

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, October 3, 2023**

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 Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Eduardo Martinez.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Claudia Jimenez, Doria Robinson, Melvin Willis, Vice Mayor Gayle McLaughlin, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez. **Absent:** Councilmembers Soheila Bana and Cesar Zepeda arrived after the roll was called.

**C. CLOSED SESSION**

**C.1 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.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (paragraph (1) of Subdivision [d] of Government Code Section 54956.9)**

- Winehaven Trust v. City of Richmond
- Guidiville Rancheria of California, et al. v. United States of America, et al.

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

- One Case

**C.3.a CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54956.8)**

- Property: South 45th Street to the west, Wall Avenue to the south, Interstate 80 to the east, and the BART tracks to the north  
Agency negotiators: Lina Velasco  
Negotiating parties: Miraflores Community Devco, LLC  
Under negotiations: Price and Terms of Payment

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

Mike Velazquez gave comments in person regarding Item C.1. (RFMA labor negotiations).

**E. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 4:35 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

**F. SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE RICHMOND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council/Successor Agency to the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Mayor Martinez.

**G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**H. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Bana, Jimenez, Robinson, Willis, Zepeda, Vice Mayor McLaughlin, and Mayor Martinez. **Absent:** None.

**I. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**J. AGENDA REVIEW**

None.

**K. SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE RICHMOND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Motion by** Vice Mayor McLaughlin  
**Seconded by** Councilmember Willis

To approve the item on the Consent Calendar.

Ayes (7): Councilmember Bana, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Willis, Councilmember Zepeda, Vice Mayor McLaughlin, and Mayor Martinez

Passed (7 to 0)

**K.1 Declaration of Exempt Surplus Land and 12th Amendment to Disposition and Development Agreement for Metrowalk Phase 2**

ADOPT a resolution determining and declaring land owned by the City and land that will be conveyed to the City from the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) to be Exempt Surplus Land pursuant to Government Code Section 54221(f)(1)(A); and ADOPT a Resolution authorizing the city manager to execute the 12th Amendment to the Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) by and among the City of Richmond, the Successor Agency to the Richmond Redevelopment Agency, Pacific West Communities, and BART for the Metrowalk Phase 2 Project – Community Development Department (Lina Velasco 510-620-6841).

**Adopted Resolution Nos. 23-1 and 98-23**

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

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

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Mayor Martinez.

**N. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Bana, Jimenez, Robinson, Willis, Zepeda, Vice Mayor McLaughlin, and Mayor Martinez. **Absent:** None.

**O. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Councilmember Robinson stated a conflict of interest for Item V.3.a (sole-source contracts with Urban Tilth) and that she would recuse herself from the matter.

**P. AGENDA REVIEW**

The following items were reordered as listed: W.4 (contract amendment with Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc.); V.8.b. (long-term financial analysis of the city's budget); W.1 (opportunities for soccer fields and other amenities); and W.3 (18-month plan to eliminate mandatory overtime within the Fire Department).

The following items were continued to the October 17, 2023, City Council meeting: W.2 (18-month plan to eliminate mandatory overtime within the Police Department); V.4.a (annual review and adoption of fiscal policies); and V.4.b (OMNIA cooperative purchase agreements).

City Attorney Dave Aleshire advised that with regard to questions raised concerning Item V.3.b, his office received clarification from the Registry of Charitable Trusts in the Attorney General's Office. The clarification stated that "as long as the audits for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2020, and December 31, 2021, are in process, the organization may solicit and receive contributions and conduct its day-to-day operations", thus making the agenda item appropriate for the council to consider.

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

City Attorney Dave Aleshire reported the following:

Item C.1 (labor negotiations) received reports from the negotiators on three of the labor units, a status report was provided, further direction was given to the city's negotiators, and there was no reportable action was taken.

Item C.2 (existing litigation) a status report was given for the Winehaven matter and no reportable action was taken. The Guidiville Rancheria matter was not discussed.

Item C.3 (anticipated litigation) one case was not discussed. Item C.3.a (Miraflores litigation) a report was given on developments. Mr. Aleshire reported that the Mira Flores development entity declared bankruptcy, blocking the foreclosure action that was undertaken.

