

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, August 26, 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 3:31 p.m. by Mayor Eduardo Martinez.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Claudia Jimenez, Doria Robinson, Sue Wilson, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez. **Absent:** Councilmember Soheila Bana arrived at 3:33 p.m. and Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda arrived at 3:35 p.m. Councilmember Jamelia Brown was absent for the entire Closed Session.

**C. CLOSED SESSION**

**C.1 LIABILITY CLAIMS (Government Code Section 54956.9)**

- Claimant: Lacquana Caston
- Claimant: Robbie Hurtado
- Claimant: Talitha Winn
- Terminal One Development, LLC

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

- Doe (Barajas) v. City of Richmond

**C.3 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)**

The following individuals gave comments in person regarding Item C.3:

Cordell Hindler, Yvette Williams-Barr, Michelle Milam, Jonny Hill, Ron Collins, Angela Cox, Sheila Williams, Ofelia Alvarez, George Kabaivanov, Issac Martinez, Sean Stalbaum, Joe Summers, and Kevin Tisdell.

**E. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 3:59 p.m. The Closed Session adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

**F. SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RICHMOND HOUSING AUTHORITY**

The Special Meeting of the Richmond Housing Authority was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Chairperson Eduardo Martinez.

**G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairperson Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**H. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Commissioners Soheila Bana, Claudia Jimenez, Doria Robinson, Sue Wilson, Vice Chairperson Cesar Zepeda, Chairperson Eduardo Martinez, and Tenant Commissioner Jaycine Scott. **Absent:** Commissioner Jamelia Brown was absent for the entire meeting.

**I. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**J. AGENDA REVIEW**

None.

**K. HOUSING AUTHORITY OPEN FORUM**

Cordell Hindler gave comments supporting Item L.1 (contract with Brightview Landscape Services, Inc).

**L. HOUSING AUTHORITY CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Motion by** Tenant Commissioner Scott

**Seconded by** Commissioner Robinson

To approve Item L.1 on the Housing Authority Consent Calendar.

Ayes (7): Commissioner Bana, Commissioner Jimenez, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Wilson, Vice Chairperson Zepeda, Chairperson Martinez, and Tenant Commissioner Scott

Absent: (1): Commissioner Brown

Passed (7 to 1)

**L.1 Contract with Brightview Landscape Services, Inc. for Landscaping Services at Nystrom Village and Hacienda Excess Lot**

ADOPT a resolution approving a contract with Brightview Landscape Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$230,000, with a term beginning August 27, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, for landscaping services at Nystrom Village and Hacienda Excess Lot - Richmond Housing Authority (Antoinette Terrell 510-620-6784/Gregory Palomino 510-621-1361).

**Adopted Resolution No. 2219**

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

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

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 5:09 p.m. by Mayor Martinez.

**O. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Bana, Jimenez, Robinson, Wilson, Vice Mayor Zepeda, and Mayor Martinez. **Absent:** Councilmember Brown was absent for the entire meeting.

**P. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**Q. AGENDA REVIEW**

The title for Item U.4.d (Bay Marine Boatworks contract amendment) was corrected to "Contract Amendment No. 1".

Item U.8.b (purchase of police equipment) was withdrawn from the agenda.

Deputy City Clerk Jasuara Castaneda introduced an emergency item to approve the cancellation of the September 2, 2025, City Council regular meeting and convene the next regular meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

**Motion by** Mayor Martinez

**Seconded by** Councilmember Bana

To add said emergency item to the Consent Calendar.

Ayes (6): Councilmember Bana, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Wilson, Vice Mayor Zepeda, and Mayor Martinez.

Absent: (1): Councilmember Brown

Passed (6 to 1)

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

City Attorney Dave Aleshire reported the following:

Item C.1 (liability claims) Caston, Hurtado, and Winn claims were discussed. Direction was given for settlement negotiations. The Terminal One item was not discussed.

Item C.2 (conference with legal counsel, existing litigation) was discussed. Direction was given for settlement negotiations.

Item C.3 (conference with labor negotiators) was discussed. Direction was given to continue negotiations. No reportable action was taken.

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

City Manager Shasa Curl acknowledged the 20th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, expressing the City of Richmond's heartfelt remembrance and solidarity with those affected by the tragedy.

**T. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

**(public comment on items that remained on the Consent Calendar or items that were not on the agenda – was limited to 2 minutes unless otherwise specified - Back and forth dialogue with the Council was prohibited)**

The following individuals gave comments in person:

Cordell Hindler gave comments in support of Item U.2.b (Women's Equality Day proclamation). Mr. Hindler expressed concerns regarding the city's job vacancies and urged the council to fill more positions in all departments.

