July 11, 2023, 3:30 p.m.  
Community Services Building  
440 Civic Center Plaza  
Richmond, CA 94804

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**A. OPEN SESSION TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION**

The Open Session of the Richmond City Council was scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m. and the meeting was called to order at 3:36 p.m. by Mayor Eduardo Martinez.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Soheila Bana, Claudia Jimenez, Doria Robinson (joined via Zoom from the Detroit Foundation Hotel), Melvin Willis, Vice Mayor Gayle McLaughlin, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez. **Absent:** Councilmember Cesar Zepeda arrived after adjourning to Closed Session.

**C. CLOSED SESSION**

**C.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957)**

- Title: City Manager

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

- Agency Representatives: Sharrone Taylor and Jack Hughes

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

**C.3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)**

- Three Cases

**C.4 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of Subdivision (d) [as applicable] of Government Code Section 54956.9)**

- Two Cases

**C.5 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (paragraph (1) of Subdivision [d] of Government Code Section 54956.9)**

- Richmond Shoreline Alliance v. City of Richmond
- Winehaven v. City of Richmond
- Guidiville Rancheria of California, et al. v. United States of America, et al.
- North Coast Rivers Alliance et al./Point Molate Alliance et al. v. City of Richmond
- Californians for Homeownership, Inc. v. City of Richmond

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION (limited to items on the Closed Session agenda only)**

None.

**E. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

**F. REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL**

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Mayor Eduardo Martinez.

**G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Eduardo Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**H. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Soheila Bana, Claudia Jimenez, Doria Robinson (joined via Zoom from the Detroit Foundation Hotel), Melvin Willis, Cesar Zepeda, Vice Mayor Gayle McLaughlin, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez. **Absent:** None.

**I. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**J. AGENDA REVIEW**

Item O.2.d. (City Responses to Grand Jury Report No. 2306, Affordable Housing) was continued to September 12, 2023). Item R.2 (*Soccer Fields in Richmond*) was moved to be heard directly after Reports of Officers. Item O.5.a (*Emergency Services Data Analysis Report by Matrix Consultants*) was removed from the Consent Calendar to be discussed at the end of the meeting.

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

**C.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957)**

- Title: City Manager

**Discussed. No reportable action.**

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

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Employee organizations:

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**Discussed. Direction was given to the negotiators. No reportable action.**

**C.3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)**

- Three Cases

**One case discussed. No reportable action.**

**C.4 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of Subdivision (d) [as applicable] of Government Code Section 54956.9)**

- Two Cases

**Discussed. No reportable action.**

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**Not discussed.**

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

City Manager Shasa Curl reported on the Transition of Castro Encampment Residents.

**L.1 NEW EMPLOYEE REPORT - 1st Tuesday**

None.

**M. REPORTS OF OFFICERS: REFERRALS TO STAFF, AND GENERAL REPORTS (INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS)(limited to two minutes per Councilmember)(public comments allowed under Open Forum)**

Councilmember Willis stated he attended the 3rd of July Celebration in Marina Bay.

Councilmember Zepeda announced the following events: Taste of Richmond event scheduled for Saturday, July 15, 2023; Banned Book reading would be held at the end of July and all of August at the Richmond Main Public Library.

Vice Mayor McLaughlin attended the 3rd of July Celebration and announced a movie about the Community First Village documentary would be shown from 2 p.m.- 4 p.m. on July 29, 2023, at the Richmond Auditorium Bermuda Room.

Councilmember Bana announced that the 2nd Evacuation Drill in Brickyard Cove was scheduled for Saturday, July 15, 2023, at 9 a.m. Councilmember Bana also stated that individuals could register at [www.zonehaven.com](http://www.zonehaven.com) to receive emergency alerts.

#### **N. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

*(public comment on items that remain on the Consent Calendar or items not on the agenda - limited to 2 minutes unless otherwise specified - Back and forth dialogue with the Council is prohibited)*

Wesley Alexander, Pedro Mendoza, and Diego Garcia gave comments regarding businesses in the city and the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to assist business owners.