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

City Manager Shasa Curl presented a PowerPoint that highlighted the following October 2023 city events: Fall Family Day to celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day at the Richmond Art Center; Eclipse Viewing Party at the Richmond Main Library; Keller Beach Park Improvements Community Event at the Miller Knox Park; 15th Annual Spirit and Soul

Festival in Downtown Richmond; Pajama Storytime at the Richmond Westside Library Branch; and Lawyer in the Library event to provide free legal advice for tenants.

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

Interim Director of Human Resources Sharrone Taylor presented a PowerPoint that highlighted 15 new hires in the following departments/divisions: Planning and Building Services; Literacy for Every Adult Program; Employment and Training; Finance; Police; City Manager's Office; Public Works; Community Services; and the Office of Neighborhood Safety.

**S. 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 Jimenez acknowledged staff and residents of District 6 for attending a recent community traffic forum. Councilmember Jimenez also acknowledged Pacific Gas and Electric and the residents who advocated for the lighting at Wendell Park.

Vice Mayor McLaughlin reported her attendance to the following events on September 30, 2023: Richmond's Tiny House Village Farm and Garden Ground-Honoring at 175 23rd Street; and Carol Teltschick's Memorial Bench Dedication at the Point Molate Beach Park. Vice Mayor McLaughlin acknowledged staff for their work on both events and the community members who participated.

Councilmember Willis acknowledged staff, Councilmember Jimenez, and all the community advocacy for the lighting at Wendell Park.

Councilmember Robinson urged staff to resolve issues with residents obtaining disabled parking in front of their homes and address the intersections in District 3 where drivers were known to do "donuts". Councilmember Robinson reported that she was working to develop short-term solutions for the intersections. Councilmember Robinson advised that she was also working to understand what the Miraflores bankruptcy filing meant for the project and how to move forward. Councilmember Robinson reported that she attended many neighborhood council meetings within her district and was bringing the residents issues forward.

Councilmember Zepeda acknowledged staff for hosting the National Drive Electric Week event held on September 28, 2023. Councilmember Zepeda mentioned that the Richmond Fire Department had an opportunity to view Contra Costa County Fire Protection District's electric vehicle fleet. Councilmember Zepeda announced that the Parchester Village neighborhood received one of the first Miocars, an electric vehicle accessible to rent hourly or daily. Councilmember Zepeda added that the Miocar solar-powered charging station was available for charging other vehicles and could be moved and used for emergency services. Councilmember Zepeda acknowledged the participants for the Santa Fe neighborhood cleanup. Councilmember Zepeda announced that Veolia was upgrading its water treatment facility in Richmond which was estimated to be completed by October 6, 2023.

Councilmember Bana acknowledged staff for the following: installation of the first "Fire Danger" sign in a high fire hazard severity zone; assistance with coordinating the Richmond Fire Station No. 63 Open House event scheduled for October 14, 2023; and the "¡Ya Basta! y Sin Miedo/Enough is Enough! Benefit Concert" held on September 30, 2023. Councilmember Bana gave comments in memory of Richmond resident, Alona Gallon. Councilmember Bana requested ideas to end violence against women.

Mayor Martinez announced that he participated in the Art Corridor, which had an exhibit at the Richmond Bridge Storage and Artspace.

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

Director of Public Works Daniel Chavarria presented a PowerPoint that highlighted the following: neighborhood clean-ups; illegal dumping; encampment abatement; tonnage collected; weed abatement; graffiti removal; abatement staff hours; illegal dumping hot spot locations; and partnerships. Mr. Chavarria advised, in response to a previous council inquiry, that the neighborhood cleanup days had not helped to reduce illegal dumping. Discussion ensued. The council recommended the following: add locations cleaned up by the Safe Organized Spaces organization to the map of hot spot locations; consider providing tickets to trash haulers for free dumping; provide options for residents who were unable to afford or access dumpster day services; provide a clear notice to encourage community members to utilize dumpster days and enforcement; and urge residents to verify properly permitted trash haulers by calling the City Manager's Office at (510) 620-6512.

