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- REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 27, 2025, 3:30 p.m.

Community Services Building

440 Civic Center Plaza

Richmond, CA 94804

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A. OPEN SESSION TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION

3:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

C. CLOSED SESSION

**C.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of Subdivision
(d) [as applicable] of Government Code Section 54956.9)**

- One case

**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

**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

5:00 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)

M. COMMENDATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PROCLAMATIONS

- M.1 Proclamation recognizing May 2025 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month** 13

PROCLAMATION recognizing May 2025 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the City of Richmond and Honoring AANHPI Leaders - Mayor Eduardo Martinez (510-620-6503), Councilmember Soheila Bana (510-672-3490), and Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda (510-620-6861).

- M.2 Proclamation Recognizing May 2025 as Asthma Awareness Month** 16

PROCLAMATION recognizing May 2025 as Asthma Awareness Month in the City of Richmond to bring attention to this public health crisis, acknowledge the contributions of Richmond-based environmental justice organizations, and affirm the city’s commitment to reducing dependence on fossil fuels while investing in clean energy, health equity, and community resilience - Councilmember Jamelia Brown (510-609-5780).

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)

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.)

O.1	City Attorney's Office	
O.1.a	First Amendment to the Legal Services Agreement with Best Best & Krieger, LLP for Code Enforcement Advice	19
	APPROVE a first amendment to the legal services agreement with Best Best & Krieger, LLP, to increase the compensation by \$265,000, for an amount not to exceed \$275,000, and to extend through December 31, 2026, to continue providing specialized legal advice and representation in support of quality-of-life and nuisance abatement efforts – City Attorney’s Office/Community Development Department (Shannon Moore 510-620-6505/Lina Velasco 510-620-6841).	
O.1.b	Retention of Interim Investigator for the Community Police Review Commission (“CPRC”)	45
	APPROVE a professional services contract with Bill Whalen and Associates to conduct confidential investigations for the Community Police Review Commission for a term of May 28, 2025, through January 30, 2026 with a contract amount of \$50,000 – Community Police Review Commission (Dave Aleshire 510-620-5439).	
O.1.c	Establish a Biannual Report from the Richmond Arts and Culture Division	68
	INTRODUCE an Ordinance (first reading) amending Richmond Municipal Code Chapter 6.50 for the Richmond Arts and Culture Division Manager to provide a written report and a presentation to the Council on a biannual basis regarding art projects being developed in the City – City Attorney’s Office (Shannon Moore 510-620-6505/James Atencio 510-620-6504).	
O.2	Community Development	
O.2.a	Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Capital Grant Agreement and sole-source contract with Trust for Public Land.	72
	ADOPT a resolution authorizing the city manager or their designee to ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE a \$150,000 Capital Grant from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and APPROVE a sole-source contract with Trust for Public Land in the amount of \$150,000 to complete design work and outreach related to the Richmond Wellness Trail Phase 2, with a term beginning May 27, 2025, through June 30, 2027 to be funded by an MTC Capital Grant - Community Development Department (Lina Velasco/Beatriz Guerrero Auna 510-685-5450).	
O.2.b	2024 Housing Element Annual Progress Report	183
	ADOPT a resolution accepting the 2024 Annual Progress Report for the City’s Housing Element (2023-2031) - Community Development Department (Lina Velasco/Avery Stark 510-620-6714).	