Inti Gonzalez and Michael Miralles gave comments regarding the Tiny House Village lease amendment.

O'Neill Fernandez gave comments regarding the Housing First program.

Mike Velasquez thanked those who attended the newly hired Richmond Firefighter's Swearing-In Ceremony.

Amanda Jenkins gave comments regarding unhoused issues and that the residents of Ryden Road did not receive Housing First assistance.

Vice Mayor McLaughlin stated that the funds from the Richmond Community Foundation to assist the unhoused community need to be disbursed more quickly.

#### **O. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR**

*(All items placed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and noncontroversial. These items will be enacted upon together with a motion and second, without discussion, of any member of the City Council, and each item shall be deemed to have received the action recommended.)*

**Motion by** Councilmember Melvin Willis

**Seconded by** Councilmember Cesar Zepeda

Ayes (7): Councilmember Soheila Bana, Councilmember Claudia Jimenez, Councilmember Doria Robinson, Councilmember Melvin Willis, Councilmember Cesar Zepeda, Vice Mayor Gayle McLaughlin, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez

Passed (7 to 0)

##### **O.1 City Council**

O.1.a Underpass or Overpass at Parchester Village and Point Richmond at Canal Blvd.

DIRECT staff to analyze the feasibility, cost, and timeline of building the two under or overpasses near Parchester Village and Point Richmond at Canal Blvd and return to the City Council with a report - Councilmember Cesar Zepeda (510-620-6593).

O.1.b Authorize Vice Mayor McLaughlin to cast a vote for the Public Bank East Bay (PBEB) CEO to be paid for by the Friends of PBEB

AUTHORIZE Vice Mayor Gayle McLaughlin to cast a vote as part of the Public Bank East Bay Board Candidates on the selection of a CEO to help further guide the Public Bank East Bay through the business plan and charter application process; The position will initially be as a part-time contracted position for 1-3 years paid for the Friends of the Public Bank East Bay - Vice Mayor Gayle McLaughlin (510-620-6636).

O.1.c Transition to a Fleet of Electric Vehicles and Equipment

DIRECT staff to issue a Request for Proposal to hire a consultant to create an Action Plan for Greening the City of Richmond Municipal Fleet and infrastructure - Councilmember Cesar Zepeda (510-620-9593) and Mayor Eduardo Martinez (510-620-6502).

O.1.d Support Local, State, And Federal Efforts To Exonerate The Port Chicago 50

ADOPT a resolution in support all efforts to exonerate the Port Chicago 50 and recognize their service to our country - Councilmember Cesar Zepeda (510-620-6593) and Mayor Eduardo Martinez (510-620-6503).

Adopted **Resolution No. 71-23**.

**O.2 Community Development**

O.2.a Authorization of City's Prohousing Designation Application

ADOPT a resolution authorizing City staff to submit an application to participate in California's Prohousing Designation Program – Community Development Department (Lina Velasco 510-620-6841).

Adopted **Resolution No. 72-23**.

O.2.b Measure J Growth Management Program (GMP) Compliance Checklist for Calendar Years 2020 & 2021

ADOPT a resolution authorizing submittal of the City of Richmond's Measure J Growth Management Program (GMP) Compliance Checklist for Calendar Years 2020 and 2021 to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) – Community Development Department (Lina Velasco 510-620-6841).

Adopted **Resolution No. 73-23**.

O.2.c Second Contract Amendment with Chain Link Fence and Supply, Inc. for Proposed Fence Repairs and Swing Gate Installation

APPROVE a second amendment to the contract with Chain Link Fence and Supply, Inc. to increase contract amount by \$12,000, for a new total contract amount of \$105,538, to be paid using grant funds received for the Castro Encampment Resolution Project, for swing gate installation and fence repairs at the Castro Encampment, with a term extending through December 31, 2023 – Community Development Department (Lina Velasco/Jesus M. Morales 510-620-6706).

