

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, November 4, 2025

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

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Soheila Bana, Jamelia Brown, Claudia Jimenez, Doria Robinson, Sue Wilson, Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez. **Absent:** None.

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, and 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 LIABILITY CLAIMS (Government Code Section 54956.9)

- Claimant: Terminal One Development, LLC Agency Against: City of Richmond

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

- Property: 1414 Harbour Way South
Agency Negotiator: Dave Aleshire, City Attorney and Emily Combs, Finance Director
Negotiating Parties: Orton Entertainment, LLC
Under Negotiation: Price, Terms of Payment

SURPLUS PROPERTY AUTHORITY

C.5 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

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

Cordell Hindler and Sheila Williams gave comments in person.

E. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 3:35 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

F. REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Eduardo Martinez.

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Eduardo 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.

Councilmember Doria Robinson announced that she would be leaving the meeting early.

I. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councilmember Doria Robinson reported a conflict of interest with Item N.2.a (*Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Intra-City License Agreement*).

Councilmember Robinson announced that she would recuse herself from any vote and/or discussion on the item.

J. AGENDA REVIEW

The following items were pulled from the consent calendar for discussion:

Item N.1.a (*Growth Management Program Compliance Checklist for Calendar Year 2022-2023*)

Item N.3.a (*Annual Cost of Living Increase for Recipients of the General Pension Fund in 2026*)

Item N.3.b (*Investment and Cash Balance Report, Monthly Overtime Reports, Documentary Transfer Tax Report, and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) and Pension Report for the Month of September 2025*)

Item N.5.a (*Contract Amendments with TempPositions and AppleOne for Temporary Employment Staffing Agencies Services*)

Item N.6.b (*Purchase Order for Encrypted Radios from Motorola Solutions*)

Item N.6.f (*Service Agreement Amendment with Contra Costa County Animal Services Department*)

Item N.7.a (*Accept Subregional Transportation Mitigation Program Funds for Downtown Point Richmond Bicycle & Pedestrian Connectivity Project*)

Item N.7.b (*Contract with W.R. Forde Construction, Inc. and the Richmond Parkway Guardrail Replacement Project Completion*)

The following item was continued to the November 18, 2025, City Council meeting:

Item N.6.a (*Update on Officer-Involved Shooting Policies, Body-Worn Camera Standards, and Richmond Mental Health Services Assessment*)

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

Chief Assistant City Attorney Shannon Moore reported the following:

Item C.1 (city council conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation) was not discussed.

Item C.2 (conference with labor negotiators) was discussed. No reportable action was taken.

Item C.3 (liability claims) was not discussed.

Item C.4 (conference with real property negotiator) was discussed. No reportable action was taken.

Item C.5 (surplus property authority conference with legal counsel, existing litigation) was discussed. No reportable action was taken.

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

City Manager Shasa Curl provided a report, which also included an oral update from Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia regarding CalFresh. Link to view report: **[City Manager's Report](#)**

L.1 NEW EMPLOYEE REPORT - 1st Tuesday

Director of Human Resources Sharrone Taylor presented a PowerPoint. Link to view report: [New Employee Report](#)

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 Riggers Loft and suggested that Salesian College Preparatory receive an acknowledgement for its service day. Mr. Hindler also gave comments regarding the City staff vacancy rate.

Rafael Cartagena thanked the Police department for its parking enforcement efforts. Mr. Cartagena expressed appreciation for the positive changes in the City over the last few years.

Claudia Citroen gave comments regarding the City's prioritization of public safety enforcement and the availability of resources to the City's first responders. Ms. Citroen also gave comments regarding a local food bank where she volunteers.

Don Gosney gave comments regarding the types of agenda items placed on the Consent Calendar. Mr. Gosney also gave comments regarding the time allotted towards proclamations during Council meetings.

Deborah Garcia, Orlando Mendoza, and Ana Mendoza gave comments regarding safety and hazard issues related to an unhoused encampment behind their home.