Elaine Owang Jaymot, Susan Owang Varelagave, and Lue Chavez-Jordan gave comments opposing the installation of a lithium battery backup cabinet near 3535 Morningside Drive and Cheese Park. The group expressed concerns regarding the lack of public notice, fire escape plan, and toxic exposure.

Anthony Mitchell reported that Eco Green Solutions completed its audits and assessments with city staff as requested. Mr. Mitchell urged staff to complete the application packet needed to get funds from the utility company committed to the city.

Madeehe Khan, Aminah Akbar, Amiya Jackson, Diara Nevez, and Monique Blodgett gave comments in support of Item U.3.b. (Healthy Options at Point of Sale report). The group shared survey data and urged the council to adopt an ordinance for healthier food options at retailers.

Mark Wassberg gave comments regarding Richmond's low homicide rate and demographics.

Soheila Bana acknowledged residents for bringing attention to the proposed lithium battery cabinet installation. Ms. Bana invited the council and community members to a peaceful demonstration on Labor Day, located on San Pablo Dam Road and Appian Way.

The following individuals gave comments via teleconference:

Tim James, on behalf of the California Grocers Association, requested the city to work directly with impacted grocers concerning Item U.3.b.

Melvin Willis expressed his appreciation for being appointed to the Richmond Rent Board. Mr. Willis gave comments in support of Item U.3.b and the youths advocating for healthier food options at retailers.

**U. 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 Wilson

**Seconded by** Vice Mayor Zepeda

To approve all items on the City Council Consent Calendar, excluding Item U.8.b.

Ayes (6): Councilmember Bana, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Wilson, Vice Mayor Zepeda, and Mayor Martinez

Absent (1): Councilmember Brown

Passed (6 to 1)

## **Emergency Item Added to the Consent Calendar**

APPROVE the cancellation of the September 2, 2025, regular meeting; Council will reconvene regular meetings on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 - City Clerk's Office (Pamela Christian 510-620-6513).

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

- U.1.a Approval of Maintenance and Security Agreement at Point Molate between East Bay Regional Park District and the City of Richmond

APPROVE entering into an Agreement for Short Term Maintenance and Security of Property at Point Molate with East Bay Regional Park District and allow for execution by the Mayor with any final technical changes made by the City Attorney - City Attorney's Office (Dave Aleshire 510-620-6509)

### **U.2 City Council**

- U.2.a Proclamation recognizing August 9, 2025, as International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

PROCLAMATION recognizing August 9, 2025, as International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, which celebrates the important contributions of Indigenous Peoples to society and the need to protect their rights and culture - Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda (510-620-6593).

- U.2.b Proclamation recognizing August 26, 2025, as Women's Equality Day

PROCLAMATION recognizing August 26, 2025, as Women's Equality Day, which celebrates the importance of the women's suffrage movement and the work to secure and expand equal rights and underscores the importance of continued advocacy to achieve true gender equality - Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda (510-620-6593).

### **U.3 Economic Development**

- U.3.a Contract Amendment No. 2 with Translogix, LLC, for an Approved Emissions Control Solution

ADOPT a resolution and APPROVE a second amendment to the Marine Terminal Operating Agreement between the Port of Richmond and Translogix LLC, to authorize the deployment and management of a California Air Resource Board-Approved Emission Control System (CAECS) at the Point Potrero Marine Terminal for a three-year initial term commencing upon deployment, including a cost-sharing commitment of \$250,000 by the Port, and AUTHORIZE the city manager or their designee to execute all related documents to effectuate this amendment - Economic Development Department (Charles Gerard 510-829-2253).

#### **Adopted Resolution No. 113-25**

- U.3.b Update Report on Healthy Options at Point of Sale (HOPS) from Youth Advocates.

RECEIVE a written report update from Youth Advocates on Healthy Options at Point-of-Sale - Economic Development Department (Yahna Williamson 510-620-6574/Samantha Carr 510-620-5407/Nannette Beacham 510-620-1306).

- U.3.c Approval for International Travel for Port Director to Québec, Canada for the 114th American Association of Port Authorities Annual Convention

APPROVE the request for international travel for the Richmond Port Director, Charles Gerard, to Québec City, Québec, Canada for the 114th American Association of Port Authorities Annual Convention & Exposition with dates of October 6-8, 2025 – Economic Development Department (Charles Gerard/510-620-6792).