O.2.d City of Richmond Responses to Grand Jury Report No. 2306, Affordable Housing

APPROVE the city manager's response to the 2022-2023 Contra Costa Civil Grand Jury Report No. 2306 entitled "Affordable Housing: A Plan

Without a Home” and submittal of the response to the Grand Jury – City Manager’s Office (Shasa Curl/Lina Velasco 510-620-6841).

**Continued to the September 12, 2023, City Council meeting.**

- O.2.e Contract Amendment No. 1 with RCF Connects for Housing First and Emergency Housing Assistance Programs

APPROVE a contract amendment No. 1 with RCF Connects to add \$625,084.80 in additional funding for the Richmond Housing First and Emergency Housing Assistance Programs, for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$1,150,084.80, for a term extending through June 30, 2025 – Community Development Department (Lina Velasco/Jesus Morales 510-620-6706).

**O.3 Economic Development**

- O.3.a Authorization to Apply for the Strategic Growth Council’s Community Resilience Center Grant

ADOPT a resolution authorizing the City to apply for and accept, if awarded, Strategic Growth Council’s Community Resilience Center Grant; APPROVE the City’s grant application partnership with RCF Connects, Richmond Housing Authority, other Nystrom United Revitalization Effort (NURVE) partners, and possibly other partners; and AUTHORIZE the city manager to execute all related documents for submission of the application – City Manager’s Office/Economic Development Department/Community Services Department (Nannette Beacham/LaShonda White/Samantha Carr 510-620-5407).

Adopted **Resolution No. 74-23.**

- O.3.b Approval and Authorization to Apply for the U.S. Department of Energy Building Technologies Office (BTO) Buildings Up Grant

DIRECT staff to apply for the U.S. Department of Energy Building Technologies Office (BTO) Buildings Up Grant; APPROVE the City’s grant application partnership with MCE, ZNEA, and possibly other partners; and AUTHORIZE the city manager to execute all related documents for submission of the application and grant acceptance – Economic Development Department (Nannette Beacham/Samantha Carr 510-620-5407).

- O.3.c R3 Contract Amendment and Solid Waste Franchise Request for Proposals (RFP) partnership with the City of San Pablo.

AUTHORIZE the city manager to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Richmond and the City of San Pablo to develop a joint Request for Proposals (RFP) for a new Solid Waste Collection Agreement with the costs of developing the proposal divided equally between the two cities; and APPROVE a first amendment to the contract with R3 Consulting increasing the payment limit in an amount not to exceed \$131,450, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$268,185, expanding the scope of services to facilitate the joint Request for Proposals, and extending the term of the contract to June 30, 2024; and DIRECT the city attorney to explore mechanisms associated with addressing impacts of hosting the solid waste facilities - Economic Development Department (Shasa Curl/Nannette Beacham/Samantha Carr 510-620-5407).

O.3.d Contract with CSW/Stuber-Stroeh Engineering Group, Inc.

APPROVE a sole-source contract with CSW|ST2 in the amount of \$93,000, for engineering services at the Port of Richmond, for a term beginning July 12, 2023, through June 30, 2024 with an option to extend for one additional year, in an amount not-to-exceed \$96,0000 for the extension period – Economic Development Department (Nannette Beacham 510-621-1306/Lilia Corral 510-620-6787).

**O.4 Finance Department**

O.4.a Investment and Cash Balance Report and Monthly Overtime Reports for the Month of May 2023

RECEIVE the City's Investment and Cash Balance Report and Monthly Overtime Reports for the month of May 2023 – Finance Department (Nickie Mastay/Mubeen Qader 510-412-2077).

O.4.b Contract Amendment with Badawi and Associates for Audit Services

APPROVE an amendment to the contract with Badawi and Associates to continue providing annual audit services to the City and its related entities for Fiscal Years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, for an amount not to exceed \$309,775 per fiscal year – Finance Department (Mubeen Qader/Jerry Chak 510-620-6569).