**U. 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)**

The following individuals gave comments in person:

Carmen Lazo expressed concerns regarding labor standards. Ms. Lazo urged the council to consider more apprenticeship programs, better healthcare, local jobs, and increased living wages.

Rick Perez suggested there was a need for police de-escalation training in other jurisdictions. Mr. Perez expressed he was grateful that the Richmond Police Department included his son's police shooting case in its training. Mr. Perez gave comments against police manipulation and qualified immunity.

Patricia Perez gave comments regarding the Richard "Pedie" Perez police shooting case. Ms. Perez acknowledged the council for its proclamation honoring the life of her grandson, Pedie.

Dani Lanis gave an overview of the E-Bike Lending Library Project proposed along the Richmond Greenway at Unity Park. Mr. Lanis advised that the program was focused on Richmond's First Mile/Last Mile Transportation Strategic Plan. Mr. Lanis encouraged the council to move forward with the project.

Mark Wassberg gave comments regarding hate crimes, transgenders, and violence against women.

Wesley Alexander encouraged the council to consider hosting a job hiring fair to fill vacant city positions and allocate American Rescue Plan Act funding to cover the cost burden. Mr. Alexander advised that the hiring of additional personnel would allow the city to secure other grants. Mr. Alexander gave comments regarding the importance of economic recovery and relief for small businesses.

Marcus Floriano gave comments in favor of Item V.3.a (Urban Tilth contract). Mr. Floriano provided an overview of the services and community events provided by Urban Tilth. Mr. Floriano advised the list of projects that would be provided by the contract.

Jamin Pursell announced that October was Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) history month. Mr. Pursell acknowledged Councilmember Zepeda for being the first openly gay Richmond councilmember as well as other "first" LGBT members in history. Mr. Pursell gave comments regarding Item V.8.a (rescind resolution restricting travel to certain states).

The following individuals gave comments via teleconference:

Ben Therriault gave comments regarding illegal dumping and supported the need for robust education prior to enforcement. Mr. Therriault objected to haulers coming from outside the city to dump illegally in Richmond. Mr. Therriault assured the council that the Richmond Police Department was capable of handling neighborhood disturbances such as excessive horn blowing, which was the police's responsibility, and not an issue that could be legally handled by a community response team.

Trey Blinka gave comments regarding the current housing and crime crisis happening in the city and around the country. Mr. Blinka gave comments against illegal immigration.

Naomi Williams announced that the Pullman Neighborhood Block Party was scheduled for October 14, 2023. Ms. Williams agreed that unpermitted trash haulers should be punished, as well as unpermitted street food vendors. Ms. Williams gave comments in support of all people of different races.

Gabe Stutman gave comments regarding various statistics concerning the LGBT community.

Adam Bossiert acknowledged the council for its work in the community. Mr. Bossiert gave comments in support of Item V.3.a (Urban Tilth contract). Mr. Bossiert invited the community to Urban Tilth's Halloween Land event scheduled for October 28, 2023, at the Richmond Greenway.

## V. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

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

**Motion by** Councilmember Jimenez

**Seconded by** Vice Mayor McLaughlin

To approve all items on the Consent Calendar except items V.4.a, V.4.b, and V.8.b.

Ayes (6): Councilmember Bana, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Willis, Councilmember Zepeda, Vice Mayor McLaughlin, and Mayor Martinez

Absent (1): Councilmember Robinson

Passed (6 to 1)

### V.1 City Attorney's Office

#### V.1.a Third Contract Amendment with NHA Advisors, LLC.

APPROVE a third amendment to the contract with NHA Advisors, LLC. in the amount of \$100,000 to continue to provide municipal advisor and consulting services on an as-needed basis, as well as litigation and California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) matters, for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$300,000, keeping the contract term ending October 6, 2024 – City Attorney's Office/Finance Department (Dave Aleshire/ /Nickie Mastay 510-620-6609).

## V.2 City Council

- V.2.a Ya Basta y Sin Miedo/Enough is Enough Domestic Awareness Campaign Banners

DIRECT City staff to install five to seven Ya Basta Enough is Enough banners in or around the Civic Center Plaza by October 16, 2023, to bring awareness to ending violence against women and girls - Councilmember Bana (510-620-6743).