- U.3.d Port Contract with Greentech Industry Inc. for Selective Interior Demolition at the Cafeteria Building at the Point Potrero Marine Terminal

APPROVE a contract with Greentech Industry Inc. in the amount of \$113,000 for selective demolition of interior walls, ceiling tiles, and related items to prepare for an architectural assessment and preserve historic integrity at Point Potrero Marine Terminal Building 23: Cafeteria Building, with a term beginning August 26, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026 – Economic Development Department (Charles Gerard 510-620-6792).

#### **U.4 Fire Department**

- U.4.a Adoption of the 2024 Contra Costa County Hazard Mitigation Plan – City of Richmond Annex

ADOPT a resolution adopting the Contra Costa County 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan - City of Richmond Annex – Fire Department (Richard Diaz 510-307-8161).

##### **Adopted Resolution No. 114-25**

- U.4.b Contract with Definitive Networks, Inc.

APPROVE and RATIFY a sole-source contract with Definitive Networks, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$89,400, for a term effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025 – Fire Department (Chief Aaron Osorio 510-307-8021/Chief Rico Rincon 510-307-8041/Den Mark Marcelo 510-307-8038).

- U.4.c Contract With Medical Priority Consultants, Inc. dba Priority Dispatch for Software Maintenance

APPROVE and RATIFY the service contract by Medical Priority Consultants, Inc. dba Priority Dispatch dated April 1, 2023, for the maintenance of the ProQA and AQUA software used for 911 medical emergency dispatching and quality assurance, for a total amount not to exceed \$27,000, for a three-year term ending March 31, 2026, with a two-year extension option not to exceed an additional \$24,000 for the extended term – Fire Department (Chief Aaron Osorio 510-307-8021/Chief Rico Rincon/Michael Schlemmer 510-307-8046/Den Mark Marcelo 510-307-8038).

- U.4.d Contract Amendment No. 2 with Bay Marine Boatworks dba Svendsen’s Bay Marine for Repair and Maintenance Services

APPROVE the first amendment to the contract with Bay Marine Boatworks dba Svendsen’s Bay Marine to increase the limit by \$300,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$600,000, to continue the repair and maintenance of Richmond Fire Boat “Victory” – Fire Department (Chief Aaron Osorio 510-307-8021/Rico Rincon 510-307-8041/Den Mark Marcelo 510-307-8038).

## **U.5 Human Resources**

### **U.5.a Amend the Salary Schedule**

ADOPT a resolution amending the salary schedule to add the salary range for the Tree Trimmer classification – Human Resources Department (Nickie Mastay/Sharrone Taylor 510-620-6602)

#### **Adopted Resolution No. 115-25**

### **U.5.b Resolution Amending Staffing (Position Control)**

ADOPT a resolution amending staffing (position control) to reallocate existing positions to one (1) Administrative Services Coordinator, two (2) Vocational Construction Building Instructors and amending the title of two (2) placeholder positions to Tree Trimmer – Human Resources Department (Nickie Mastay/Sharrone Taylor 510-620-6602).

#### **Adopted Resolution No. 116-25**

## **U.6 Library and Community Services**

### **U.6.a Accept and Appropriate \$1,223,783 in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Formula Funds for Program Year 2025–2026**

ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE \$1,223,783 in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Formula Funds for Program Year 2025–2026 to support workforce development activities, including job training, career services, youth employment initiatives, and business engagement – Community Services Department (Tamara Walker 510-307-8006/LaShonda White 510-620-6828).

### **U.6.b Rosie the Riveter Trust Contract for Grant-Funded Youth Outdoor Programming**

APPROVE a contract with Rosie the Riveter Trust to provide a consultant to lead youth development leadership programs for the grant-funded Youth Outdoors Richmond Program in a not to exceed amount of \$45,000 for a term beginning August 1, 2025, to August 1, 2027 - Community Services Department (LaShonda White 510-620-6828/Ranjana Maharaj 510-620-6972/Tetteh Kisseh 510-620-6919).

### **U.6.c Contract with Contra Costa College to Provide Electrification Career Training and Support Services**

APPROVE a sole-source contract with Contra Costa Community College to provide high-quality electrification career training and support services for a total not to exceed \$150,000, with a term beginning August 27, 2025, and ending May 31, 2027 – Community Services Department (Tamara Walker 510-307-8006/LaShonda White 510-620-6828).