**O.5 Human Resources**

O.5.a Emergency Services Data Analysis Report by Matrix Consultants

RECEIVE a report from Matrix Consulting Group regarding their emergency services data analysis – City Manager's Office/Human Resources Department (Shasa Curl/Nickie Mastay/Sharrone Taylor 510-620-6803).

**Continued to the September 12, 2023, City Council meeting.**

O.5.b Resolution Amending Staffing (Position Control) for Community Development and Public Works Departments

ADOPT a resolution amending staffing (position control) – Human Resources Department (Nickie Mastay/Sharrone Taylor 510-620-6602).

Adopted **Resolution No. 75-23.**

O.5.c Cooperative Personnel Services (CPS) Second Contract Amendment

APPROVE a second amendment to the Cooperative Personnel Services HR Consulting (CPS) contract to amend the scope of services for the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Fire Promotional recruitments and training, and increase the payment limit by \$200,000, for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$439,080 – Human Resources Department (Nickie Mastay/Sharrone Taylor 510-620-6602).

O.5.d Proposed Resolution Approving a Side Letter Agreement to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Richmond and the Richmond Police Officers Association (RPOA) dated July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025

ADOPT a resolution approving a side letter agreement to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Richmond and the Richmond Police Officers' Association dated July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025

– Human Resources Department/City Attorney’s Office (Sharrone Taylor/Nickie Mastay/Alan M. Cohen 510-620-6602).

Adopted **Resolution No. 76-23**.

## **O.6 Information Technology**

- O.6.a Contract with David Carroll and Associates for IT/KCRT Audio-Video Update of the City Council Chambers

APPROVE the purchase and installation of communications equipment and the provision of services from David Carroll and Associates for the period of time commencing July 12, 2023, through June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$450,000 - Information Technology Department (Sue Hartman 510-620-6874).

## **O.7 Library and Community Services**

- O.7.a Contract with WestEd to Support Evaluation Needs for the Richmond Fund for Children and Youth

APPROVE a contract with WestEd for third-party independent evaluations services required by the Charter Article 15(d) for the Richmond Fund for Children and Youth in an amount not to exceed \$600,000, with a term commencing on July 11, 2023, and terminating on June 30, 2025 – Department of Children and Youth (LaShonda White 510-620-6828/Patrick Seals 510-307-8016).

- O.7.b Resolution to Accept and Appropriate \$729,000 in Grant Funds Awarded by the Construction Trades Workforce Initiative for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

ADOPT a resolution to ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE \$729,000 in grant funds awarded by the Construction Trades Workforce Initiative to the Employment & Training Division into the City of Richmond’s Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget, for a grant period from May 1, 2023, to March 31, 2026 – Community Services Department (Tamara Walker 510-307-8006/Fred Lucero 510-621-1562).

Adopted **Resolution No. 77-23**.

- O.7.c Reappropriate allocated ARPA Funding to complete the Booker T. Anderson Community Center heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) rebuild

APPROVE the reappropriation of \$500,000 in allocated American Rescue Plan Act funding to close the funding gap to complete the Booker T. Anderson Community Center heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) renovation project – Community Services Department and Public Works Department (LaShonda White 510-620-6828/Daniel Chavarria 510-620-6639).

- O.7.d Contract with CivicWell to Provide Two Transportation Sustainability Specialists

APPROVE a service agreement with CivicWell to provide two Transportation Sustainability Specialists, for an amount not to exceed \$62,000, for the term of September 12, 2023, to December 31, 2024 – Community Services Department (LaShonda White 510-620-6828/ Denée Evans 510-621-1718).

## **O.8 Mayor's Office**

O.8.a Appointment to the Design Review Board

APPOINT Vita Rey to the Design Review Board, to fill an open position, Term Expires March 17, 2025 - Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

O.8.b Request for Proposal for Offshore Wind Study for the Port of Richmond

DIRECT staff to issue a Request for Proposal to hire a consultant to evaluate potential site uses for the Port of Richmond in support of offshore wind development – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

**O.9 Police Department**

O.9.a Proposed sole-source contract with InTime Services Inc. to provide software for time and attendance tracking, asset inventory tracking, and court subpoena tracking

APPROVE a one-year sole-source contract with InTime Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$29,790, with a term from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, to provide tracking software for use by Police Department staff for time and attendance, asset inventory, and court subpoena – Police Department (Chief Bisa French 510-621-1802).

