

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA,

November 19, 2024, 4:30 p.m.
Community Services Building
440 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804

A. OPEN SESSION TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 4:34 p.m. by Mayor Eduardo Martinez.

B. ROLL CALL

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

C. CLOSED SESSION

C.1 LIABILITY CLAIMS (Government Code Section 54956.9)

- Claimant: Judy Barron
- Claimant: Eric Mendoza Govan

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

- Agress v. City of Richmond
- City of Richmond v. Riggers Loft Wine Company

C.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957)

- Title: City Clerk
- Title: City Attorney

C.4 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.5 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54956.8)

- Property: Nevin Plaza II Agency Negotiators: Nannette Beacham and Gabino Arredondo Negotiating Parties: EAH Housing Under Negotiations: Price and Terms of Payment
- Property: 222 Marina Way (Nystrom Village) Agency Negotiators: Nannette Beacham, Gabino Arredondo, Susan Bloch Negotiating Parties: Eden Housing, Inc. & Community Housing Development Corporation; Gorman & Company & Novin Development; National Community Renaissance Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

C.6 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Government Code Section 54957.6)

Title: Confidential Investigative and Appeals Officer

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

Cordell Hindler gave comments in person.

E. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 4:37 p.m. Mayor Eduardo Martinez reconvened the Open Session at 4:37 p.m. City Attorney Dave Aleshire announced the need to add an emergency item to the Closed Session agenda related to a report received regarding the Point Molate Project. City Attorney Dave Aleshire stated that the item arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

On motion of Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin, seconded by Mayor Eduardo Martinez, the emergency item was added to the Closed Session agenda by unanimous vote of the Richmond City Council.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 4:40 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

F. REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:44 p.m. by Mayor Eduardo Martinez.

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

H. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Soheila Bana, Gayle McLaughlin, Doria Robinson, Melvin Willis, Cesar Zepeda, Vice Mayor Claudia Jimenez, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez.

Absent: None.

I. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councilmember Doria Robinson reported a conflict of interest with Item O.3 (Year One Annual Report on Richmond Rising Transformative Climate Communities Grant). Councilmember Robinson announced that she would recuse herself from any discussion on the item.

J. AGENDA REVIEW

None.

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

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Discussed. Settlement discussions authorized for both matters.

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- City of Richmond v. Riggers Loft Wine Company

Not discussed.

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Not discussed.

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Discussed. No reportable action taken.

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Discussed. Direction given to negotiators on both matters.

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Discussed. An ad hoc committee comprised of Councilmember Doria Robinson, Vice Mayor Claudia Jimenez, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez, was appointed by Mayor Martinez to work on the hiring of the Confidential Investigative and Appeals Officer.

In regards to the emergency item added to the Closed Session agenda, a report was given and there was no reportable action taken.

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

City Manager Shasa Curl provided a report. Link to view: [CITY MANAGER'S REPORT](#)

Human Resources Director Sharrone Taylor provided a New Employee Report. Link to view: [NEW EMPLOYEE REPORT](#)

Mayor Eduardo Martinez and Vice Mayor Claudia Jimenez spoke regarding the recent Chevron spill and expressed the need for further information on the incident. City Manager Shasa Curl stated that the Richmond Fire Department would gather and provide more information to the City Council.

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)

The following individuals gave comments in person:

Cordell Hindler gave comments regarding conditions at Nevin Plaza, and he also urged the council to consider collaborating with U.C. Berkeley's Chancellor's Office to bring talent into the City of Richmond.

Rick Perez thanked the councilmembers that attended the renaming of Spring Street to Pedie Perez Avenue.

Patricia Perez expressed appreciation for the renaming of Spring Street to Pedie Perez Avenue. Ms. Perez expressed her concerns regarding Police brutality.

Mark Wassberg gave comments regarding the recent Presidential election.

Michelle Milam gave comments regarding Item N.3.a (The CROWN Act - Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair), and the importance of cultural competency and hair discrimination she had experienced.

Jamin Pursell thanked Councilmembers Willis and McLaughlin for their work while on the Richmond City Council over the years. Mr. Pursell also gave comments regarding item N.3.a The CROWN Act.