Courtney Cummings announced that the 15th Annual Richmond Powwow would be held on November 8, 2025, at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mark Wassberg gave comments regarding the City budget and how funds are allocated.

Councilmember Soheila Bana announced that Contra Costa College has a closet for students and urged the public to bring donations to the student administration building on Mondays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The following individuals gave comments via teleconference:

Arto Rinteela invited members of the public to the Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council meeting on November 17, 2025.

Kathleen Tarr gave comments regarding biases in the Contra Costa County Superior Court system and urged the Council to add an item on the topic to a City Council agenda.

Benjamin Therriault gave comments regarding economic development in the City. Mr. Therriault expressed concern regarding low staffing levels in the Police department and other City departments.

Sara Cantor thanked Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia and the County for their efforts to help residents with food during the federal government shutdown. Ms. Cantor gave comments regarding the procedures to remove agenda items from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

Kevin Tisdell suggested that vacancies also be included in the monthly New Employee Report. Mr. Tisdell thanked the Council for the work it does for the City of Richmond.

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 Councilmember Soheila Bana

Seconded by Councilmember Jamelia Brown

To approve all items on the consent calendar excluding **Item N.1.a** (*Growth Management Program Compliance Checklist for Calendar Year 2022-2023*), **Item N.3.a** (*Annual Cost of Living Increase for Recipients of the General Pension Fund in 2026*), **Item N.3.b** (*Investment and Cash Balance Report, Monthly Overtime Reports, Documentary Transfer Tax Report, and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) and Pension Report for the Month of September 2025*), **Item N.5.a** (*Contract Amendments with TempPositions and AppleOne for Temporary Employment Staffing Agencies Services*), **Item N.6.a** (*Update on Officer-Involved Shooting Policies, Body-Worn Camera Standards, and Richmond Mental Health Services Assessment*), **Item N.6.b** (*Purchase Order for Encrypted Radios from Motorola Solutions*), **Item N.6.f** (*Service Agreement Amendment with Contra Costa County Animal Services Department*), **Item N.7.a** (*Accept Subregional Transportation Mitigation Program Funds for Downtown Point Richmond Bicycle & Pedestrian*

Connectivity Project), and **Item N.7.b** (*Contract with W.R. Forde Construction, Inc. and the Richmond Parkway Guardrail Replacement Project Completion*).

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

Passed

Councilmember Robinson recused herself from the vote on Item N.2.a (Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Intra-City License Agreement).

N.1 Community Development

N.1.a Growth Management Program Compliance Checklist for Calendar Year 2022-2023

ADOPT a resolution authorizing submittal of the City of Richmond’s Measure J Growth Management Program (GMP) Compliance Checklist for Calendar Years 2022 and 2023 to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority – Community Development Department (Lina Velasco 510-620-6841).

The item was read into the record. There were no public speakers.

Motion by Councilmember Sue Wilson
Seconded by Councilmember Soheila Bana

To approve the item.

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

Absent (1): Councilmember Doria Robinson

Passed

Adopted Resolution No. 152-25

N.2 Economic Development

N.2.a Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Intra-City License Agreement

APPROVE an Intra-City License Agreement between the City of Richmond’s Economic Development and Community Development Departments to allow lease of 720 square feet of office space at 1600 Nevin Plaza at a rate of \$1,390 per month, \$16,680 per year, to serve as the Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) office, paid using TCC grant funds – Economic Development Department (Nannette J. Beacham 510-621-1306/Craig Murray 510-307-8188).

Councilmember Robinson recused herself from the vote on this item due to conflict of interest.

N.3 Finance Department

N.3.a Annual Cost of Living Increase for Recipients of the General Pension Fund in 2026

ADOPT a resolution approving a three percent (3%) annual cost-of-living increase, in addition to the two percent (2%) minimum cost-of-living increase, for the recipients of the General Pension Fund, for a total annual

cost of living increase of five percent (5%) for these recipients – Finance Department (Emily Combs 510-620-6740).