O.9.b Contra Costa County Health, Housing, and Human Services Contract for Coordinated Outreach Referral and Engagement (CORE) Homeless Outreach Services

RATIFY and APPROVE a three-year sole-source contract with Contra Costa County for Coordinated Outreach Referral Engagement (CORE) services for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026, for a total contract compensation amount not to exceed \$1,430,639 – Police Department (Chief Bisa French 510-621-1802).

**O.10 Public Works**

O.10.a City Park Restroom Accessibility

RECEIVE a report on opening restrooms at City-owned parks; AUTHORIZE the city manager to negotiate and approve a contract amendment with Enviro Clean Maintenance, LLC to clean additional park restrooms, for an amount not to exceed \$70,000; and AUTHORIZE the city manager to negotiate and approve a contract with a security firm to allow for the opening, closing, and monitoring of park restrooms, for an amount not to exceed \$180,000 – Public Works Department (Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478/LaShonda White 510-620-6828).

O.10.b Proposed Contracts with Julian Tree Care and Best Quality Tree Service

APPROVE contracts with Julian Tree Care in an amount not to exceed \$42,000, and Best Quality Tree Service in an amount not to exceed \$40,000, with a term from July 11, 2023, through December 31, 2023, to provide tree removal services – Public Works Department (Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478/ Greg Hardesty 510-620-6920).

O.10.c Terminal 4 Wharf Removal Grant and Construction Contract Amendment

AUTHORIZE the city manager or designee to execute the necessary agreements with the State Coastal Conservancy to accept the additional \$2,300,000 in grants funds; APPROPRIATE the grant funds, once

awarded and funding agreement is executed; AUTHORIZE the execution of an amendment to the construction agreement with Silverado Contractor's, Inc. to add the Alternative "B" scope from the Bid in the amount of \$2,067,900, for a new construction agreement total of \$7,365,826; and AUTHORIZE the director of public works to approve change orders, if necessary, for up to a new total construction contingency amount of \$736,582 – Public Works Department/Economic Development Department (Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478/Nannette Beachman 510-621-1306).

O.10.d Proposed Contracts for On-Call Tree Trimming, Pruning and Tree Removal Services on an As-Needed Basis

ADOPT a resolution awarding on-call contracts for tree trimming, pruning, and tree removal services on an as-needed basis with three vendors (Julian Tree Care, The Professional Tree Care Co., and Sierra Tree Company), in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 per vendor, for three-year terms beginning July 11, 2023, through June 30, 2026, with two optional one-year extensions, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 per vendor for the additional two-year period – Public Works Department (Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478/Greg Hardesty 510-620-6920).

Adopted **Resolution No. 78-23.**

O.10.e List of Projects for Fiscal Year 2023-24 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account Funding Under Senate Bill 1

ADOPT a resolution approving the project list for Senate Bill 1 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account funding for Fiscal Year 2023-24 – Public Works Department (Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478/ Robert Armijo 510-620-5477).

Adopted **Resolution No. 79-23.**

O.10.f Sole-Source Contract with Larry Walker and Associates to Assist with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Compliance and Environmental Support Services

APPROVE a three-year sole-source contract with Larry Walker and Associates in an amount not to exceed \$450,000 to assist with the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) compliance schedule and provide support services to the Environmental Compliance Program, for a term from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023, (CORRECTION – END DATE YEAR 2023 IN ERROR, SHOULD BE 2026), with two additional one-year options to renew, for a total amount not to exceed \$300,000 over the two-year additional extension period – Public Works Department (Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478/ Mary Phelps 510-621-1269).

