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**- REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL**

Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

Community Services Building

440 Civic Center Plaza

Richmond, CA 94804

**Members:**

**Eduardo Martinez, Mayor at Large**

**Jamelia Brown, Councilmember District 1**

**Cesar Zepeda, Vice Mayor, District 2**

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**A. OPEN SESSION TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION**

5:00 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**C. CLOSED SESSION**

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

- Mendoza v. City of Richmond

**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

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

**E. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

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

6:00 p.m.

**G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**H. ROLL CALL**

**I. ELECTION OF THE VICE MAYOR FOR 2026**

**I.1 Election of the New Vice Mayor**

The Richmond City Council shall elect from among its members a vice mayor to serve for 2026. In the absence or disability of the mayor, the vice mayor shall serve as the mayor. The vice mayor shall also represent the mayor upon the mayor's request. The vice mayor shall serve for a term of one year - Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503). **PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM MAY BE ALLOWED UNDER OPEN FORUM**

**J. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**K. AGENDA REVIEW**

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

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

**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 Legal Services Agreement Amendment No. 1 with DCI Group**

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APPROVE a legal services agreement first amendment with DCI Group to increase the payment limit by \$30,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$40,000, with a term ending June 30, 2026, for confidential personnel investigative services – City Attorney's Office/Human Resources Department (Shannon Moore/Nickie Mastay/Sharrone Taylor 510-620-6600).

- O.2 City Clerk's Office**
- O.2.a Meeting Minutes** 36
- APPROVE the minutes of the December 2, 2025, and January 6, 2026, regular City Council meetings - City Clerk's Office (Pamela Christian 510-620-6513).
- O.3 City Council**
- O.3.a Request for Proposals for the City Attorney Recruitment** 54
- APPROVE the proposed Request for Proposals, for a new city attorney, and its publication – Mayor Eduardo Martinez (510-620-6503), Councilmember Doria Robinson (510-620-6568), and Councilmember Sue Wilson (510-609-211).
- O.3.b Letter of Support for Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment Clean Energy and Healthy Homes Project** 69
- REQUEST the city manager provide a letter of support for the Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE) work with the Building Decarbonization Coalition (BDC) and Association for Energy Affordability (AEA) to build support for neighborhood-scale decarbonization - Councilmember Doria Robinson (510-620-6568).
- O.4 City Manager's Office**
- O.4.a Celebration of Life Event for Betty Reid Soskin in Conjunction with Black History Month** 77
- APPROVE the waiver of fees associated with the use of the Richmond Auditorium in the month of February 2025 to host a celebration honoring the life of Betty Reid Soskin; AUTHORIZE City staff to support the planning and hosting of the historical acknowledgement; APPROVE the use of City funds to support the public event during Black History Month; and APPROPRIATE an amount not to exceed \$12,000 – City Manager's Office (Shasa Curl 510-620-6512).
- O.4.b Release the Fiscal 2026-27 Environmental Community and Investment Agreement (ECIA) Competitive Grant** 80
- ACKNOWLEDGE the release of the Request for Application and Guidelines for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Environmental and Community Investment Agreement (ECIA) Competitive Grant Program for Categories 1-4, with an annual allocation of \$715,000 – City Manager's Office (Jora Atienza Washington/Nicholas Delgado/Guadalupe Morales/Kaitlen Burnom/ Patrick Seals 510-620-6512).

- O.5 Finance Department**
- O.5.a 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 November 2025** 111
- 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 November 2025 – Finance Department (Emily Combs 510-620-6740).
- O.5.b Contract Amendment No. 3 with DebtBook Management Software for Debt, Lease, and Subscription Accounting** 142
- APPROVE a third contract amendment with DebtBook for software using the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) contract, to aid the City in meeting Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) 87 Accounting for Leases and GASB 96 Subscription-based Information Technology Arrangements for a term of one year beginning March 16, 2026, through March 15, 2027, and increasing the payment limit by \$15,748, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$70,829 – Finance Department (Emily Combs 510-620-6740).
- O.6 Fire Department**
- O.6.a Contract with On Duty Health, PC to Perform Annual Physicals and Wellness Exams** 248
- APPROVE the contract with On Duty Health, PC to perform annual physical examinations and medical screenings in an amount not to exceed \$270,000, for a three-year contract term effective January 21, 2026, through January 21, 2029, with two one-year extension options not to exceed an additional \$100,000 per year for the extended term – Fire Department (Chief Aaron Osorio 510-307-8021/Deputy Fire Chief Rico Rincon 510-307-8041/Battalion Chief Anthony Woodards 510-620-6989).
- O.7 Mayor's Office**
- O.7.a Proclamation recognizing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** 321
- PROCLAMATION recognizing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and his contributions to the civil rights movement – Mayor Eduardo Martinez (510-620-6503) and Councilmember Doria Robinson (510-620-6568).