The item was read into the record. There were no public speakers.

Motion by Councilmember Sue Wilson

Seconded by Councilmember Soheila Bana

To approve the item.

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

Absent (1): Councilmember Doria Robinson

Passed

Adopted Resolution No. 153-25

- N.3.b Investment and Cash Balance Report, Monthly Overtime Reports, Documentary Transfer Tax Report, and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) and Pension Report for the Month of September 2025

RECEIVE the City’s Investment and Cash Balance Report, Monthly Overtime Reports, Documentary Transfer Tax Report, and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) and Pension Report for the month of September 2025 – Finance Department (Emily Combs 510-620-6740).

The item was read into the record. There were no public speakers.

Motion by Councilmember Sue Wilson

Seconded by Councilmember Jamelia Brown

To approve the item.

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

Absent (1): Councilmember Doria Robinson

Passed

N.4 Fire Department

- N.4.a Interagency Agreement with Contra Costa County Health Services for Emergency Medical Services Program

ADOPT a resolution to: (1) ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE funds in an amount not to exceed \$229,462 in Measure H funding from the Contra Costa County Health Services, and (2) APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the city manager, or their designee to execute an interagency agreement for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026 – Fire Department (Chief Aaron Osorio 510-307-8021/Deputy Chief Rico Rincon 510-307-8041/Battalion Chief Victor Bontempo 510-620-6893).

Adopted Resolution No. 154-25

N.4.b Standing Purchase Orders with LN Curtis & Sons for Personal Protective Equipment and Firefighting Equipment

APPROVE the first amendment to the standing purchase order (Contract # 6948) with LN Curtis to increase the limit by \$250,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, under the Master Price Agreement publicly solicited by National Purchasing Partners, Government Division, to continue purchasing firefighting tools and equipment, personal protective equipment, and safety supplies; and APPROVE two (2) standing purchase orders with LN Curtis & Sons using: (a) Solicitation # 010424/Contract # 010424-LNC (Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment/PPE), and (b) Solicitation # 020124/Contract # 020124-LNC (Firefighting Equipment), both under the Master Price Agreements publicly solicited by Sourcewell, State of Minnesota Local Government Unit, for the purchase of firefighting personal protective equipment (PPE) and firefighting equipment, in an amount not to exceed \$900,000 per purchase order for a term ending March 15, 2028, with the possibility of two one-year extensions not to exceed \$600,000 per purchase order – Fire Department (Chief Aaron Osorio 510-307-8021/Deputy Chief Rico Rincon 510-307-8041/Den Mark Marcelo 510-307-8038).

N.4.c Contract with The Gumshoe Group for Pre-Employment Background Investigations

APPROVE a contract with The Gumshoe Group to provide pre-employment background investigations in an amount not to exceed \$120,000, for a three-year term effective November 1, 2025, through October 31, 2028, with two one-year extension options not to exceed an additional \$40,000 per year for the extended term – Fire Department (Chief Aaron Osorio 510-307-8021/Sharrone Taylor 510-620-6803).

N.4.d Contract with UKG Kronos Solutions, LLC, for Telestaff Personnel Management Software

ADOPT a resolution and APPROVE purchasing agreements with UKG Kronos Solutions, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000, for a three-year term effective November 5, 2025, through November 4, 2028, with a two one-year extension option not to exceed an additional \$40,000 for Telestaff personnel management system software license – Fire Department (Chief Aaron Osorio 510-307-8021/Chief Rico Rincon 510-307-8041/Den Mark Marcelo 510-307-8038).

Adopted Resolution No. 155-25

N.4.e Memorandum of Agreement with Oakland Fire Department for National Urban Search and Rescue Sponsorship

ADOPT a resolution authorizing the City of Richmond to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with The Oakland Fire Department, Sponsoring Agency of California Task Force 4, and join as a Participating Agency, and AUTHORIZE the city manager or their designee to execute all necessary documents – Fire Department (Chief Aaron Osorio 510-307-8021).