O.10.g As-Needed Architectural Design Services for Various City of Richmond Projects

ADOPT a resolution authorizing service contracts with five architectural design firms for as-needed architectural services in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 per firm, over a three-year period from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026, with two one-year extension options, for a total amount not to exceed \$300,000 per firm for the extension period - Public

Works Department (Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478/ Robert Armijo 510-620-5477).

Adopted **Resolution No. 80-23.**

O.10.h Contract with UST Services, Inc. for Construction of the Flood Risk Reduction in the Rheem Creek Watershed Project

ADOPT a resolution authorizing the execution of a construction contract in accordance with the approved plans and specifications with UST Services, Inc., for the Flood Risk Reduction in the Rheem Creek Watershed Project, in an amount not to exceed \$1,233,190; and AUTHORIZE the director of public works to approve changes orders, if necessary, for up to the total 10 percent contingency amount of \$123,319 - Public Works Department (Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478/ Wendy Wellbrock 510- 307-8108).

Adopted **Resolution No. 81-23.**

O.10.i As-Needed Engineering Design Services for Various City of Richmond Projects

ADOPT a resolution authorizing service contracts with eight engineering design firms for as-needed engineering services in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 per firm, over a three-year period from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026, with two one-year extension options, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 per firm for the extension period – Public Works Department (Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478/Robert Armijo 510-620-5477).

Adopted **Resolution No. 82-23.**

**P. BUDGET SESSION**

**P.1 State Audit Corrective Action Plan, Pension Funding Options, NHA Advisors**

RECEIVE a presentation from NHA Advisors on a comparative analysis between two pension funding options, 115 Trust Account and Additional Discretionary Payment (ADP) to CalPERS – Finance Department (Mubeen Qader 510-412-2077).

Michael Meyer from NHA Advisors presented a PowerPoint, which highlighted the following: Executive summary; Historical and projected UAL payment schedule; Cash reserves Section 115 Trust; CalPERS additional discretionary payment; Theoretical \$20M of funds used over 11 years; and Assumption & savings summary. Discussion ensued.

The City Council requested that staff ensure that the city not invest in any funds related to fossil fuels. Staff will provide the Investment Policy to the City Council for review and the Pension Funding Policy will return to the City Council meeting in September for consideration and approval.

**Q. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Q.1 Public Hearing for the Collection of the Sanitary and Storm Fees for Fiscal Year 2023-24**

HOLD a public hearing; and ADOPT a resolution approving a report of sewer service charges for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 allowing for the sanitary and stormwater fees to be collected on the annual FY 2023-24 tax rolls – Public

Works Department (Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478/ Mary Phelps 510-612-1269).

Deputy Public Works Director Robert Armijo, and Water Resource Recovery Project Manager I Mary Phelps gave an overview of the matter.

The city council asked that staff look into lower rates and subsidies for low income and senior residents. Mayor Martinez declared the public hearing open.

Tony Sustak gave comments via Zoom. Mayor Martinez closed the public hearing.

Adopted **Resolution No. 83-23**.

**Motion by** Vice Mayor Gayle McLaughlin

**Seconded by** Mayor Eduardo Martinez

Ayes (7): Councilmember Soheila Bana, Councilmember Claudia Jimenez, Councilmember Doria Robinson, Councilmember Melvin Willis, Councilmember Cesar Zepeda, Vice Mayor Gayle McLaughlin, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez

Passed (7 to 0)

## **Q.2 Public Hearing To Consider the Levy of Annual Assessments for the Hilltop Landscape Maintenance District**

HOLD a public hearing; and ADOPT a resolution approving the Engineer's Report and ordering the levy and collection of assessments in the Hilltop Landscape Maintenance District for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024, providing for a three percent increase in annual assessments – Public Works Department (Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478/Greg Hardesty 510-620-6920).

Deputy Public Works Director Robert Armijo gave an overview. Mayor Martinez declared the public hearing open. There were no public speakers. Mayor Martinez closed the public hearing. City Council requested that staff provide a detailed analysis of the actual cost of maintaining the Hilltop Landscape Maintenance District.

Adopted **Resolution No. 84-23**.

