

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, March 25, 2025

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 3:30 p.m. by Mayor Eduardo Martinez.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Jamelia Brown, Claudia Jimenez, Doria Robinson, Sue Wilson, Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda and Mayor Eduardo Martinez. **Absent:** Councilmember Soheila Bana arrived after adjourning to Closed Session.

**C. JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND/SURPLUS PROPERTY AUTHORITY MEETING**

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

- Surplus Property Authority of the City of Richmond v. Riggers Loft Wine Company

**CITY COUNCIL**

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

- Agency Representatives: Sharrone Taylor, Jack Hughes, Lisa Charbonneau

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 LEGALCOUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (paragraph (1) of Subdivision [d] of Government Code Section 54956.9)**

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

**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 3:33 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

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

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 5:06 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, Jamelia Brown, Claudia Jimenez, Doria Robinson, Sue Wilson, Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda and Mayor Eduardo Martinez. **Absent:** None.

**I. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**J. AGENDA REVIEW**

Item O.4.b (*District Office Lease Agreement with U.S. Congress Member John Garamendi's Office*), was continued to the April 15, 2025, meeting.

Item O.8.a (*AB 481 "Military Equipment Use" Annual Report*) was continued to the April 1, 2025, meeting.

Item P.2 (*Presentation from West Contra Costa Unified School District*) was moved up to be heard before Item P.1 (*Presentation from IFPTE local 21 on Unfunded Actuarial Liabilities*)

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

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*Not discussed.*

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*Discussed. No reportable action taken.*

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*Not discussed.*

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

City Manager Shasa Curl provided a report. Link to view report: [City Manager's Report](#)

**M. COMMENDATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PROCLAMATIONS (limited to ten minutes per item)**

**M.1 Proclamation Declaring April 2025 as National Second Chance Month**

PROCLAMATION to declare April 2025 as National Second Chance Month and to recognize the unwavering efforts of Richmond’s reentry partners, including the Reentry Success Center, Rubicon Programs, Safe Return Project, Men and Women of Purpose, A Place to Call Home, 1HundredYears Enterprise and Men and Women of Valor - Councilmember Jamelia Brown (510-412-2050).

Councilmember Brown introduced the item. Councilmember Brown and Mayor Martinez read and presented the proclamation to the representatives of the organizations being honored. The recipients of the proclamation gave comments. Cordell Hindler and Lily Rahnema gave comments in person.

**M.2 Proclamation Honoring the Richmond Police Department**

PROCLAMATION to recognize and honor the extraordinary collective efforts and actions of the Richmond Police Department — officers, detectives, and crime scene investigators that came together to help stop a minor from being sexually abused by her stepfather - Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda (510-620-6593) and Councilmember Doria Robinson (510-620-6568).

Vice Mayor Zepeda introduced the item. Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Bana, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Wilson, Vice Mayor Zepeda, and Mayor Martinez read and presented the proclamation to the honorees. Assistant Chief Timothy Simmons gave comments of appreciation for the recognition.

Mark Wassberg, Ben Therriault, and Cordell Hindler gave comments in person. Michelle Milam gave comments via teleconference.

**M.3 Proclamation Honoring the Planning Committee of the 18th Annual Sisters in Solidarity Event**

PROCLAMATION honoring the Planning Committee of the 18th Annual Sisters in Solidarity Event – Mayor’s Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503) and Councilmember Doria Robinson (510-620-6568).

Mayor Martinez introduced the item. Councilmember Wilson, Councilmember Jimenez, Vice Mayor Zepeda, Councilmember Robinson, and Mayor Martinez read and presented the proclamation to the honorees. A representative from Congressman Garamendi's office presented a recognition to the planning committee. Linda Whitmore gave comments.

Cordell Hindler gave comments in person.

## **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)**

**The following individuals gave comments in person:**

Councilmember Soheila Bana gave comments regarding the Nowruz Celebration on March 22, 2025. Councilmember Bana thanked City staff, volunteers, community members, and dignitaries that attended or participated in the event.

Cordell Hindler gave comments thanking Councilmember Bana for coordinating the Nowruz celebration. Mr. Hindler suggested an item be brought to Council regarding mental health. Mr. Hindler also gave comments regarding the change in meeting start times, proclamations, and economic development.