Adopted Resolution No. 156-25

N.5 Human Resources

N.5.a Contract Amendments with TempPositions and AppleOne for Temporary Employment Staffing Agencies Services

APPROVE amendments to contracts with temporary employment staffing agencies, TempPositions and AppleOne Employment Services, to increase the payment limit by \$150,000 each, for a total amount not to exceed \$350,000, for each contract and extending the terms of both agreements to June 30, 2027 – Human Resources Department (Nickie Mastay/Sharrone Taylor - 510-620-6602).

Cordell Hindler gave comments in person. Kevin Tisdell gave comments via teleconference. Director of Human Resources Sharrone Taylor gave background information on the item. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Jamelia Brown

Seconded by Councilmember Soheila Bana

To approve the item.

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

Absent (1): Councilmember Doria Robinson

Passed

N.6 Police Department

N.6.a Update on Officer-Involved Shooting Policies, Body-Worn Camera Standards, and Richmond Mental Health Services Assessment

ADOPT revisions to Richmond Police Department Policy 306 to: (1) establish required timelines and content for officer-involved shooting public communications, and (2) confirm that body-worn camera (BWC) release standards are aligned with state law, including California Government Code §7923.625 and AB 748, and RECEIVE an update on the plan to conduct an assessment of mental health services in Richmond – City Manager’s Office/Richmond Police Department/Community Services Department (Shasa Curl 510-620-6512/Tim Simmons 510-620-1802/LaShonda White 510-620-6828).

The item was continued to the November 18, 2025, City Council meeting.

N.6.b Purchase Order for Encrypted Radios from Motorola Solutions

APPROVE the purchase of 35 mobile police radios and 10 mobile police radios for motorcycles from Motorola Solutions for an amount not to exceed \$350,000, which includes a 7.5 per contingency – Police Department (Chief Bisa French 510-621-1802).

Jamin Pursell and Ben Therriault gave comments in person. Oscar Garcia, Philip Rosenthal, Sara Cantor, and Claudia Citroen gave comments via teleconference. Assistant Chief Timothy Simmons gave background information on the item. Discussion ensued.

The item was continued to the November 18, 2025, City Council meeting.

N.6.c Contract with STAND! For Families Free of Violence.

APPROVE a three-year sole source contract with STAND! For Families Free of Violence to provide counseling, support and advocacy services for a total contract amount not to exceed \$250,268, for a term of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028, with a mutually agreed upon two-year extension option for an additional funding amount of \$135,134 – Police Department (Chief Bisa French, 510-621-1802).

N.6.d Contract with Donnoe & Associates, Inc. for Promotional Testing for Police Officers

APPROVE a contract with Donnoe & Associates, Inc. for Police staff promotional exam creation, administration, and ranking for a total amount not to exceed \$40,000 for the period October 29, 2025, through October 28, 2026 – Police Department/Human Resources Department (Chief Bisa French 510-621-1802/Sharrone Taylor 510-620-6602).

N.6.e Purchase from Pacific Fitness Products LLC for Gym and Fitness Equipment

APPROVE the purchase of gym equipment from Pacific Fitness Products LLC for a total amount not to exceed \$55,000, which includes a 2.2 percent contingency to cover unexpected costs – Police Department (Chief Bisa French 510-621-1802).

N.6.f Service Agreement Amendment with Contra Costa County Animal Services Department

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE a contract payment amount of \$1,403,221 for the continuation of funding for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Contra Costa County Animal Services Agreement extending the service agreement by one year, for the term of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2026 – Police Department (Chief Bisa French 510-621-1802).

City Manager Shasa Curl introduced the item. Councilmember Soheila Bana explained why she pulled the item. Discussion ensued.

Veronica Ramos and Jamin Pursell gave comments in person. Lynette Fox gave comments via teleconference.