## V.3 Community Development

- V.3.a Sole-Source Contracts with Urban Tilth and Urban Tilth as fiscal Sponsor of Rich City Rides for Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Round 4 Implementation Grant

APPROVE two sole-source contracts with named grant co-applicants: 1) \$7,042,833.41 with Urban Tilth and 2) \$3,680,656.75 with Rich City Rides, operating with fiscal sponsorship by Urban Tilth, to implement certain subprojects funded by the \$35 Million Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Round 4 Richmond Rising Project focused on serving the Iron Triangle, Santa Fe, and Coronado neighborhoods, with a term ending December 31, 2028 – Community Development Department(Lina Velasco 510-620-6706/Samantha Carr 510-620-5407).

**Councilmember Robinson was recused from this matter due to a conflict of interest.**

## V.4 Finance Department

- V.4.a Annual Review and Adoption of the Resolutions to approve the Financial Policies (Debt, Investment, Pension Funding, and SWAP)

REVIEW the City's Debt, Pension Funding, Investment, and Swap policies; and ADOPT resolutions to approve the updated policies – Finance Department (Andrea Miller 510-620-6790/ Mubeen Qadar 510-412-2077).

**Continued to the October 17, 2023, City Council meeting.**

- V.4.b OMNIA Cooperative Purchase Agreements for Citywide Goods and Services for Fiscal Year 2023-24 to 2026-27

ADOPT a resolution approving the use of OMNIA Cooperative Purchasing Agreements with Amazon Business, Ari Phoenix, Epic Business, Grainger, HD Supply, Herc Rentals, Kimball Midwest, Ricoh, and The Home Depot in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 per year per vendor for Fiscal Years 2023-24 to 2026-27; and APPROVE an exception to the Sanctuary City Contracting and Investment Ordinance for Amazon Business – Finance Department (Antonio Banuelos 510-620-6741/ Ofelia Alvarez 510-620-6699).

**Continued to the October 17, 2023, City Council meeting.**

## V.5 Fire Department

- V.5.a The Gumshoe Group Contract

APPROVE a two-year contract with The Gumshoe Group to provide pre-employment background investigations for a total amount not to exceed \$100,000, for a term of October 4, 2023, through July 31, 2025 – Fire

Department (Chief Angel Montoya 510-307-8041/Deputy Chief Aaron Osorio 510-307-8021).

## **V.6 Human Resources**

### **V.6.a Amend Staffing (Position Control) and the Salary Schedule, and Appropriate Funds as Required**

ADOPT resolutions amending the salary schedule to add the Paralegal classification for the City Attorney's Office and amending staffing (position control) for the Rent Program– Human Resources Department (Nikkie Mastay/ Sharrone Taylor 510-620-6602).

**Adopted Resolution Nos. 99-23 and 100-23.**

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

### **V.7.a Request to Attend the National Recreation and Parks Association Conference in Dallas, Texas**

APPROVE travel requests for Ranjana Maharaj, Deputy Director for Community Services-Recreation; Tetteh Kisseh, Recreation Supervisor; Jene Levine-Snipes, Development Project Manager, and Hope Lattell, Finance Manager, to attend the National Recreation and Parks Association conference in Dallas, Texas from October 9 to October 12, 2023 – Community Services Department (LaShonda White 510-620-6828/Ranjana Maharaj 510-620-6972). This item was continued from the September 19, 2023, meeting.

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

### **V.8.a Resolution to Rescind Resolution 92-17 which restricted City-sponsored travel to certain states.**

ADOPT a resolution rescinding Resolution 92-17 that prevents City-funded travel to states in reliance on state law. Governor Newsom repealed the travel restrictions established by Government Code section 11139.8 (e) and therefore the Mayor's Office is recommending that Resolution 92-17 be rescinded – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

**Adopted Resolution No. 101-23**

### **V.8.b Long Term Financial Analysis of the City's Budget Under Proposed Alternative Scenarios.**

DIRECT city staff to work with the Mayor's Office to finalize the draft Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Long-Term Financial Analysis of the City's Budget under the proposed alternative scenarios - Mayor Eduardo Martinez (510-620-6503) and Councilmember Claudia Jimenez (510-620-6565).