- O.7.b Modification of City Council Liaison Appointment Cycle for Boards and Commissions** 324
- DIRECT city clerk to work with the Mayor's Office to implement a two-year council liaison appointment cycle for boards and commissions, aligned with the council election cycle, while maintaining the Mayor's authority to appoint or remove liaisons at their discretion, and DIRECT that current liaisons remain in effect through December 31, 2026, with new appointments to be made in the first quarter of 2027 following installation of new City Council – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).
- O.7.c Appointment of Ana Tellez Witrago to the Community Police Review Commission** 328
- APPOINT Ana Tellez Witrago to the Community Police Review Commission to fill the seat currently held by Commissioner Carol Hegstrom, whose term has expired, with a new term ending November 1, 2028 – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).
- O.7.d Appointment of Charlene Engle to the Community Police Review Commission** 331
- APPOINT Charlene Engle to the Community Police Review Commission to fill the seat currently held by Commissioner Oscar Garcia, whose term has expired, with a new term ending November 1, 2028 – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).
- O.7.e Reappointment of Ellen Seskin to the Human Rights and Human Relations Commission** 333
- APPOINT Ellen Seskin 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).
- O.7.f Appointment of Alexander Rony to the Recreations and Parks Commission** 336
- APPOINT Alexander Rony to fill a vacant seat on the Richmond Recreation and Parks Commission, with the term ending on October 26, 2028 - Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

**O.8 Public Works**

- O.8.a Agreement with Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District for the Wildcat Creek Fish Passage Project** 339

ADOPT a resolution to APPROVE an agreement with the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District to remit \$780,000 to satisfy the City's permit obligations associated with the Via Verdi Project and AUTHORIZE the city manager or their designee to execute necessary documents - Public Works Department (Hillal Hamdan 510-621-1612/Tawfic Halaby 510-620-5478/Robert Armijo 510-620-5477).

- O.8.b Contract Amendment for the Fiscal Year 2024–25 Grade 5 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project** 380

ADOPT a resolution and APPROVE the issuance of Task Authorizations to Veolia Water, on behalf of the City, to manage subcontracts with APB General Engineering, VW Housen, and Questa Engineers for additional sanitary sewer line replacement and rehabilitation work, with a contract amendment amount of \$4,030,385, thereby increasing the total payment limit to \$6,554,348, including applicable markups – Public Works Department (Bradley Harms 307-8094/Robert Armijo 620-5477).

- O.8.c Contract with J. Majors & Associates for Public Outreach Services for Capital Improvement Projects** 649

ADOPT a resolution to APPROVE an After-the-Fact (ATF) contract with J. Majors & Associates to allow payment of outstanding invoices for public outreach and public information officer services in an amount not to exceed \$108,160 – Public Works Department (Daniel Chavarria 620-5478/Ana Crespin 307-8095).

**P. STATE OF THE CITY**

- P.1 Update to the State of the City Report by Mayor Eduardo Martinez** 709

RECEIVE a presentation of the Annual State of the City Report from Mayor Eduardo Martinez – Mayor Eduardo Martinez (510-620-6503).

**Q. NEW BUSINESS**

- Q.1 Port of Richmond Enterprise Fund Financial Overview Report** 711

RECEIVE the Port of Richmond Financial Report and presentation, which provides an overview of Port revenue sources, tariff structures, and funding mechanisms for larger infrastructure projects – Economic Development Department/Port (Charles Gerard 510-620-6792/Rita Martinez 510-621-1546). **This item was continued from the December 16, 2025, and January 6, 2026, meetings.**

- Q.2 Evaluation Report by WestEd on the Richmond Fund for Children & Youth** 732
- RECEIVE the WestEd evaluation report, a third-party external evaluator, assessing the impact of the Richmond Fund for Children & Youth grant programs from Fiscal Years 2021–2024 – Richmond Department of Children & Youth (Patrick Seals/LaShonda White 510-307-8016). **This item was continued from the December 16, 2025, and January 6, 2026, meetings.**
- Q.3 Restorative Process with the Mayor and the Richmond Jewish Community** 845
- ACKNOWLEDGE the Mayor’s participation in an antisemitism training led by trainers recommended by Temple Beth Hillel leadership, offer City Council members the option to attend voluntarily, DIRECT the Mayor to meet with Rabbi Saxe-Taller at least two additional times in the first quarter of the year, and DIRECT the Mayor to issue a public apology at a City Council meeting and in a local newspaper - Mayor’s Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).
- Q.4 Formal Censure of Mayor Eduardo Martinez for Antisemitic Conduct and for Actions Inconsistent with the Duties and Standards of the Office** 847
- ADOPT a resolution formally censuring Mayor Eduardo Martinez for antisemitic conduct and for actions inconsistent with the duties and standards of the office - Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda (510-620-6593)/ Councilmember Jamelia Brown (510-412-2050).
- Q.5 Consultant Engagement for Community Input on Polluters Pay Settlement Funds** 854
- DIRECT the city manager to engage a consultant to collaborate with City staff, City Council, and community stakeholders to conduct community engagement and gather input on a framework for the expenditure of new General Fund revenues generated by the Polluters Pay Settlement, with the consultant reporting back to the City Council by May 26, 2026 - Councilmember Claudia Jimenez (510-620-6565), Mayor Eduardo Martinez (510-620-6503), and Councilmember Doria Robinson (510-620-6568).
- Q.6 Community Meetings to Gather Community Input on How to Spend the Community Money; Chevron Settlement Funds** 864
- DIRECT the city manager, or their designee, to schedule and lead a minimum of six community meetings each year, all around the City in each district, to gather input from the community on how to spend The Community Money: Chevron settlement funds, prior to the annual budget meeting – Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda (510-620-6593).
- R. REPORTS OF OFFICERS: REFERRALS TO STAFF, AND GENERAL REPORTS (INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS)(limited to two minutes per Councilmember)**
- S. ADJOURNMENT**