Curtis Flemming and David Wee expressed concerns regarding parking and ticketing issues in relation to street sweeping implementation. Mr. Flemming and Mr. Wee suggested a pause in the implementation of street sweeping.

Rajendra Pondyal gave comments regarding his background in finance and offered to volunteer for the City.

Harpreet Sandhu thanked Councilmember Bana for bringing the Nowruz Celebration forward. Mr. Sandhu read a congressional commendation presented in honor of the City in recognition of Nowruz.

Lori Hart thanked Mayor Martinez and Public Works department staff for visiting Parchester Village to assess existing issues. Ms. Hart thanked Councilmember Doria Robinson and Councilmember Sue Wilson for advocating to improve conditions in Parchester Village. Ms. Hart expressed concerns regarding street conditions and noise issues.

Goretha Johnson suggested ADA curb ramps and sidewalks be placed near bus stops in Parchester Village. Ms. Johnson expressed concerns regarding flooding in the neighborhood.

Alvin Cook gave comments regarding street conditions and flooding in the Parchester Village area.

Don Gosney expressed concerns regarding the order of items on Council meeting agendas, transparency, and the public records request process.

Arto Rinteela gave comments in support of improvements to Parchester Village and suggested an ad hoc committee be created to oversee searches for consultants or developers.

Gaelle Feliz gave comments regarding flooding, street cleaning, noise, and sidewalk issues in Parchester Village.

Daniel Hoffman thanked Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Brown, and Vice Mayor Zepeda for their support of improvements to Parchester Village. Mr. Hoffman expressed concerns regarding flooding, lack of sidewalks along Giant Highway, and odor issues in the Parchester Village area.

Alejandro Villegas, Suilma Navarrette, Agionta Isom, and Edith Pastrano gave comments urging the council to support clean energy and decarbonization.

Brenda Rodriguez gave comments regarding Urban Tilth and work done along the Greenway trail in 2024. Ms. Rodriguez invited the community to attend the Urban Tilth Earth Day Celebration on April 19, 2025.

Mark Wassberg gave comments regarding Police incidents and freedom of speech.

Ben Therriault gave comments regarding Item O.1.a. (*First Amendment to the Legal Services Agreement (“LSA”) with Maloney Employment Law*).

Nasreen Saleem expressed concern regarding the impact of street vendors on local businesses. Ms. Saleem also expressed concern regarding the City tobacco licensing process.

Kathleen Sullivan gave comments in support of local businesses and expressed concerns regarding street vendors.

Tanya Brown gave comments regarding the Cannabis Equity Program and economic development.

Jamin Pursell gave comments regarding Item O.7.d (*Proclamation Declaring March 31, 2025, as Transgender Day of Visibility*).

Irania DeLaMora gave comments regarding fines for noise complaints. Ms. DeLaMora also gave comments regarding the Mobile Vendor Program.

Vernon Whitmore gave comments regarding sidewalk vendors and their impact on local businesses.

Cochise Potts gave comments regarding grant funds awarded to the City and suggested grant funds be allocated to assist the unhoused population.

**The following individuals gave comments via teleconference:**

Margarita Mitas gave comments in support of the City moving forward with improvements to flooding issues in Parchester Village.

Jessi Taran advocated for long term housing options for unhoused individuals in the City.

Demetria gave comments regarding flooding, sidewalk, and noise issues in Parchester Village.

Michelle Milam announced that Juneteenth celebrations would be held on June 21, 2025, at Nicholl Park. Ms. Milam announced that the monthly crime prevention meeting would be held on March 26, 2025. Ms. Milam also gave comments on the homeless task force meeting times and issues in Parchester Village.

CJ Brown gave comments regarding the Cannabis Equity Program.

**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 Soheila Bana

**Seconded by** Councilmember Claudia Jimenez

To approve all items on the Consent Calendar excluding Items O.4.b (*District Office Lease Agreement with U.S. Congress Member John Garamendi’s Office*), and O.8.a (*AB 481 “Military Equipment Use” Annual Report*).