Motion by Councilmember Claudia Jimenez
Seconded by Councilmember Jamelia Brown

To approve the item.

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

Abstentions (1): Councilmember Soheila Bana

Passed

N.7 Public Works

N.7.a Accept Subregional Transportation Mitigation Program Funds for Downtown Point Richmond Bicycle & Pedestrian Connectivity Project

ADOPT a resolution to ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE the Subregional Transportation Mitigation Program funds in the amount of \$241,000 to the City of Richmond, and AUTHORIZE the City Manager to sign the cooperative agreement with West Contra Costa Transportation Commission – Public Works Department (Hillal Hamdan 621-1612/Robert Armijo 620-5477).

The item was read into the record. There were no public speakers.

Motion by Councilmember Sue Wilson
Seconded by Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda

To approve the item.

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

Absent (1): Councilmember Doria Robinson

Passed

Adopted Resolution No. 157-25

N.7.b Contract with W.R. Forde Construction, Inc. and the Richmond Parkway Guardrail Replacement Project Completion

ADOPT a resolution to APPROVE award of emergency contract and final payment to W.R. Forde Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$42,740, and ACCEPT the Richmond Parkway Guardrail Replacement Project as complete - Public Works Department (Hillal Hamdan 510-621-1612/ Robert Armijo 510-620-5477).

The item was read into the record. There were no public speakers.

Motion by Councilmember Soheila Bana
Seconded by Councilmember Claudia Jimenez

To approve the item.

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

Absent (1): Councilmember Doria Robinson

Passed

Adopted Resolution No. 158-25

O. NEW BUSINESS

O.1 Recommendation to Establish Tenant Buyout Agreement Regulations

RECEIVE a presentation of the various oversight options for a Tenant Buyout Agreement Regulations, including the Rent Board’s recommended “Option 3: High Level of Oversight” and DIRECT the City Attorney’s Office to work with the Rent Program to draft a Tenant Buyout Agreement Ordinance incorporating the High-Level Oversight features contained in policy Option 3 – Richmond Rent Program (Nicholas Traylor/Lina Velasco 510-234-7368).

Rent Program Executive Director Nicholas Traylor Introduced the item. Mr. Traylor presented a PowerPoint. Link to view presentation: [Tenant Buyout Agreement Regulations](#).

Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Claudia Jimenez

Seconded by Councilmember Soheila Bana

To approve the item.

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

Passed

(Councilmember Robinson left the meeting after the vote at 7:42 p.m.)

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

Councilmember Bana reported on election results in New York and Zone Zero regulation testing on plants.

Councilmember Jimenez thanked City staff that helped organize the McBryde Avenue Community Open House to be held on November 8, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Cafe McBryde located at 4921 McBryde Avenue.

Vice Mayor Zepeda reported attendance to the following: Hilltop Community Church Trunk or Treat, Point Richmond Neighborhood Trick or Treating, Santa Fe Neighborhood Council Halloween event at The Backyard, 23rd Street Halloween event, and Parchester Village Halloween event.

Councilmember Brown reported attendance to the following: Hilltop Community Church Trunk or Treat, Community Halloween event, and Futuro Health Mixer event held in the City Council Chambers on October 29, 2025. Councilmember Brown thanked Councilmember Wilson, Councilmember Jimenez, and those who were able to attend the Futuro Health Mixer.

Mayor Martinez reported attendance to the Seventh China Sister City Conference. Mayor Martinez reported on Sister City Student Exchange Agreements made during the conference.