Mayor Martinez, Councilmembers Jimenez, and Robinson introduced the matter. Councilmember Jimenez clarified that the item was also co-sponsored by Councilmember Robinson. The Mayor's Office Chief of Staff Shiva Mishek and Policy Director B.K. White presented a PowerPoint titled, "The Petroleum Industry, Planning for the City of Richmond's Financial Future" that highlighted the following: desired outcomes; sector analysis; state regulations; refinery closures; fuel retail market; and scenarios. Discussion ensued. The council requested staff to contact Chevron to determine realistic scenarios and objective research. The council recommended including the high-tech industry in the RFP and

some cross-over with the Just Transition for Contra Costa County. Jamin Pursell gave comments in person. Eli Moore gave comments via teleconference. Further discussion ensued.

**Motion by Councilmember Jimenez**

**Seconded by Vice Mayor McLaughlin**

To direct the Mayor's Office staff to work with the City Attorney's Office to finalize the Request for Proposal (RFP) with a scope of work that includes: (a) to complete a Long-Term Financial Analysis of the city's budget considering the three scenarios presented regarding the petroleum industry; (b) to propose revenue-generating measures that can be deployed in the near term in order to shore up the city's finances in anticipation of any budget shortfall; and direct staff to move the RFP with the following calendar, beginning of December contract with the consultant and bring the analysis to the City Council in April of 2024.

Staff outlined the following calendar steps: legal review from October 18-25, 2023; release the RFP on October 26, 2023; final day to submit questions on November 15, 2023; responses to questions posted on bids online on November 20, 2023; RFP due on November 27, 2023; interview notification of short list on December 7, 2023; short list interviews on December 11, 2023; final selection on contract negotiations on December 15, 2023; city approval process on January 16, 2024; effective contract date on January 17, 2024; and provide two weeks from October 4-18, 2023, to work with city staff and the Mayor's Office to finalize the RFP before legal review.

Ayes (7): Councilmember Bana, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Willis, Councilmember Zepeda, Vice Mayor McLaughlin, and Mayor Martinez

Passed (7 to 0)

## **W. NEW BUSINESS**

### **W.1 Opportunities for Soccer Fields and Other Amenities at Various City Parks**

RECEIVE an update on the City's efforts to increase the quality and quantity of soccer fields within the City of Richmond – Public Works Department/Community Services Department (Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478/LaShonda White 510-620-6512).

City Manager Shasa Curl introduced the matter. Deputy City Manager Community Services LaShonda White, Director of Public Works Daniel Chavarria, and Robert Stevens and Marcia Vallier of CSW|ST2 presented a PowerPoint that highlighted the following: project purpose and background; findings; Richmond parks by council district; existing soccer fields; recommendations; funding currently in the works and proposed for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025; mid-term and long-term play; joint-use agreements; outreach; and next steps. Discussion ensued. The council requested the following: individual meetings to engage with staff and Ms. Vallier to answer questions; multi-use fields that include tracks and dedicated space for other sports; correct the presentation and list John F. Kennedy Park under Council District 3; a joint council/school board meeting to review and update joint use agreements; consider more field lighting and parking at Wendell Park; utilize city vacant properties; list of parks by cost; mechanism to schedule and book parks; research if an older agreement exists with the Oakland A's baseball team for the

North Richmond field; analysis of best uses for surplus, grant, and general funds; and general recommendations around sources of funds. Leisa Johnson gave comments via teleconference.

**W.2 18-Month Plan to Eliminate Mandatory Overtime within the Richmond Police Department**

RECEIVE a report which outlines the Richmond Police Department's strategy to eliminate the need for mandatory patrol overtime signups within the next 18 months – Police Department (Chief Bisa French 510-621-1802).

**Continued to the October 17, 2023, City Council meeting.**

**W.3 18-Month Plan to Eliminate Mandatory Overtime within the Richmond Fire Department**

RECEIVE a report from the Richmond Fire Department to reduce mandatory overtime within the next 18 months –Fire Department (Chief Angel Montoya 510-307-8041).

