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**- REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL**

Tuesday, October 1, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

Community Services Building

440 Civic Center Plaza

Richmond, CA 94804

**Members:**

**Eduardo Martinez, Mayor at Large**

**Melvin Willis, Councilmember District 1**

**Cesar Zepeda, Councilmember District 2**

**Doria Robinson, Councilmember District 3**

**Soheila Bana, Councilmember District 4**

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**Pages**

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

5:00 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**C. CLOSED SESSION**

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

- Thomas Butt v. Eduardo Martinez
- Thomas Butt v. Gayle McLaughlin
- Norma Elias v. City of Richmond

**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 REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54956.8)**

- Property: 12th and Macdonald  
Agency Negotiators: Nannette Beacham  
Negotiating parties: SAA-EVI Richmond Partners, LLC  
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

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

**E. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**



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

6:30 p.m.

**G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**H. ROLL CALL**

**I. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**J. AGENDA REVIEW**

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

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

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

**M. 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) - PLEASE KEEP YOUR COMMENTS RESPECTFUL!!

**N. 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.)

**N.1 City Attorney's Office**

**N.1.a New Legal Services Agreement with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore for Employment Litigation**

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APPROVE a new legal services agreement with Liebert, Cassidy, Whitmore, for an amount not to exceed \$300,000, for a term beginning September 1, 2024, to June 30, 2026 – City Attorney's Office (Kimberly Chin 510-620-6709/Beth Arnese 510-620-6848).

**N.2 City Manager's Office**

**N.2.a On-call List for Qualified Consultants for Grant Writing, Grant Seeking, and Other Grant Related Service**

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ADOPT a resolution approving eighteen (18) firms to provide on-call grant writing, grant seeking, or other grant-related services to City departments, on an as-needed basis, for a three-year term expiring September 30, 2027, with two one-year options to extend, and a not to exceed total expenditure of \$100,000 per firm annually – City Manager's Office (Patrick Seals 510-307-8016).

<b>N.2.b</b>	<b>2024 Richmond Fund for Children &amp; Youth Community Needs Assessment &amp; Fiscal Year 2025-2028 Strategic Investment Plan</b>	<b>65</b>
	RECEIVE the Richmond Fund for Children and Youth 2024 Community Needs Assessment Report and the Fiscal Year 2025-2028 Strategic Investment Plan – City Manager’s Office (Patrick Seals 510-307-8016/LaShonda White 510-620-6828).	
<b>N.2.c</b>	<b>2023 Richmond Community Survey Results</b>	<b>188</b>
	RECEIVE a report on the City of Richmond's 2023 Community Survey results – City Manager’s Office (Patrick Seals 510- 307-8016/LaShonda White 510-620-6828).	
<b>N.3</b>	<b>Community Development</b>	
<b>N.3.a</b>	<b>Repeal of Richmond Municipal Code Chapter 9.64 - Prohibition of Natural Gas Infrastructure in Newly Constructed Buildings</b>	<b>361</b>
	ADOPT an ordinance (second reading) repealing Chapter 9.64 to the Richmond Municipal Code (RMC), which bans natural gas infrastructure in new construction - Community Development Department (Lina Velasco/Avery Stark 510-620-6714).	
<b>N.4</b>	<b>Economic Development</b>	
<b>N.4.a</b>	<b>Additional work to complete the 2024 Pavement Repair at Point Potrero Marine Terminal.</b>	<b>369</b>
	APPROVE a construction amendment with W.R. Forde and Associates in the amount of \$120,000 for additional improvements and maintenance at the Point Potrero Marine Terminal for a total amount of \$406,750 with a term ending June 30, 2025 - Economic Development Department (Charles Gerard 510-620-6792).	
<b>N.4.b</b>	<b>Partial Funding of CARB-Approved Emissions Control Solution (CAECS) to Meet CARB At Berth Regulations for Roll-on/Roll-off Ships.</b>	<b>398</b>
	ADOPT a resolution to APPROPRIATE \$500,000 from the Port fund to the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget to support the funding to deploy a CARB-Approved Emissions Control Solution (CAECS) barge at the Port of Richmond; and AUTHORIZE the Port to complete its evaluation of potential vendors and negotiate an agreement with the selected CAECS provider for an amount not-to-exceed \$500,000 – Economic Development Department (Charles Gerard 510-620-6792).	