### **U.6.d Fiscal Year 2025-2026 North Richmond Mitigation Fee Expenditure Plan**

APPROVE the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 North Richmond Waste and Recovery Mitigation Fee Expenditure Plan, identifying the activities authorized to be funded with Mitigation Fee revenue and respective funding allocations for the period of July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, as recommended by the North Richmond Waste and Recovery Mitigation Fee Joint Expenditure Planning Committee – Community Services Department (LaShonda White 510-620-6828).

U.6.e Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Pogo Park

RECEIVE an update on the Harbour 8 Expansion Project, APPROVE a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Richmond and Pogo Park, and AUTHORIZE the City Manager or their designee to make any changes necessary to operationalize the MOU – Community Services/Public Works (LaShonda White 510-620-6828/Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478).

**U.7 Mayor's Office**

U.7.a Authorization for International Travel to Shimada, Japan in October 2025

AUTHORIZE a delegation of Mayor Martinez, Vice-Mayor Zepeda and Councilmember Brown and a City staff member to travel to Shimada, Japan in October 2025 to strengthen the Sister City relationship, explore economic opportunities and participate in a cultural exchange-Mayor Eduardo Martinez (510-620-6503).

U.7.b Proclamation Commemorating Labor Day, September 1, 2025, in the City of Richmond, CA

PROCLAMATION Commemorating Labor Day, September 1, 2025, in the City of Richmond - Mayor Eduardo Martinez (510-620-6503)

U.7.c Appointment of Melvin Willis to the Rent Board

APPOINT Melvin Willis to the Richmond Rent Board with a term that expires on March 21, 2027 – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

U.7.d Appointment of Kavitha Lyengar to the Human Rights and Human Relations Commission

APPOINT Kavitha Lyengar to the Human Rights and Human Relations Commission with a term that expires on March 30, 2028 – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

U.7.e Reappointment of Anita Pereira to the Urban Forest Advisory Committee

REAPPOINT Anita Pereira to the Urban Forest Advisory Committee with a term that expires on November 17, 2028 – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

U.7.f Reappointment of Geovanni Flores to the Workforce Development Board

REAPPOINT Geovanni Flores to the Workforce Development Board with a term that expires on March 1, 2028 – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

U.7.g Reappointment of Valerie Snider to the Richmond Shimada Friendship Commission

REAPPOINT Valerie Snider to the Richmond Shimada Friendship Commission with a term that expires on December 31, 2028 – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

U.7.h Reappointment of Jonathan (Jon) Harrison to the Planning Commission

REAPPOINT Jonathan (Jon) Harrison to the Planning Commission with a term that expires on June 30, 2026 – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

- U.7.i Appointment of Garrett Shishido Strain to the Community Crisis Response Program Advisory Board

APPOINT Garrett Shishido Strain to the Community Crisis Response Program Advisory Board with a term that expires on December 31, 2027 – Mayor’s Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

- U.7.j Reappointment of Joann Pavlinec to the Historic Preservation Commission

REAPPOINT Joann Pavlinec to the Historic Preservation Commission with a term that expires on July 31, 2029 – Mayor’s Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

## **U.8 Police Department**

- U.8.a Approve the Purchase of Additional 40-millimeter Impact Munition Devices from Arms Unlimited

APPROVE the purchase of additional 40-millimeter impact munition devices from Arms Unlimited in an amount not to exceed \$13,818.27, which includes sales tax and a five percent contingency for shipping – Police Department (Chief Bisa French 510-621-1802).

- U.8.b Approve the Purchase of Replacement Upper Receivers for SWAT Rifles from LC Action Policy Supply

APPROVE the purchase of Daniel Defense replacement upper receivers and flash hiders from LC Action Police Supply for existing SWAT rifles in the amount of \$18,010.58 – Police Department (Chief Bisa French 510-621-1802).

**Item U.8.b was withdrawn from the agenda.**

## **U.9 Public Works**

- U.9.a Abatement Report from the Public Works Director

RECEIVE a written abatement report from the Public Works Director - Public Works Department (Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478).

- U.9.b Task Authorization for Construction of Cutting Blvd. and Harbour Way South Wet Weather Improvement Project

ADOPT a resolution authorizing the issuance of a Task Authorization to Veolia Water West Operating Services, Inc. for the Cutting Blvd – Harbour Way South Wet Weather Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project, in an amount not to exceed \$4,715,645, to comply with the City’s obligations under the 2018 Baykeeper Settlement Agreement - Public Works Department (Robert Armijo 510-620-5477/Hillal Hamdan 510-621-1612).