**Motion by** Councilmember Cesar Zepeda

**Seconded by** Councilmember Soheila Bana

Ayes (7): Councilmember Soheila Bana, Councilmember Claudia Jimenez, Councilmember Doria Robinson, Councilmember Melvin Willis, Councilmember Cesar Zepeda, Vice Mayor Gayle McLaughlin, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez

Passed (7 to 0)

## **Q.3 Public Hearing to Consider the Levy of Annual Assessments for the Marina Bay Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District**

HOLD a public hearing; and ADOPT a resolution approving the Engineer's Report and ordering the levy and collection of assessments in the Marina Bay Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024

providing for a three percent increase in annual assessments – Public Works Department (Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478/Greg Hardesty 510-620-6920).

Deputy Public Works Director Robert Armijo gave an overview. Mayor Martinez declared the public hearing open. There were no public speakers. Mayor Martinez closed the public hearing.

Adopted **Resolution No. 85-23.**

**Motion by** Vice Mayor Gayle McLaughlin

**Seconded by** Councilmember Claudia Jimenez

Ayes (7): Councilmember Soheila Bana, Councilmember Claudia Jimenez, Councilmember Doria Robinson, Councilmember Melvin Willis, Councilmember Cesar Zepeda, Vice Mayor Gayle McLaughlin, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez

Passed (7 to 0)

## **R. NEW BUSINESS**

### **R.1 City of Richmond Police Department Use-of-Force Report Presentation by Bob Scales of Police Strategies LLC.**

RECEIVE a presentation on the City of Richmond Police Department's use-of-force reports from Bob Scales, CEO of Police Strategies LLC, at the request of City Councilmember Claudia Jimenez – Police Department (Chief Bisa French 510-621-1802).

Police Chief Bisa French and CEO of Police Strategies LLC Bob Scales gave an overview which highlighted the following: Police Force Analysis System and Use of Force Analysis. Discussion ensued. The city council requested that five years' worth of data was available on the city's website and an update was given on canine incidents.

Ben Therriault, Sara Cantor, and Thahi Burrows gave comments.

*(At 10:58 p.m. a motion by Vice Mayor McLaughlin, seconded by Mayor Martinez extended the meeting until 11:30 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Bana, Jimenez, Robinson, Zepeda, Vice Mayor McLaughlin, and Mayor Martinez. Noes: Councilmember Willis. Absent: None. Abstain: None).*

### **R.2 Soccer Fields in Richmond**

DISCUSS AND PROVIDE direction to staff regarding additional soccer fields and the maintenance of current fields - Councilmembers Claudia Jimenez (510-620-6565) and Soheila Bana (510-620-6743).

Samantha Torres presented a PowerPoint which highlighted the following: Youth Soccer Overview; Soccer Field Access; Partnerships; Moving Forward; 2018 Presidential Executive Order 13824; Chronic lack of sports fields; Parks Master Plan 2010; Richmond General Plan 2030; and Soccer Field Access. Discussion ensued. The following individuals gave comments in person: Santiago Mendoza, Layla Dima, Javier, Diego Garcia, Joel Martinez, Emilia Torres, Lucia, Daisy Ptak, Olga Reyes, Felix Gonzalez, Yaquelin Valencia, Tony Ramos, Cristina Ramos, Oscar Soriano, Gilbert Rodriguez, Mark Torres, Mauricio Ramirez, Manuel Martinez. The following individual's gave comment via Zoom: Tony Sustak, Citlali Ocegüera, and Angel Blanco.