O.3	Economic Development	
O.3.a	Collection of Assessments for Downtown Richmond Property and Business Improvement District (DRPBID)	246
	ADOPT a resolution allowing the City of Richmond to levy the property tax rolls of property owners subject to assessment under the Downtown Richmond Property and Business Improvement District (DRPBID) on the annual 2025-2026 property tax rolls – Economic Development Department (Jesson de Leon 510-412-2023/Antonio Banuelos 510-620-6741/Junne Garcia 510-620-6524/Nannette Beacham 510-620-1306).	
O.3.b	Contract Amendment No.1 with CSW Stuber-Stroeh Engineering Group, Inc.	289
	APPROVE a first contract amendment with CSW Stuber-Stroeh Engineering Group, Inc. to increase the contract amount by \$30,000, for Fiscal Year 2024-25, within the contract term of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027, for a revised not-to-exceed contract amount of \$324,000, for engineering services at the Port of Richmond – Economic Development Department (Charles Gerard 510-620-6792).	
O.3.c	Port of Richmond Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) Tariff No.3 Amendment	359
	ADOPT a resolution to amend the Port of Richmond FMC Tariff No. 3 reflecting a two and half percent (2.5%) general rate increase (GRI) to the Port of Richmond Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) Tariff No. 3 and an annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) rate adjustment as approved by the Executive Committee of the California Association of Port Authorities (CAPA) – Economic Development Department (Charles Gerard 510-620 6792).	
O.3.d	On Call Electrical Support	438
	ADOPT a resolution approving contracts with three firms to provide electrical maintenance, surveying, and repair services for the Port of Richmond, on an as needed basis, for a three-year term, expiring June 30, 2027, with a not-to-exceed total expenditure of \$200,000 annually, for a total potential not-to-exceed contract amount of \$600,000, over three years for each firm - Economic Development Department (Charles Gerard 510-620 6792).	

O.3.e	First Contract Amendment with Haley and Aldrich, Inc.	510
	<p>ADOPT a resolution approving a budget transfer within the Port Fund to increase the Port’s budget for dredging projects by \$25,200, and approving a first contract amendment with Haley and Aldrich, Inc. in the amount of \$25,200 for a revised total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$279,300, to secure permits for required maintenance dredging at Terminal Two, the Point Potrero Marine Terminal Berths Seven and Eight, the Marina Bay Yacht Harbor, and to conduct slope analysis at Terminal Two, with a term ending June 30, 2026 - Economic Development Department (Charles Gerard 510-620-6792).</p>	
O.4	Fire Department	
O.4.a	Adopt Response Time Standards for the Richmond Fire Department During Emergency Incidents	571
	<p>ADOPT a resolution establishing a Response Time Standard for the Richmond Fire Department to guide performance during emergency incidents – Fire Department (Chief Aaron Osorio 510-307-8021/Rico Rincon 510-307-8041).</p>	
O.5	Library and Community Services	
O.5.a	Sole-Source Contract With Davillier Sloan, Inc.	662
	<p>APPROVE a contract with Davillier-Sloan, Inc., a labor-management firm, for a total amount not to exceed \$50,000 with a term beginning June 1, 2025, and ending May 31, 2026, to provide contract compliance and management services for the City of Richmond departments – Community Services Department (Tamara Walker 510-307-8006/LaShonda White 510-620-6828).</p>	
O.5.b	Approve the Richmond Workforce Development Board Local Plan Program Year 25-28	701
	<p>APPROVE the Richmond Workforce Development Board Local Plan Program Years 2025-2028 - Community Services Department (LaShonda White/Tamara Walker 510-307-8006).</p>	
O.6	Mayor's Office	
O.6.a	Proclamation recognizing June 2025 as LGBTQI+ Pride Month in the City of Richmond	759
	<p>PROCLAMATION recognizing June 2025 as LGBTQI+ Pride Month in the City of Richmond and Commemorating the Raising of the Pride Flag Throughout the Month - Mayor Eduardo Martinez (510-620-6503) and Vice Mayor Zepeda (510-620-6861).</p>	