Rock Brown expressed the need for more positivity in the world. Mr. Brown congratulated Vice Mayor Jimenez on her recent reelection win.

The following individuals gave comments via teleconference:

Kadija (no last name given) gave comments regarding her experiences with the City and eminent domain.

Lori Hart thanked the City for placing item N.3.a (The CROWN Act). Ms. Hart expressed the need to respect others personal space.

John Varga expressed his support of The CROWN Act and also thanked Councilmembers McLaughlin and Willis for their service on the Council.

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.)

Motion by Gayle McLaughlin

Seconded by Melvin Willis

To approve all items on the consent calendar.

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

Passed

N.1 City Attorney's Office

N.1.a Legal Services Agreement with Lagasse Branch Bell + Kinkead LLC

APPROVE a legal services agreement with Lagasse Branch Bell + Kinkead LLC for a term of December 1, 2024, through November 30, 2027, for a total amount not to exceed \$225,000, to conduct confidential personnel investigations – City Attorney’s Office/Human Resources Department (Dave Aleshire/Shannon Moore/Nickie Mastay/Sharrone Taylor 510-620-6803).

N.1.b Legal Services Agreement with McFadden Investigations Law Corporation

APPROVE a legal services agreement with McFadden Investigations Law Corporation for a term of November 19, 2024, through September 30, 2027, for a total amount not to exceed \$150,000 to perform confidential personnel investigations – City Attorney’s Office/Human Resources Department (Dave Aleshire/Shannon Moore/Nickie Mastay/Sharrone Taylor 510-620-6803).

N.1.c Adopt ordinance containing procedures for issuing notice and receiving public comment for water, sewer, and related assessments under Proposition 218.

INTRODUCE an ordinance (first reading) adding Section 13.08.090 to the Richmond Municipal Code to establish clear procedures for the submittal and consideration of public comments regarding proposed water or sewer rates or assessments and for the exhaustion of administrative remedies of such assessments under Proposition 218 – City Attorney’s Office (Christopher Dykzeul/Dave Aleshire 510-620-6509).

N.2 City Clerk's Office

N.2.a City Council Meeting Minutes

APPROVE the minutes of the October 15 and October 22, 2024, regular meetings - City Clerk's Office (Pamela Christian 510-620-6513).

N.2.b Cancellation of the December 24, 2024, City Council Meeting and Announce the Council Holiday Schedule

APPROVE the cancellation of the December 24, 2024, City Council meeting and the City Council holiday schedule as follows: November 26,

December 3, and 17, 2024, regular meetings; December 31, 2024, no meeting; January 7, 2025, regular meeting; and January 14, 2025, Swearing-in Ceremony for the new City Councilmembers - City Clerk's Office (Pamela Christian 510-620-6513).

N.3 City Council

N.3.a The CROWN (Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair) Act

DIRECT staff to review and ensure all City policies governing appearance align with the City's anti-harassment policy's definition of Race and DIRECT staff to include as part of the Race Equity Initiative, educating the workforce about the CROWN Act - Councilmember Zepeda (510-620-6593).

N.3.b Hire Interim Investigator for the Community Police Review Commission

APPROVE the following actions: 1) hire an Interim Investigator to undertake the investigative duties previously performed by the former Community Police Review Commission investigator while the City recruits and hires a permanent investigator; 2) reallocate the current budget to that interim investigator; and 3) create an *ad hoc* committee of the City Council to prepare an interim investigator job description, interview proposed candidates, select the best qualified candidate to fill the temporary interim investigator position and present the candidate to the full City Council for approval – Vice Mayor Claudia Jimenez (510-620-6565).

N.3.c City of Richmond Two-Year Fee Schedule for Membership in the East Bay Wildfire Coalition

APPROVE City of Richmond fees for membership in the East Bay Wildfire Coalition for a total of \$8,250 (including \$3,250 for Fiscal Year 2025 and \$5,000 for Fiscal Year 2026) – Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin (510-620-6636) and Councilmember Soheila Bana (510-620-6743).