Q. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m., to meet again on November 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

Mayor



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Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Name	Email	Comment	Position	Status
<input type="checkbox"/> City Council						
11/4/2025 3:30 PM	Purchase Order for Encrypted Radios from Motorola Solutions	Isabel Hernández	isabelmhernandez.60@gmail.com	Good afternoon Mayor and City Councilmembers, I want to express my strong support for keeping Richmond Police Department radio communications encrypted. I speak as someone who understands what it means to live with fear, and how essential privacy and trust are when you need help. My sister and her daughter are both survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. I know how terrifying it is for them to think that their name, address, and other personal details could be broadcast over a public police scanner for anyone to hear, including their abuser. Encryption	For	Appro

prevents that and protects survivors, exactly as state law intended. I am also an immigrant, my family having fled Castro and his regime when I was very little. For undocumented residents and those from mixed-status families, encryption also provides critical protection. Open scanner traffic can be monitored by outside agencies, including ICE and other federal immigration authorities. No one should have to risk being deported and separated from their family simply for calling the police for help. Encryption helps ensure that everyone in Richmond — regardless of status — feels safe seeking help and builds trust between the community and RPD. Encryption also protects our

officers as criminals have used scanner apps to track police movements, facilitate ambush incidents, and evade arrest in Richmond and other Bay Area cities. In 2024 alone, the Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services reported there were: 62 total ambush incidents 80 total officers shot in ambushes 12 total officers killed in ambushes. The annual number of ambushes fluctuates, with the highest number in the past 5 years being 115 ambushes in 2023. Keeping communications encrypted helps prevent tracking police movements, ambushes and evading arrest, thereby keeping both the public and law

enforcement safer. If Richmond were to be the only city in Contra Costa and Alameda counties without encrypted scanners, it would make us a target, effectively inviting more crime here. RPD has also shown a strong commitment to balancing public access, accountability, and safety by publishing daily incident and call logs online, issuing press releases on major events, and sharing timely safety updates through social media. Please support the state's, county's and RPD's efforts to encrypt radio communications as it truly is about protecting survivors of violent acts, our undocumented immigrants, our officers, and our community as a whole. Thank you

for your service
and hearing my
concerns.
Sincerely, Isabel
Hernández

From: [TRAC](#)
To: [Soheila Bana](#); [Jamelia Brown](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#); [Doria Robinson](#); [Sue Wilson](#); [Cesar Zepeda](#)
Cc: [Daniel Chavarria](#); [Robert Armijo](#); [Hillal Hamdan](#); [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: Public Comment: October 4 Agenda item N.7.a - Accept & Appropriate STMP Funding
Date: Saturday, November 1, 2025 7:57:17 AM
Attachments: [20250417165547581 Exhibit 1.2 Project Map - Downtown Point Richmond Bicycle Connectivity.pdf](#)

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Mayor Martinez and City Councillors,

TRAC, the Trails for Richmond Action Committee, supports adoption of the resolution accepting and appropriating a \$241,000 STMP grant for Richmond Ferry to Bridge Bicycle Network Improvements: Pt. Richmond at Tewksbury and Castro Streets to SF Bay Trail, AKA Downtown Point Richmond Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Project, and authorizing the City Manager to execute a cooperative funding agreement with WCCTC. This is the final Priority Project designated in the [Ferry to Bridge to Freeway Complete Streets Plan](#) adopted by the Richmond Council in February 2021.

Referring to the attached map, other Priority Projects completed include:

1. A protected bikeway along Ohio Avenue connecting the end of the Richmond Greenway at 2nd Street with the Bay Trail on Garrard Blvd.;
2. A protected bikeway along Garrard Blvd. between Ohio Avenue and Cutting Blvd. and
3. 2-1/4 miles of protected bikeway along Harbour Way South, Hoffman Blvd. & Cutting Blvd. between the Ferry Terminal and Garrard Blvd.

These bikeways receive very high use and make cycling much more attractive and safer for residents of Richmond and the rest of the East Bay riding the Bay Trail from El Cerrito, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville & Oakland, and those arriving by BART from elsewhere to reach the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Trail, Point Molate and the [Ferry Point Loop](#) of the Bay Trail.

The Downtown Point Richmond Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Project will make it safer for both cyclists and pedestrians in the Point Richmond Historic District. The project also includes major improvements to sub-standard AC Transit bus stops.

Please approve this STMP funding resolution on Consent as recommended by Staff.

Bruce

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