**Adopted Resolution No. 117-25**

- U.9.c Resolution Approving the Operating Agreement with West County Wastewater for Joint Biosolids Treatment and Cost Allocation

ADOPT a resolution approving the Operating Agreement between West County Wastewater (WCW) and the City of Richmond for the treatment of biosolids generated at the Richmond Wastewater Treatment Plant and for the allocation of associated capital, operations, and disposal costs - Public Works Department (Mary Phelps 510-621-1269/Robert Armijo 510-620-5477).

**Adopted Resolution No. 118-25**

U.9.d Accept the Dirt World Bike Park Renovation Project as Complete

ADOPT a resolution to accept the Dirt World Bike Park Renovation Project as complete; AUTHORIZE the city clerk to file a Notice of Completion for the Project with the County Recorder; and ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE grant funds in the amount of \$31,671 to the Boorman Park Revitalization Project – Public Works Department (Wendy Wellbrock 510-307-8108/Robert Armijo 510-620-5477).

**Adopted Resolution No. 119-25**

U.9.e Lease Amendment Hilltop Landscape District Office Trailer and Yard

APPROVE an eighth amendment to the month-to-month lease agreement with North Richmond Properties, Inc., for the rental of two office trailers and storage space for containers and landscaping equipment used by the Parks and Landscaping Maintenance Division, the amendment proposes to increase the monthly rent by \$151.65 from \$2,810.54 to \$2,962.19 starting September 1, 2025 – Public Works Department (Jason Lacey 510-620-6920).

U.9.f Contract with Civica Law Group for Legal Services Supporting Public Works Enforcement and Ordinance Development

ADOPT a resolution authorizing the city manager, or their designee, to execute a three-year on-call legal services agreement with Civica Law Group, APC in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for legal services; The agreement may include two optional one-year extensions, each in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, to be exercised at the discretion of the city manager and subject to future budget approval – Public Works Department (Darcie DeLashmutt 510-672-3944/Robert Armijo 510-620-5477)

**Adopted Resolution No. 120-25**

U.9.g Contract with Freyer & Laureta for the Parchester Village–Giant Highway Infrastructure Master Plan

ADOPT a resolution awarding a contract to Freyer & Laureta, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$399,500 to develop the Parchester Village–Giant Highway Infrastructure Master Plan; and AUTHORIZE the director of public works, or their designee, to approve contract amendments in an amount not to exceed \$100,500, for a total potential contract value of \$500,000 – Public Works Department (Janney Lockman 510-307-8097/Robert Armijo 510-620-5477).

**Adopted Resolution No. 121-75**

U.9.h Adopt a Resolution Approving a Construction Agreement with A. Teichert & Son Inc. for the 2025 Paving Project – Rubberized Cape Seal

ADOPT a resolution approving a construction agreement with A. Teichert & Son Inc. for the 2025 Paving Project – Rubberized Cape Seal in an amount not to exceed \$4,621,791; and AUTHORIZE the director of public works to approve change orders, if necessary, for a contingency amount up to \$462,179.10, for a total construction phase cost not to exceed \$5,083,970.10 – Public Works Department (Dan Santos 510-620-6645 / Robert Armijo 510-620-5477).

**Adopted Resolution No. 122-25**

- U.9.i A resolution to accept and appropriate the Housing Incentive Pool grant for the Bayview to BART and McBryde Avenue Safe Routes to Parks Projects.

ADOPT a resolution to ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE Housing Incentive Pool (HIP) grant funding in the amount of \$450,000 for the Bayview to BART Project and \$922,000 for the McBryde Safe Routes to Parks Project – Public Works Department (Janney Lockman 510-307-8097/Robert Armijo 510-620-5477).

**Adopted Resolution No. 123-25**

- U.9.j Resolution Authorizing Continued Participation in the StreetLight Data Program for Fiscal Year 2025–26

ADOPT a resolution to APPROPRIATE funds in the amount of \$35,472 in the Measure J Fund 2002; and AUTHORIZE the city manager or her designee to execute Amendment No. 5 to Memorandum of Understanding No. 80.09.02 with the Contra Costa Transportation Authority for continued participation in the regional StreetLight Data subscription program for Fiscal Year 2025–26 – Public Works Department (Robert Armijo 510-620-5477/Hillal Hamdan 510-621-1612).

**Adopted Resolution No. 124-25**

- U.9.k Piggyback Contract with Precision Emprise LLC dba Precision Concrete Cutting for On-Call Concrete Repair Services

ADOPT a resolution awarding a three-year contract to Precision Emprise LLC, dba Precision Concrete Cutting, for on-call concrete repair services in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 through August 28, 2028. The city manager may approve up to two optional one-year extensions at a not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000 per year, subject to budget availability - Public Works Department (Robert Armijo 510-620-5477/Dan Santos 510-620-6645).