Ayes (7): Councilmembers Soheila Bana, Jamelia Brown, Claudia Jimenez, Doria Robinson, Sue Wilson, Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez.

Passed

## **O.1 City Attorney's Office**

### **O.1.a First Amendment to the Legal Services Agreement (“LSA”) with Maloney Employment Law**

APPROVE a first amendment to the Legal Services Agreement with Maloney Employment Law in the amount of \$150,000, for a total amount not to exceed amount of \$500,000, with a term ending on June 30, 2027, to advise and represent the City in municipal law litigation matters, including appeals, as assigned by the City Attorney – City Attorney’s Office (Shannon Moore 510-620-6509).

### **O.1.b Adopt Sanctuary City Ordinance.**

ADOPT an ordinance (second reading) adding Chapter 2.30 entitled “Limitations on Use of City Resources for Federal Immigration Enforcement” to the Richmond Municipal Code – City Attorney’s Office (Dave Aleshire/Shannon L. Moore/ Kimberly Y. Chin/Chris Dykzeul 510-620-6509).

**Adopted Ordinance No. 08-25 N.S.**

## **O.2 City Council**

### **O.2.a Proclamation for Reverend Dr. Curtis B. Flemming, Sr. Pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church**

PROCLAMATION recognizing the official installation of Reverend Dr. Curtis B. Flemming as the new Pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church on Sunday, March 9, 2025, while honoring the memory and legacy of previous Pastor Theodore Henry "Ted" Goslen who led Hillcrest Baptist Church with unwavering dedication and spiritual wisdom for 21 years - Councilmember Soheila Bana (510-672-3490).

### **O.2.b Proclamation to Celebrate Nowrūz (Norooz)**

PROCLAMATION recognizing the celebration Nowrūz as a community-building and peace-promoting event in Richmond and the City’s first annual Nowrūz Spring Equinox Celebration on Saturday, March 22, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Marina Bay Park - Councilmember Soheila Bana (510-672-3490).

## **O.3 Community Development**

### **O.3.a Grant Agreement with Contra Costa Interfaith Transitional Housing, Inc. (dba Hope Solutions)**

APPROVE a grant services agreement in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 with Contra Costa Interfaith Transitional Housing, Inc. (dba Hope Solutions) to provide development and supportive services for the Richmond Tiny House Village Farm and Garden Project at 175 23rd Street for a term expiring December 31, 2025 – Community Development Department (Lina Velasco/Jesus Morales 510-620-6649).

## **O.4 Economic Development**

### **O.4.a Contract Amendment No. 3 with R3 Consulting**

APPROVE a third amendment to the contract with R3 Consulting Group, Inc amending the service plan to continue supporting the City with the Collection Agreement negotiations and complete a franchise fee cost-recovery analysis, increasing the contract payment limit by \$60,000, to a

new payment limit of \$328,185, and extending the contract term expiration to June 30, 2026 – Economic Development Department (Nannette Beacham 510-621-1306/Samantha Carr 510-620-5407/Yahna Williamson 510-620-6574).

O.4.b District Office Lease Agreement with U.S. Congress Member John Garamendi's Office

APPROVE a lease with United States House of Representatives to allow Congressman John Garamendi to utilize approximately 845 square feet of office space, four cubicles, and a conference room on the second floor of 440 Civic Center Plaza as his Congressional District Office, at a rate of \$1,140.75 per month (\$13,689 per year), for a two-year term from January 3, 2025, through January 2, 2027 – Economic Development Department (Craig Murray 510-621-1612).

**This item was continued to the April 15, 2025, meeting.**

O.4.c Resolution to Accept and Appropriate the Grant Award for the Cannabis Equity Program

ADOPT a resolution to accept grant funding from the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, in the amount of \$600,000 for the Cannabis Equity Program; AUTHORIZE the city manager or their designee to execute the necessary agreements with GO-Biz to accept the grant funds; and APPROPRIATE the grant funds in the Fiscal Years 2024-2025 through 2026-2027 budgets – Economic Development Department (Nannette Beacham 510-621-1306/Lizeht Zepeda 510-620-6653/Jesson de Leon 510-412-2023/Kyle Lam 510-620-6802/Junne Garcia 510-865-3532).

