

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, May 27, 2008

The Special Meeting of the City Council was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Gayle McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers, Bates, Rogers, Sandhu, Viramontes, Vice Mayor Marquez, and Mayor McLaughlin.
Absent: Councilmembers Butt, Lopez, and Thurmond.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

Mayor McLaughlin announced that there would be an additional proclamation honoring Ms. Aller Hunter's 106th birthday.

Mayor McLaughlin read a proclamation recognizing Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Councilmember Sandhu gave comments and presented certificates to the following recipients: Kevin Yee, Torm Nourprasevrt, Terry Kwong, Karen Leong Fenton, Dan Lau, Ronni Itagaki, Micky & Maria Iswaranata, Chavsavn Chao, Harbhajan Singh Phul, and the family of the late David Ninomiya's accepted a certificate in his memory to honor the many years of his life he devoted to community service, serving as president for both the Golden Gate Optimist Club and the Richmond Rotary Club. Councilmember Viramontes gave comments.

Mayor McLaughlin gave an overview of the item and read a proclamation proclaiming June 18, 2008, as "Silence The Violence Day" in Richmond. Corky Booze spoke on this item.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Corky Booze requested that Cutting Boulevard be scheduled for paving.

Gerald Hatchett thanked the City Council for their support and invited everyone to the Juneteenth Parade and Festival on June 21, 2008.

Naomi Williams stated the Juneteenth Parade will start at 10:30 a.m.

George Brown invited everyone to the Juneteenth Parade and Festival on June 21, 2008. He invited everyone to attend the Stop the Violence Picnic and Caravan sponsored by Totally Led Ministries on Saturday, May 31, 2008, at Marina Way and Macdonald Avenue. He thanked the City manager's office for their support.

The City Council meeting was recessed at 7:31 p.m. to resume the Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Department Budgets and reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor McLaughlin invited members of the Commission on Aging to the podium to accept the proclamation honoring Ms. Aller Hunter's 106th birthday. Councilmember Bates gave comments regarding Ms. Hunter's life in Richmond and Mayor McLaughlin read the proclamation and presented it to Eli Williams, Chair of the Commission on Aging. Mr. Williams accepted the proclamation and thanked the City Council on behalf of Ms. Hunter.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m., to meet again on Tuesday, June 3, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

City Clerk

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Approved:

Mayor

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