**Adopted Resolution No. 125-25**

**V. STUDY AND ACTION SESSION**

**V.1 Presentation to Ban Land Grabs in Richmond - Protect Housing, Communities, and the Future**

RECEIVE a presentation to Ban Land Grabs in Richmond: Protect Housing, Communities, and the Future from the Sustainable Economies Law Center - Councilmember Soheila Bana (510-672-5242) and Mayor Eduardo Martinez (510-620-6503).

Councilmember Soheila Bana introduced the matter. Representatives Hope Williams, Mohit Mookim, Hasmik Geghamyan, and Tobias Damm-Luhr of the Sustainable Economies Law Center presented a PowerPoint: [Link to Ban Land Grabs in Richmond Presentation](#). Mohit Mookim gave comments in person on behalf of Martin Johansson of Communities for a Better Environment. Discussion ensued. The council requested a comparison to the national average for the number of single-family residences owned by corporations in Richmond.

**V.2 Establishing a Sister City Program Between Richmond and the City of Sebastia, Palestine**

ADOPT a resolution establishing a Sister City relationship between the City of Richmond, California, and Sebastia, Palestine —Mayor Eduardo Martinez (510-620-6502), Councilmember Claudia Jimenez (510-620-6565), and Councilmember Soheila Bana (510-620-6743).

Mayor Martinez introduced the matter and shared a video showing the history of Sebastia, Palestine. Don Gosney and Mark Wassberg gave comments in person. The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Musa Tariq, Emily Ross, Sara Cantor, Sue Khan, and Tarnel Abbott. Discussion ensued.

**Motion by** Councilmember Jimenez

**Seconded by** Councilmember Bana

To adopt said resolution establishing the sister city relationship.

Ayes (5): Councilmember Bana, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Wilson, and Mayor Martinez

Noes (1): Vice Mayor Zepeda

Absent (1): Councilmember Brown

Passed (5 to 2)

**Adopted Resolution No. 126-25**

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

Vice Mayor Zepeda announced that a survey would be available in the coming days for community members to vote on Richmond’s official native tree.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m. in memory of five journalists, Mariam Abu Daqqa, Hussam al-Masri, Mohammed Salama, Moaz Abu Taha, and Ahmed Abu Aziz, to meet again on September 16, 2025, at 5:00 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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Dear council members,

Thank you so much for your consideration and appointment to the ROCK community advisory board! I believe in the program deeply and I look forward to working together to support its development!

With gratitude,  
Sonia

Sonia Decker  
510-697-1268  
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**From:** [Ahmad](#)  
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**Subject:** Statement in Support of the Vice Mayor's Policy Proposal: P.3 Presentation from the Contra Costa County Building Trades Council to expand opportunities in Richmond  
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City of Richmond Mayor, City Council and Staff

I want to strongly express my support for the Vice Mayor's proposal to expand opportunities in Richmond through the collaboration with the Contra Costa County Building Trades Council. This is not just a policy proposal—it's a vision for a stronger, more inclusive Richmond that prioritizes working families, community stability, and economic justice.

**First and foremost,** I want to highlight the critical importance of a strong Public Lands Policy. Richmond's public land is one of our most valuable shared resources, and how we choose to develop it should reflect our values. That means maximizing labor standards to ensure that jobs created are good, union jobs with living wages, career pathways, and strong worker protections. Public land should work for the public.

**Second,** we must ensure there is *real* oversight, especially when it comes to affordability. We cannot allow "affordable housing" to be a short-term checkbox. This proposal rightly emphasizes mechanisms to make permanent affordability enforceable—so that working families can stay in Richmond for generations, not just for a few years.

**Third,** transparency and community input are not optional—they are essential. Richmond residents deserve to have a seat at the table and a voice in shaping developments in their neighborhoods. We support a process that is open, inclusive, and responsive to community concerns.

**Lastly, and critically,** we must emphasize that **ALL** unions—across all trades—must be treated equitably throughout this process. Every worker and every union deserves fair consideration and respect. Equity in labor representation ensures that no group is left behind and that our labor policies truly reflect the diversity and strength of our city.

This proposal is an opportunity to uplift labor, protect public assets, and build a more just and inclusive future for our city of Richmond. I stand firmly behind it.

Regards,  
Ahmad Anderson  
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