<b>N.5</b>	<b>Human Resources</b>	
<b>N.5.a</b>	<b>Amend the position control list and allocate the necessary funding as required.</b>	<b>415</b>
	ADOPT a resolution to amend staffing and position control list and allocate the necessary salary, wages, and benefits as required – Human Resources Department (Nickie Mastay/Sharrone Taylor 510-620-6602).	
<b>N.6</b>	<b>Library and Community Services</b>	
<b>N.6.a</b>	<b>Contract with Epic Limousine for Youth Outdoors Richmond Transportation</b>	<b>431</b>
	APPROVE a contract with Epic Limousine to provide transportation services for the Youth Outdoors Richmond Program in the amount of \$29,300 for a term beginning October 1, 2024, to July 31, 2025 – Community Services Department (Tetteh Kisseh 510-620-6919/ Ranjana Maharaj 510-620-6972/Jene Levine-Snipes 510-307-8132).	
<b>N.7</b>	<b>Mayor's Office</b>	
<b>N.7.a</b>	<b>Code Enforcement Officer Appreciation Week – Second Week of October</b>	<b>470</b>
	PROCLAMATION declaring the second week of October as Code Enforcement Officer Appreciation Week in the City of Richmond – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).	
<b>N.7.b</b>	<b>Appointment of Nathaniel Bates to the Richmond/Zhoushan Friendship Commission</b>	<b>473</b>
	APPOINT Nathaniel Bates to the Richmond/Zhoushan Friendship Commission with a term that expires December 31, 2026 - Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).	
<b>N.7.c</b>	<b>Reappoint Mindy Pines to the Richmond-Shimada Friendship Commission</b>	<b>476</b>
	REAPPOINT Mindy Pines to the Richmond-Shimada Friendship Commission with a term that expires on January 18, 2027 – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).	
<b>N.8</b>	<b>Police Department</b>	
<b>N.8.a</b>	<b>Crime Report from Police Chief</b>	<b>479</b>
	RECEIVE a written crime report from the Police Chief - Police Department (Chief Bisa French 510-621-1802).	

**N.8.b Three-year contract with Chaplin & Hill Investigative Services LLC 489**

APPROVE a three-year contract with Chaplin & Hill Investigative Services LLC, for third-party administrative investigative services in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, for a term beginning October 2, 2024, and expiring on October 1, 2027 – Police Department (Chief Bisa French 510-621-1802).

**N.9 Public Works**

**N.9.a Resolution to amend the contract with Ghilotti Bros., Inc. for the Yellow Brick Road Project 649**

ADOPT a resolution to approve a second amendment to a construction contract with Ghilotti Bros., Inc. for the Yellow Brick Road Project in the amount of \$40,000 for the final change order that addresses unforeseen project conditions, for an amended total contract amount not to exceed \$7,717,134.37; ACCEPT the Yellow Brick Road Project as complete to enable the City to release the contractor's bonds and retention payment, transfer funds in the General Capital Fund from the Yellow Brick Road Project (29113) to the Yellow Brick Road – Clean, Green and Beautiful Project (23032) in the amount of \$23,521.36; and APPROPRIATE \$54,439.32 from General Capital Fund Balance for Project 23032 - Public Works Department (Robert Armijo 510-620-5477/Wendy Wellbrock 510-307-8108).

**O. BUDGET SESSION**

**O.1 Fiscal Year 2023-24 Quarter 4 Financial Report and Administrative Budget Adjustments 737**

RECEIVE the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Quarter 4 report for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024; ADOPT resolutions to APPROPRIATE proposed administrative year-end budget adjustments in FY 2023-24; ADOPT a policy regarding Unspent Funds Appropriations; and APPROPRIATE Unspent Funds in FY 2024-25 – City Manager's Office/Finance Department (Shasa Curl 510-620-6512/Andrea Miller 510-620-6790/Mubeen Qader 510-412-2077).

**P. NEW BUSINESS**

- P.1 Arts Corridor Project Strategic Plan Presentations** 794
- RECEIVE a presentation from Ceres Policy Research team and Richmond Renaissance team regarding the Arts Corridor Project Strategic Plan; RECEIVE direction regarding the finalization of the criteria used by City Council to select the final vendor; and DIRECT staff to return to City Council on October 15, 2024, with results of the scoring and award of the contract to either the Ceres Policy Research team or the Independent Arts and Media as Fiscal Agent for Richmond Renaissance to develop a Strategic Plan for a sustainable Art Corridor, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 - Economic Development Department (Nannette Beacham/Winifred Day 510-620-6952).
- P.2 Receive Performance Improvement Plan for the Measure J funded R-Transit Program and Lower the Cost Pool Rate for R-Transit** 882
- RECEIVE a presentation regarding the Richmond Paratransit Audit commissioned by the Contra Costa Transportation Authority; APPROVE the City of Richmond’s responses to the Audit and the Performance Improvement Plan; and AUTHORIZE the reduction of the cost pool amount allocated to the Richmond Paratransit Program by \$351,000 in Fiscal Year 2024-25 which would increase the General Fund’s obligation by \$351,000 – Community Services Department (LaShonda White 510-620-6828). **This item was continued from the September 24, 2024, meeting.**
- P.3 Rename Virginia Playlot to Floria Evans Park** 1008
- ADOPT a resolution of intention to rename Virginia Playlot to Floria Evans Park and waive cost recovery fees, and SET a Public Hearing for October 15, 2024 – Councilmember Doria Robinson (510-620-6568).
- P.4 Presentation of the Richmond Green Blue New Deal Opportunities Report** 1020
- RECEIVE presentation on the Richmond Green-Blue New Deal Opportunities Report; and RECEIVE the draft Richmond Green-Blue New Deal Implementation Plan - Economic Development Department (Samantha Carr 510-620-5407/Nannette Beacham 510-621-1306/Tamara Walker 510-307-8006/Lizeht Zepeda 510-620-6653).
- P.5 Iranian New Year known as Nowruz** 1457
- APPROVE the City’s celebration of Chaharshanbeh-Soori in tandem with Nowruz, supporting the cultural event and encouraging local food businesses to participate in showcasing the City’s diverse culinary offerings, and MOVE the March 18, 2025, City Council meeting to March 11, 2025 - Councilmember Soheila Bana (510-620-6743).

**Q. 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)**

**R. ADJOURNMENT**

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