**Adopted Resolution No. 25-25**

**O.5 Finance Department**

O.5.a State Audit Update - May 2025

RECEIVE a report regarding the City's Corrective Action Plan update to State Audit No. 2021-806 – City Manager's Office/Finance Department (Andrea Miller 510-620-6790/Mubeen Qader 510-412-2077)

**O.6 Human Resources**

O.6.a Contract Amendment No. 2 with AppleOne Temporary Staffing Agency

APPROVE a second amendment to the contract with AppleOne Employment Services, increasing the contract limit by \$60,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$260,000, for temporary staffing services on an as-needed basis – Human Resources Department (Nickie Mastay/Sharrone Taylor 510-620-6602).

O.6.b Contract Amendment No. 2 with Century Group to Increase Payment Limit

APPROVE a second contract amendment with the Century Group for recruitment and temporary staffing services increasing the payment limit by \$100,000, for a new amount not to exceed \$250,000 – Human Resources Department (Nickie Mastay/Sharrone Taylor 510-620-6602).

O.6.c Contract Amendment for Municipal Resource Group (MRG)

APPROVE a contract amendment with Municipal Resources Group (MRG) in the amount of \$200,000, for a total contract limit amount not to exceed \$500,000, for consultation and staff training services – Human Resources Department (Sharrone Taylor/Nickie Mastay 510-620-6602)

O.6.d Amend the Salary Schedule

ADOPT a resolution amending the salary schedule to retitle Code Enforcement Supervisor to Senior Code Enforcement Officer and revise the salary for City Attorney – Human Resources Department (Sharrone Taylor/Nickie Mastay 510-620-6602).

**Adopted Resolution No. 26-25**

O.6.e Contract Amendment with Set-Up for Success

APPROVE a contract amendment with Set-Up for Success for consultation services for establishing a limited assistance protocol - Senate Bill 54, Chapter 45 Implementation Plan, extending the term expiration to December 31, 2025, and increasing the payment by \$32,500, for a total amount not to exceed \$85,250, and APPROPRIATE funds as required – Human Resources Department (Nickie Mastay/Sharrone Taylor 510-620-6602).

**O.7 Mayor's Office**

O.7.a Correction to Term Expiration Date for Andrew Melendez

AMEND the expiration date for Andrew Melendez's current term to the Community Crisis Response Program Advisory Board, from December 31, 2025, to the correct date of December 31, 2026 – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

O.7.b Correction to Term Expiration Date for Lashara Johnson

AMEND the expiration date for Lashara LaShawn Monique Johnson's current term on the Community Crisis Response Program Advisory Board from December 31, 2025, to the correct date of December 31, 2026 – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

O.7.c Proclamation Declaring March 10, 2025, as Tibetan National Uprising Day

PROCLAMATION declaring March 10, 2024, as Tibetan Uprising Day in the City of Richmond – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

O.7.d Proclamation Declaring March 31, 2025, as Transgender Day of Visibility

PROCLAMATION declaring March 31, 2025, as Transgender Day of Visibility in the City of Richmond – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503) and Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda (510-620-6593).

**O.8 Police Department**

O.8.a AB 481 "Military Equipment Use" Annual Report

ADOPT a resolution (1) accepting the 2024 Annual Military Equipment Report; (2) determining that the Police Department's use of military equipment in 2024 complied with the Department's Military Equipment Policy No. 707 and state law; and (3) to renew the authorizing Ordinance

No. 12-22 N.S. / Military Equipment Use Policy - Police Department  
(Bisa French 510-621-1802).

**This item was continued to the April 1, 2025, meeting.**

## **O.9 Public Works**

- O.9.a Resolution to Approve a Contract with Pablo Restorations Roofing and Waterproof Fire Station 68 Roof Repair

ADOPT a resolution approving a contract with Pablo Restoration Roofing and Waterproof to repair the roof of Fire Station 68 in an amount not to exceed \$92,419.63 - Public Works Department (Tawfic Halaby 620-5482 / Daniel Chavarria 620-5478).