O.6.b	Proclamation Recognizing May 2025 as Mental Health Awareness Month	762
	PROCLAMATION recognizing May 2025 as Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of Richmond - Mayor Eduardo Martinez (510-620-6503) and Councilmember Jamelia Brown (510-620-6861).	
O.7	Police Department	
O.7.a	Grant Funding to End Abuse in Later Life Program	765
	ADOPT a resolution to ACCEPT \$16,556 in grant funds passed through Contra Costa County (CCC) from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) to support its End Abuse in Later Life Program (EALL) and APPROPRIATE the funds to the Police Department's Budget for the duration of the grant period, October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2027 – Police Department (Chief Bisa French 510-621-1802).	
O.7.b	Three-year Contract with San Joaquin Delta College	769
	APPROVE a contract with San Joaquin Delta Community College District for biannual enrollment of police department recruits into the Basic Peace Officer Academy, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000, for a three-year term from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2028, plus two one-year extension options for an amount not to exceed \$50,000 – Police Department (Chief Bisa French 510-621-1802).	
O.7.c	Contract with Breakpoint Investigations for Preemployment Background Checks	798
	APPROVE a three-year, \$180,000 contract, with two additional one-year extensions, with Breakpoint Investigations for Police background investigations for the period of May 28, 2025, through May 27, 2028 – Police Department (Chief Bisa French 510-621-1802).	
O.8	Public Works	
O.8.a	Resolution to Award On-call Power Washing Contracts to EcoSanitation and Professional Powerwashing Maintenance.	833
	ADOPT a resolution to award on-call power washing contracts to EcoSanitation and Professional Powerwashing Maintenance for a three year term beginning on June 1, 2025, and ending on May 31, 2028, each for a total not to exceed amount of \$450,000, for a three-year term, each with two, optional one-year extensions, for a total not to exceed amount of \$150,000 for each optional year - Public Works Department (Carl Capistrano 510-620-6896/Tawfic Halaby 510-620-5482/Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478).	

P.	STUDY AND ACTION SESSION	
P.1	Receive a Report from Richmond Promise	892
	RECEIVE a report from Richmond Promise – Mayor Eduardo Martinez (510-620-6503) and Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda (510-620-6861).	
P.2	Adopt the City of Richmond Fire Hazard Severity Zones Ordinance	917
	INTRODUCE an ordinance (first reading) to designate Fire Hazard Severity Zones within the City of Richmond as recommended by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) – Fire Department (Chief Aaron Osorio 510-307-8021/Fire Marshal Dante J. Wiley 510-307-8090).	
P.3	Draft Advanced Life Support (ALS) First Responder Feasibility Study	928
	RECEIVE the draft written report regarding Advanced Life Support (ALS) First Responder Feasibility Study and DIRECT staff to pursue next steps for implementing the recommended service models as outlined by the Matrix Consulting Group – Fire Department/Human Resources Department (Chief Aaron Osorio 510-307-8021/Sharrone Taylor 510-620-6803).	
P.4	Presentation by Transbay Coalition for the development of a Citywide Community-Led Bus Stop Bench Program	1015
	RECEIVE a presentation by Transbay Coalition for the development of a Citywide Community-Led Bus Stop Bench Program and DIRECT staff to develop a Community-Led Bus Stop Bench Program (Policy) that establishes a formal permitting process, waives all associated fees, and incorporates the design standards and guidelines developed by the Transbay Coalition and approved by City Public Works. The program will enable local volunteers, advocacy groups, and community stakeholders to legally install and maintain benches at approved bus stop locations throughout Richmond that currently lack adequate seating - Councilmember Jamelia Brown (510-609-5780) and Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda (510-685-5002).	
P.5	Seismic Retrofit Study and Program Development for Older Residential and Small Business Structures	1037
	DIRECT City staff to initiate a Request for Proposals (RFP) to conduct a city-wide seismic vulnerability study and to develop an incentive and grant program for retrofitting high-risk buildings - Councilmember Soheila Bana (510-672-3490).	
P.6	Development of Ordinance to Ban Land Grab Practices and Promote Housing Accessibility	1041
	DIRECT City staff to study federal and state legislation regarding land grab practices by for profit corporations and investors and return to the City Council within 180 days with recommendations regarding the viability of enacting a local ordinance, at which time the City Council may decide whether to direct staff to draft an ordinance - Councilmember Soheila Bana (510-672-3490).	

RECEIVE a presentation from the Coalition/Taskforce to End Gender Based Violence on the final recommendations from a report completed in January 2024 (Phase I) and an update of the work the Coalition/Taskforce to End Gender Based Violence is working towards advancing the recommendations including implementing a Multilingual and Multicultural Public Awareness Campaign (Phase 2). ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AND IDENTIFY a funding source for staffing support and the implementation of the Public Awareness Campaign and other costs related to support the recommendations that anticipates concluding at the end of January 2026 - Councilmember Soheila Bana (510-672-3490)

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

R. ADJOURNMENT