N.4 City Manager's Office

N.4.a Pre-Approval of Qualified Local Public Private Organizations for Grant Partnership

ADOPT a resolution pre-approving six non-profit, community-based, public, and private local organizations to provide grant administration and management in collaboration with City departments in compliance with the City's Grants Policy – City Manager's Office (Patrick Seals 307-8016).

Resolution No. 122-24

N.4.b Approval of Qualified Consultant List for Group Facilitation, Retreats, and Mediation Services

ADOPT a resolution approving a consultant list of ten firms to provide retreat and team building, working group facilitation, and conflict resolution and mediation service pursuant to contracts in an amount not-to-exceed \$50,000 per vendor, per fiscal year for Fiscal Years 2024-2025 through 2027- 2028 – City Manager's Office (Patrick Seals 307-8016/Kaitlen Burnom 621-1240).

Resolution No. 123-24

N.4.c Fiscal Year 2024-25 ECIA Category 3 Awards

APPROVE a recommendation from the City Council ECIA Grant Review Ad Hoc Committee to award \$56,000 in Fiscal Year 2024-25 ECIA Grant funds (Category 3 - City Council-Approved Award) to four (4) Richmond-serving non-profit organizations; ADOPT a resolution; and AUTHORIZE the City Manager to negotiate and execute Grant Service Agreements with approved grantees – City Manager’s Office (Patrick Seals 510-307-5016/Nicholas Delgado/Guadalupe Morales/Abdul Black 510-620-6523).

Resolution No. 124-24

N.5 Economic Development

N.5.a Port Contract with STAX Engineering for CARB-Approved Emissions Control Solution

APPROVE an agreement with STAX Engineering, LLC in the amount of \$500,000 to be paid over a two-year period to offset deployment and operations costs of deploying a California Air Resources Board (CARB)-Approved Emissions Control Solution at the Port of Richmond for a term ending December 31, 2026 – Economic Development Department (Charles Gerard 510-829-2253/Lizeht Zepeda 510-620-6653).

N.5.b Authorization to Apply for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant

ADOPT a resolution authorizing the city manager or their designee to submit grant applications for any and all United States Department of Transportation (DOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grants for which the Port of Richmond is eligible through Fiscal Year 2029-2030; EXECUTE all necessary and related agreements – Economic Development Department (Charles Gerard 510-620-6792/Nannette Beacham 510 621-1306/Lizeht Zepeda/510-620-6653).

Resolution No. 125-24

N.5.c Lease Extension with Dicon Fiberoptics, Inc., for Police Department Facility at 1689 Regatta Boulevard

APPROVE the second lease amendment to provide a five (5) year lease extension with DiCon Fiberoptics, Inc. for the RPD Facility commencing January 1, 2025, and ending on December 31, 2029, with an annual base rent of \$1,690,440 (monthly cost fixed rate of \$140,870) and operating expenses and utilities of \$508,283 (estimated monthly cost \$42,356.91, which may increase annually), with five (5) one-year renewal options - Police Department/Economic Development - Real Estate (Chief Bisa French/Nannette J. Beacham 510-621-1306).

N.6 Finance Department

- N.6.a Approving an Additional Three Percent Annual Cost of Living Increase for Recipients of the General Pension Fund Participants for 2025

ADOPT a resolution approving a three percent annual cost of living increase, in addition to the two percent minimum cost of living increase, for the recipients of the General Pension Fund, for a total annual cost of living increase of five percent for these recipients – Finance Department (Andrea Miller 510-620-6790).

Resolution No. 126-24

- N.6.b Badawi & Associates Contract Amendment #3

APPROVE the third amendment to the sole-source contract with Badawi and Associates for auditing services to the City and its related entities for three more fiscal years and adding an additional scope of work for capital grant audits for the Richmond Housing Authority (\$20,000) covering eight fiscal years, for an amount not to exceed \$1,005,783 – Finance Department (Andrea Miller 510-620-6790/Mubeen Qader 510-412-2077).

- N.6.c Investment and Cash Balance Report, Monthly Overtime Reports, and Documentary Transfer Tax Report for the Month of September 2024

RECEIVE the City's Investment and Cash Balance Report, Monthly Overtime Reports, and Documentary Transfer Tax Report for the month of September 2024 – Finance Department (Andrea Miller 510-620-6740).