### **Adopted Resolution No. 27-25**

- O.9.b Contract Amendment No. 1 with Sharjo, LLC dba ServiceMaster Restoration Services

APPROVE a first contract amendment with Sharjo, LLC dba ServiceMaster Restoration, to include on-call biohazard and unknown substance removal and disposal services in the amount of \$70,000, for a new total contract amount not-to-exceed \$115,000, and amending the two one-year extension amount not-to-exceed \$50,000, for a new extension total amount not to exceed \$80,000 – Public Works Department (Hugo Mendoza 510-231-3030/Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478).

- O.9.c Authorize an Application for Metropolitan Transportation Commission Housing Incentive Pool Funding

ADOPT a resolution authorizing the city manager or their designee to submit a grant application to Metropolitan Transportation Commission for Housing Incentive Pool funding for Bayview to BART, McBryde Avenue Safe Routes to Parks, Downtown Point Richmond Pedestrian and Bicycle Connectivity, and Carlson Crosstown Transit Stop Improvements Projects – Public Works Department (Janney Lockman 510-307-8097/Robert Armijo 510-620-5477/Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478).

### **Adopted Resolution No. 28-25**

- O.9.d 10-Day Report on the Interim Urgency Ordinance Regarding Keller Beach Sanitary Sewer line.

RECEIVE and ISSUE the 10-Day Report on the Urgency Ordinance regarding the Keller Beach Sanitary Sewer line – Public Works Department (Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478/Robert Armijo 510-620-5477).

- O.9.e February 2025 Abatement Report

RECEIVE a report on the February 2025 abatement activities – Public Works Department (Hugo Mendoza 510-231-3030 / Tawfic Halaby 510-620-5482 / Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478).

## **P. STUDY AND ACTION SESSION**

### **P.1 Presentation from IFPTE local 21 on Unfunded Actuarial Liabilities**

RECEIVE a presentation from IFPTE local 21 and DIRECT staff to work with IFPTE Local 21 researcher and the sponsors of this item to bring a detailed analysis of the following issues and bring it back to Council within 45 days:

- Potential early amortization of unfunded liabilities for the city’s two CalPERS retirement plans using Chevron settlement funds
- Potential early amortization of the city’s OPEB unfunded liability using Chevron settlement funds
- Possible use of bond financing for early amortization

The City Council’s ability to redirect the funds in the city’s operating budget currently used for unfunded liabilities to support a broad range of expenditures, including ongoing expenses like additional staffing and expenditures that make Richmond less dependent on the fossil fuel industry as a revenue source (Just Transition) - Councilmembers Claudia Jimenez (510-620-6565), Doria Robinson (510-620-6568) and Sue Wilson (510-609-2111).

***At 9:38 p.m. Councilmember Soheila Bana left the meeting.***

Councilmember Jimenez introduced the item. IFPTE Local 21 Lead Researcher Kristin Schumacher Nascimento presented a PowerPoint. Link to view presentation: [Presentation from iFPTE local 21](#)

Cordell Hindler, Don Gosney, and Jamin Pursell gave comments in person. Benjamin Therriault and Emma Ishii gave comments via teleconference. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Jimenez made a motion to approve the item. Councilmember Robinson seconded the motion.

Mayor Martinez made a friendly amendment to adjust the language of the recommended action from settlement funds to general funds. The friendly amendment was accepted. The motion was adjusted to request staff to bring back an update instead of detailed analysis as written in the recommended action.

**Motion by Councilmember Claudia Jimenez**  
**Seconded by Councilmember Doria Robinson**

Direct staff to work with IFPTE Local 21 researcher and the sponsors of this item to bring an update of the following issues to Council within 45 days: potential early amortization of unfunded liabilities for the city’s two CalPERS retirement plans using general funds, potential early amortization of the city’s OPEB unfunded liability using general funds, and possible use of bond financing for early amortization.

Ayes (6): Councilmembers Jamelia Brown, Claudia Jimenez, Doria Robinson, Sue Wilson, Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez.

Absent (1): Councilmember Soheila Bana

Passed

**P.2 Presentation from West Contra Costa Unified School District**

RECEIVE a presentation from West Contra Costa Unified School District’s Interim Superintendent, Kim Moses, regarding the West Contra Costa Unified School District's enrollment, attendance, budget projections, and data on current accomplishments of students, teachers, and schools - Councilmember Soheila Bana (510-672-3490).