The City Council stated that Richmond soccer teams should have equal access to fields and that the previously approved Safe Coalition plan needed to be followed as well as having access to the Tom Bates Field and school district sites. A Joint West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) /City Council meeting was planned for the Fall to discuss the facilities agreement or make a new agreement to utilize school district facilities for a low amount or at no-cost and that Richmond soccer leagues would be Love Your Block Grant eligible.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jimenez, seconded by Mayor Martinez to direct staff to bring the Park Plan to the city council in September with a clear plan for which city parks could have soccer fields of different sizes with a budget and funding plan, and also to work with the school district to create a memorandum of understanding to enable the use of district facilities for Richmond soccer leagues. Councilmember Robinson offered a friendly amendment to direct staff to work with the neighborhood councils to obtain community input regarding the proposed soccer fields and to allocate a significant portion of anticipated surplus funds for soccer fields. Councilmember Zepeda offered another friendly amendment to include funding for bathrooms at MLK Park that were open and cleaned while in use for soccer. Both friendly amendments were accepted by Councilmember Jimenez and Mayor Martinez.

**Motion by Councilmember Claudia Jimenez**  
**Seconded by Mayor Eduardo Martinez**

Ayes (7): Councilmember Soheila Bana, Councilmember Claudia Jimenez, Councilmember Doria Robinson, Councilmember Melvin Willis, Councilmember Cesar Zepeda, Vice Mayor Gayle McLaughlin, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez

Passed (7 to 0)

**R.3 Develop a Shoreline Resiliency Plan with Inclusion of an Inventory of Toxic Sites on the Richmond Shoreline**

DIRECT staff to circulate a Request for Proposal (RFP) to contract with a shoreline consultant for the creation of a Shoreline Resiliency Plan with inclusion of an inventory of toxic sites along our shoreline and come back to the Council by end of year with a recommended consultant to create this plan over the course of 12 months - Vice Mayor Gayle McLaughlin (510-620-6636).

Vice Mayor McLaughlin gave an overview. The name for CESP was corrected to Citizens for Eastshore Parks.

The following individuals gave comments: Jamin Pursell, Deborah Bayer, Alix Mazuet, and Tony Sustak.

*(At 11:30 p.m. a motion by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember Bana to suspend the rules and extend the meeting until the end of the current Item R.3 (Develop a Shoreline Resiliency Plan with Inclusion of an Inventory of Toxic Sites on the Richmond Shoreline) passed by the unanimous vote of the City Council).*

*(At 11:30 p.m. a substitute motion was made by Vice Mayor McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez to discuss Items R.3 (Develop a Shoreline Resiliency Plan with Inclusion of an Inventory of Toxic Sites on the Richmond Shoreline) and R.4(Community Crisis Response Program Update), failed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Jimenez, Robinson, Vice Mayor*

**McLaughlin, and Mayor Martinez. Noes: Councilmembers Bana, Willis, and Zepeda. Absent: None. Abstain: None).**

The recommended action was modified as follows:

DIRECT staff to circulate a Request for Proposal (RFP) to contract with a shoreline consultant for the creation of a Shoreline Resiliency Plan with inclusion of an inventory of **developed and undeveloped** toxic sites along our shoreline and **along with an examination of the upstream areas and watersheds** come back to the Council by end of year with a recommended consultant to create this plan over the course of 12 months.

**Motion by** Vice Mayor Gayle McLaughlin  
**Seconded by** Councilmember Claudia Jimenez

Ayes (7): Councilmember Soheila Bana, Councilmember Claudia Jimenez, Councilmember Doria Robinson, Councilmember Melvin Willis, Councilmember Cesar Zepeda, Vice Mayor Gayle McLaughlin, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez

Passed (7 to 0)

**R.4 Community Crisis Response Program Update**

RECEIVE a draft report and presentation from Urban Strategies Council regarding Community Crisis Response Program model options; and PROVIDE DIRECTION to City staff – Community Services Department (LaShonda White 510-620-6828/ Patrick Seals 510-307-8016).

**Continued to the September 12, 2023, City Council meeting.**

**R.5 Fiscal Year 2022-2023 City-Wide Accomplishments**

RECEIVE a presentation from the city manager on the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 City-wide accomplishments – City Manager’s Office (Shasa Curl 510-620-6512).

**Continued to the September 12, 2023, City Council meeting.**

**S. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:39 p.m., to meet again on September 12, 2023.

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Clerk of the City of Richmond

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Mayor