- N.6.d Compliance with Developer Fees Reporting Requirements of Sections 66006 and 66001 of the Government Code

RECEIVE the annual year-end developer fee report as required pursuant to Section 66006 of the Government Code – Finance Department (Andrea Miller 510-620-6790).

- N.6.e Liens and Special Assessments for Unpaid Garbage Collection Service Fees

ADOPT a resolution authorizing placement of liens and special assessments for unpaid garbage collection service fees on Contra Costa County's property tax records – Finance Department (Andrea Miller/Mubeen Qader 510-620-6740/Antonio Banuelos 510-620-6741).

Resolution No. 127-24

- N.6.f American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Interagency Agreements

APPROVE Interagency Agreements with departments to obligate ARPA funding in an amount not to exceed \$16,782,074 - Finance Department (Andrea Miller 510-620-6790/Mubeen Qader 510-412-2077).

- N.6.g Fiscal Year 2024-25 Quarter 1 Budget Report

RECEIVE the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Quarter 1 budget report for the period of July 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024; and ADOPT a resolution approving proposed budget adjustments – Finance Department (Andrea

Miller 510-620-6790 / Mubeen Qader 510-412-2077 / Jerry Gurule 510-620-6591).

Resolution No. 128-24

- N.6.h Propose Amendment to the Payment Schedule of the Loan Agreement Between the City of Richmond and the Port of Richmond.

AUTHORIZE the city manager to execute the First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Memorandum of Loan Agreement and Promissory Note (“Loan”) between the City of Richmond and the Port of Richmond to revise in entirety the Payment Schedule memorializing prepayments on the Loan in the amount of four million five hundred thousand dollars (\$4,500,000) over a six-month period between January 2025 and June 2025 – Finance Department (Andrea Miller 510-620-6790/Rita Martinez 510-621-1546).

N.7 Human Resources

- N.7.a Amend the Salary Schedule

ADOPT a resolution amending the salary schedule to retitle Electrical Supervisor to Chief Electrician – Human Resources Department (Sharrone Taylor/Nickie Mastay 510-620-6602).

Resolution No. 129-24

- N.7.b Amend position control list

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).

Resolution No. 130-24

N.8 Information Technology

- N.8.a Resolution Confirming Standing Orders and Outline Agreements for Technology Related on Demand Hardware, Software, and Services from Various Vendors.

ADOPT a resolution authorizing the Department of Information Technology to use standing orders/outline agreements for technology related goods and services from nine pre-approved vendors in support of essential City of Richmond hardware, software, and services, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 per year per vendor for Fiscal Years 2024-2025 through 2028-2029 with review and approval of such agreements from City Attorney’s Office - Information Technology Department (Sue Hartman 510-620-6874).

Resolution No. 131-24

N.9 Library and Community Services

- N.9.a Contract with Imperial County Office of Education to Continue Richmond Public Library’s Connection to CENIC Network High Speed Broadband

APPROVE a sole-source contract with the Imperial County Office of Education for a not to exceed amount of \$30,000, with a term beginning September 10, 2024, and ending September 10, 2027, to allow the Richmond Public Library’s connection to the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC) high speed network –

Community Services Department (Christopher Larsen 510-620-5524/Kate Eppler 510-620-5452).

N.10 Mayor's Office

N.10.a Veterans Day Proclamation 2024

PROCLAMATION honoring the Veterans Resource Program and all veterans on November 11, 2024, Veterans Day – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

N.10.b Green Empowerment Zone Resolution

ADOPT a resolution regarding the City of Richmond's intent to participate in the Green Empowerment Zone and APPOINT Councilmember Robinson as the City's representative for a two-year term – Mayor's Office (Mayor Martinez 510-620-6503).