Councilmember Bana introduced the item. West Contra Costa Unified School District’s Interim Superintendent Kim Moses presented a PowerPoint. Link to view presentation: [Presentation from West Contra Costa Unified School District](#)

Don Gosney, Mark Wassberg, Mark Mitchell, Jamin Pursell, Sam Cleare, Cordell Hindler, and Gabby Micheletti gave comments in person. Jessi Taran and Francisco Ortiz gave comments via teleconference. Discussion ensued.

**Q. REPORTS OF OFFICERS: REFERRALS TO STAFF, AND GENERAL REPORTS (INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS)(limited to two minutes per Councilmember)**

Councilmember Wilson reported attendance to a Library Commission meeting and a Human Rights and Human Relations Commission meeting.

Councilmember Jimenez reported attendance to a Green Empowerment Zone meeting on March 21, 2025, and a meeting with Congressman Garamendi regarding recent federal level events.

Vice Mayor Zepeda announced that he would be hosting the third Annual District 2 Strategy Meeting on March 29, 2025, at the Shields-Reid Community Center from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Vice Mayor Zepeda reported attendance to the following: Shimada students' arrival; MCE Board meeting; National Rosie the Riveter Day event; Nowruz Celebration; and a Richmond Rainbow Pride event.

Councilmember Robinson reported attendance to the following: a Green Empowerment Zone meeting on March 21, 2025; Urban Forest Advisory Committee meeting; and an Economic Development Commission meeting.

Councilmember Brown reported attendance to the following: Center for Policing Equity meeting regarding improving outcomes for Contra Costa Public Defender clients; Know Your Rights Campaign Kick Off; National Rosie the Riveter Day event; Nowruz Celebration; and the Bay Crossings tour. Councilmember Brown acknowledged Richmond residents Raven Richardson and Brandon Harris for their efforts to offer children walking from school protection. Councilmember Brown congratulated the Richmond High School Marching Band for their first-place win in the San Francisco Chinese New Year Parade.

Mayor Martinez reported attendance to the following: National Rosie the Riveter Day event; Nowruz Celebration; Kiwanis Club Public Safety Awards Dinner; Port tour; meeting with Congressman Garamendi regarding recent federal level events; and a CivicWell Conference.

**R. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:49 p.m., to meet again on April 1, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

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Clerk of the City of Richmond

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Mayor

**PUBLIC COMMENT – FOR THE 3/25/25 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**  
**COMMENTS RECEIVED BY 1 P.M.**

Madison Mennie (FOR): Item O.1.b ADOPT SANCTUARY CITY ORDINANCE

I urge you to support the Sanctuary City Ordinance. Richmond was built by immigrants and continues to thrive on their talent, labor, and acumen. This ordinance is not just necessary—it is a moral imperative. Everyone deserves to live without fear, with dignity, and with the certainty that the city stands with them. By codifying these protections, we can set a powerful example of what it means to lead with humanity. Too many in the immigrant community live in fear—afraid to seek help, to go to work, to send their children to school. The safety, prosperity, and future of our city depend on ensuring that no family is torn apart and that no individual lives in terror of losing everything. Again, I urge you to protect our immigrant community. Prioritize their safety and education. No law-abiding person should fear for their life or the devastating uncertainty of having a loved one taken from their home. Please continue to SAY NO to ICE in our city and our police force. We must be bold in the face of hate, fear-mongering and anti-immigrant rhetoric.

Louise Williams (FOR): Item O.1.b ADOPT SANCTUARY CITY ORDINANCE

I urge you to protect our immigrant citizens by adopting this Sanctuary City Ordinance. Our immigrant population is vital to the Richmond community, providing talent, ingenuity, and labor to our various businesses. Do not deputize our police officers as ICE personnel. This is still America, despite what the current administration is trying to make of our country. We ALL have rights. All law-abiding people who live and work in our community have a right to be here, to be safe, to send children to our schools, to worship in our churches and temples. It is the responsibility of the Richmond City Council to protect those rights for all the citizens of Richmond.