Fire Chief Angel Montoya and Management Analyst Den Mark Marcelo presented a PowerPoint that highlighted the following: mandatory overtime factors and trends; proposed resolutions; and promotional and recruitment efforts. *(At 10:57 p.m., a motion made by Councilmember Zepeda, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez, to extend the meeting to complete Item W.3, passed by the unanimous vote of the City Council).* Discussion ensued. The council requested the following: number of injury claims filed since the Alternative Dispute Resolution program ended in May of 2023; the length of a lateral training academy; the percentage of Richmond fire personnel that reside within ten miles of the Richmond City Hall; stronger plan for filling vacancies; and the results of the investigation for the last academy. *(At 11:30 p.m., a motion made by Councilmember Jimenez, seconded by Vice Mayor McLaughlin, to suspend the rules and extend the meeting to complete Item W.3., passed by the unanimous vote of the City Council).* Further discussion ensued. The council also requested the following: the difference between regular and mandatory overtime; trends using prior years data for retirees, vacancies, vacations, and other criteria; training workshop for fire inspector candidates; a revised plan showing more details with a pathway map over eighteen months for how to resolve the mandatory overtime issue; and the causes of overtime within the last three years.

**W.4 Contract Amendment with Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. to provide architectural and engineering consulting services during the construction phase to repair of roofs and structures in the Winehaven Historic District**

DIRECT the City Attorney to negotiate and finalize a contract amendment with Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. (“WJE”) to allow WJE to retain a contractor and to provide architectural and engineering consulting services during the build phase to support the roof repair, rehabilitation, and temporary preservation of certain cottages located in the Winehaven Historic District; and PROVIDE DIRECTION regarding two proposed scopes (1) \$250,000 to tarp buildings that require immediate protection from rain for a total contract amount of \$497,000; or (2) \$438,000 to repair certain cottages and tarping other cottages so they may be preserved for work expected to commence October/November 2023. For scope 2, the architect estimates the need for an additional \$75,000 for the original contract for the architectural and supervisory services for a total contract amount of \$760,000 – Public Works Department (Dave Aleshire 510-620-6509/Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478).

City Attorney Dave Aleshire presented a PowerPoint that highlighted the following: background; WJE proposal; cottage repair analysis; Scope 1 (localized tarping), Scope 2 (localized repairs and limited tarping), and assessments; and recommendations. Discussion ensued.

**Motion by** Vice Mayor McLaughlin  
**Seconded by** Councilmember Willis

To direct staff to negotiate and finalize said contract amendment as recommended and utilize Scope 2.

Ayes (7): Councilmember Bana, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Willis, Councilmember Zepeda, Vice Mayor McLaughlin, and Mayor Martinez

Passed (7 to 0)

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:57 p.m., to meet again on October 17, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

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Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of  
Richmond

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Eduardo Martinez, Mayor

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Hello Mayor Martinez, Council Members and Staff,

I AM Submitting the Following Comments Into the Record:

1. For the November 7th Agenda, The Council Should Look Into Inviting Supervisor Gioia to Present on Housing Population for the Unhoused
2. Also To Have Danny Wan to Present on the Port of Oakland
3. Also To Consider Reinstating Standing Committees to address the Budget

Sincerely  
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Covid unfortunately ravaged our City as well as businesses and non-profits that were operating during the pandemic. Fortunately, the City of Richmond received ARPA funding to facilitate economic relief and economic recovery. To ensure economic recovery, we must address the **staffing shortages** in OUR City which adversely impacts morale, productivity, economic growth, & the quality of services the people and businesses of Richmond receive. We the people want OUR City to: 1) host a Hiring Fair for all the open positions in the City, 2) allocate \$6M of ARPA to cover two years of burden costs for new hires, and 3) allocate the remainder of ARPA to fund small business/non-profit relief. We deserve great governance, & our organizations need relief. How can the City recover or thrive without a well-functioning City. #StaffOurCityARPA #ARPAforSmallBusinesses #ARPAforNonProfits #Now

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