Resolution No. 132-24

N.10.c Appointment of Isabel C. Ramos Zaragoza to the Richmond Human Rights and Human Relations Commission

APPOINT Isabel C. Ramos Zaragoza to the Richmond Human Rights and Human Relations Commission with a term that expires March 30, 2025 - Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

N.10.d Correction to Term Expiration Date for John Dupin's appointment

AMEND the expiration date for John Dupin's current term on the Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control Board from January 6, 2029, to the correct date of October 18, 2028 – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

N.10.e Appointment of Andrew Brosnan to the Urban Forest Advisory Committee.

APPOINT Andrew Brosnan to the Urban Forest Advisory Committee with a term that expires on November 17, 2025 – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

N.10.f Appointment of Sarah Shwaika to the Community Police Review Commission

APPOINT Sarah Shwaika to the Community Police Review Commission for a term that expires November 1, 2027 - Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

N.10.g Reappointment of Rachel Lorber to the Community Police Review Commission

REAPPOINT Rachel Lorber to the Community Police Review Commission with a term that expires November 1, 2027 - Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

N.11 Police Department

N.11.a Approve a Three-year Contract with Sharjo, LLC dba ServiceMaster Restoration Services

APPROVE a three-year contract with Sharjo, LLC dba ServiceMaster Restoration Services for routine cleaning and on-call biohazard cleanup services in an amount not to exceed \$45,000, effective November 20, 2024, through November 19, 2027, with two one-year extension options and not to exceed amount of \$30,000 for the total extended term - Police Department (Chief Bisa French 510-621-1802).

N.12 Public Works

N.12.a Pia Angela Göktürk Bench Donation

APPROVE the donation of a memorial bench dedicated to Pia Angela Göktürk to be installed on the Bay Trail near Barbara and Jay Vincent Park – Public Works Department/Community Services Department (Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478/Wade Finlinson 510-621-1301/Stephanie Ny 510-620-6563/Ranjana Maharaj 510-620-6792).

N.12.b Appropriation of \$4,100,000 for the Revitalizing the Historic Main Library Project (Main Library Project).

ADOPT a resolution to appropriate \$4,100,000 from the General Fund to the General Capital Fund to the Revitalizing the Historic Main Library Project – Public Works Department (Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478/Wendy Wellbrock 510-307-8108).

Resolution No. 133-24

N.12.c Resolution to Approve a Contract with Fonroche Lighting America to provide Solar Lighting.

ADOPT a resolution to award a three-year contract for \$3,000,000 with Fonroche Lightning America beginning November 25, 2024, and ending on November 24, 2027, with two optional one-year extensions for a total amount of \$2,000,000 for both option years, for the installation of solar lighting - Public Works Department (Clarence Johnson 510-231-3033/Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478/Tawfic Halaby 510-620-5482).

Resolution No. 134-24

N.12.d Authorize the city manager to sign a Letter of Intent for Sludge Ponds Lease Extension

AUTHORIZE the city manager to sign a Letter of Intent (LOI) with West County Wastewater (WCW) to continue leasing the sludge ponds in 2025, ensuring continued biosolids processing at the City's wastewater treatment plant following the dissolution of the West County Agency – Public Works Department (Robert Armijo 620-5477/Daniel Chavarria 620-4778).

Resolution No. 134-24a

N.12.e Resolution to Authorize Task Authorizations with Veolia Water North America for Stormwater Maintenance and Repairs

ADOPT a resolution to authorize Task Authorizations with Veolia Water North America in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 for the maintenance of the Large Trash Capture Devices and repairs to the stormwater collection system at multiple locations - Public Works (Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478/Mary Phelps (510) 621-1269).

Resolution No. 135-24

O. NEW BUSINESS

O.1 State of the Contra Costa Community College District

RECEIVE a presentation from Chancellor Mojdeh Mehdizadeh, Contra Costa Community College District, and President Kimberly Rogers, Contra Costa College regarding the state of the Contra Costa Community College District - Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

Chancellor Mojdeh Mehdizadeh and President Kimberly R. Rogers of Contra Costa Community College District presented a PowerPoint.

[LINK TO PRESENTATION](#)

Cordell Hindler gave comments in person.

O.2 West Contra Costa Transportation Commission Presentation

RECEIVE a presentation from the West Contra Costa Transportation Commission regarding the Draft Richmond Parkway Transportation Plan - Public Works Department (Robert Armijo 510-620-5477).

Deputy Director of Public Works Robert Armijo introduced the item. Transportation Planning Manager of West Contra Costa Transportation Commission Leah Greenblat gave background information on the item and presented a PowerPoint.

[LINK TO VIEW PRESENTATION](#)

Discussion ensued.

O.3 Year One Annual Report on Richmond Rising Transformative Climate Communities Grant

RECEIVE a presentation of the Year One Annual Report for Richmond Rising Transformative Climate Communities Implementation Grant – Community Development Department (Lina Velasco/Beatriz Guerrero Auna 510-620-5450).

TCC Grant Associate Administrator Matias Eusterbrock and Project Coordinator Beatriz Guerrero presented a PowerPoint.

[LINK TO VIEW PRESENTATION](#)

Discussion ensued.

Cordell Hindler gave comments in person.

P. 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 Soheila Bana thanked Councilmember Melvin Willis for his support of the taskforce to end gender based violence. She also reported her participation on the East Bay and Wildfire Coalition as an alternate to Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin. Councilmember Bana lastly reported that she attended the Fire Safe Council Alliance of Contra Costa and Alameda County.

Councilmember Melvin Willis reported that he attended the 14th Annual Richmond Pow Wow and a regional gathering of folks that wanted to be a part of the Rapid Response Network.

Q. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:37 p.m. in memory of Robbie Deloris Hurtada to meet again on November 26, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

Mayor

From: [Kathleen Wimer](#)
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Hello. My name is Kathleen Wimer. I live in Richmond.

I fear for the number of our neighbors threatened by the election of Donald Trump because of his promise, on day one, to begin massive deportations of undocumented immigrants.

I believe Richmond is a sanctuary city. The concept of sanctuary cities arose in the Old Testament when cities agreed to be a place for people seeking safety.

Today Sanctuary Cities do not honor requests by Immigrations and Customs Enforcement - ICE - to detain undocumented immigrants whom local law enforcement agents apprehend for misdemeanor crimes or investigations.

Richmond prioritizes public safety. Safety is enhanced by treating people who live here as equally entitled to the protection of the law — regardless of how they got here.

I wonder if the City Council would review provisions of our Sanctuary City policies, upgrade those policies if necessary, and renew agreements with local and county law enforcement officers to refuse to cooperate with ICE. Might we also devise a kind of Rapid Response that would alert volunteers to come witness any attempts to remove undocumented neighbors from their homes or workplaces?

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Tuesday November 19, 2024

Peace and Blessings,
Richmond Mayor, City Council, Staff, and Citizens,

The Crown Act, which stands for "Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair," is a significant piece of legislation aimed at prohibiting discrimination based on hair texture and hairstyles associated with race, particularly within workplaces and schools. This law is vital for several reasons.

First, the Crown Act promotes inclusivity and equity. Hair is a fundamental aspect of cultural identity, especially within African American communities. Discriminatory practices often marginalize individuals whose natural hairstyles, such as afros, braids, and locks, do not conform to Eurocentric standards. The Crown Act recognizes that everyone has the right to express their identity and cultural heritage without facing prejudice or retribution.

This legislation addresses a critical gap in existing anti-discrimination laws. While many laws prohibit race-based discrimination, they often overlook hair as a factor contributing to that discrimination. By explicitly including hair texture and styles, the Crown Act strengthens protections for individuals who may face biased treatment based on their appearance, fostering a more diverse and supportive environment.

Embracing natural hair and diverse hairstyles can positively impact mental health and self-esteem. When individuals feel comfortable and accepted for who they are, they are likely to experience increased confidence, better performance in academic and professional settings, and improved overall well-being. The Crown Act not only empowers individuals to reclaim their natural identity but also advocates for a society that values authenticity over conformity.

In conclusion, supporting the Crown Act is essential for promoting justice, respect, and equality. By recognizing and protecting the rights of individuals to wear their hair naturally, we take a significant step toward a society that celebrates diversity and eliminates discrimination in all its forms. Let us champion this legislation and foster an environment where everyone can feel proud of their identity and heritage

Regards,
Ahmad Anderson
(He / Him / His)