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- SPECIAL OPEN SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
- REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

Community Services Building

440 Civic Center Plaza

Richmond, CA 94804

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**Pages**

**A. SPECIAL 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)**

- Washington v. City of Richmond
- Gutzalenko v. City of Richmond, et al.

**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. 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 Honoring the 2025 Richmond Women of the Year**

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PROCLAMATION recognizing the 2025 Richmond Women of the Year – Councilmember Cesar Zepeda (510-620-6593).

**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 Council**

**O.1.a Resolution in Solidarity with the People of Iran in Their Struggle for Human Rights, Economic Justice, and Democratic Freedoms**

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ADOPT a resolution expressing the City of Richmond’s solidarity with the people of Iran in their ongoing struggle for human rights, freedom, and economic justice; condemning violence against peaceful protesters; and affirming the City’s commitment to a "Hands Off Iran" policy that opposes foreign military intervention and supports the Iranian people’s right to self-determination - Councilmember Soheila Bana (510-672-3490).

<b>O.1.b</b>	<b>Proclamation Honoring the Legacy of Douglas Ellison and Inez Watson and Recognizing the Work of the Watson Ellison Foundation in Alzheimer's and Dementia Awareness</b>	20
	<p>PROCLAMATION honoring Douglas Ellison and Inez Watson for their distinguished service and lasting contributions to the Richmond community and recognizing the work of the Watson Ellison Foundation in raising awareness and supporting families impacted by Alzheimer's disease and dementia - Councilmember Soheila Bana (510-672-3490).</p>	
<b>O.2</b>	<b>Finance Department</b>	
<b>O.2.a</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2025-26 Quarter 1 Budget Report</b>	24
	<p>RECEIVE the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Quarter 1 (Q1) report for the period of July 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025 – Finance Department (Emily Combs 510-620-6790/Mubeen Qader 510-412-2077/Jerry Gurule 510-620-6591).</p>	
<b>O.3</b>	<b>Human Resources</b>	
<b>O.3.a</b>	<b>Approve Salary Schedules in Accordance with California Code of Regulations 570.5(a) (2 CCR § 570.5)</b>	83
	<p>ADOPT a resolution amending the salary schedules for all unions to comply with California Code of Regulations, Subchapter 1, Employees' Retirement System Regulations section 570.5 (a) (2 CCR § 570.5) as required by CalPERS – Human Resources Department (Nickie Mastay/Sharrone Taylor 510-620-6602).</p>	
<b>O.3.b</b>	<b>Amend Salary Schedule</b>	142
	<p>ADOPT a resolution amending the salary schedule to add the salary range for the City Attorney classification – Human Resources Department (Nickie Mastay/Sharrone Taylor 510-620-6602).</p>	
<b>O.3.c</b>	<b>Approve Salaries and Benefits of Unrepresented Executive Management Classifications</b>	146
	<p>ADOPT a resolution to approve changes to salaries and benefits of Unrepresented Management employees, consistent with the changes to salaries and benefits of represented management, Executive Management International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE) Local 21 Bargaining Unit employees and DIRECT the city manager or their designee to update the publicly available salary schedule – Internal Services (Nickie Mastay 510-620-6602).</p>	

- O.4 Library and Community Services**
- O.4.a Contract Amendment No. 1 with Nor-Cal Moving Services for Additional Moving and Storage Services** 155
- APPROVE the first contract amendment with Nor-Cal Moving Services increasing the payment limit to \$44,500, and modifying the service plan to include storage services, and extending the contract expiration date to June 30, 2028 - Community Services Department (Kate Eppler 510-610-5452/LaShonda White 510-620-6828).
- O.5 Mayor's Office**
- O.5.a Proclamation recognizing January 27, 2026, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day.** 193
- PROCLAMATION recognizing January 27<sup>th</sup> as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in the City of Richmond – Mayor Eduardo Martinez (510-620-6503) and Councilmember Cesar Zepeda (510-620-6593).
- O.5.b Proclamation recognizing February 2026 as Black History Month in Richmond** 196
- PROCLAMATION declaring February 2026 as Black History Month in the City of Richmond – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).
- O.5.c Appointment of Lorene Ransbottom to the Commission on Aging** 199
- APPOINT Lorene Ransbottom to the Commission on Aging with a term that expires on May 19, 2030 – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).
- O.5.d Appointment of Beverly A. Dynes to the Commission on Aging** 201
- APPOINT Beverly A. Dynes to a vacant seat on the Commission on Aging with a term that expires on May 19, 2030 – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).
- O.5.e Appointment of Regina Whitney to the Commission on Aging** 203
- APPOINT Regina Whitney to the Commission on Aging with a term that expires on May 19, 2030 – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).
- O.5.f Appointment of Linda Whitmore to the Richmond Zhoushan Friendship Commission.** 205
- APPOINT Linda Whitmore to the Richmond Zhoushan Friendship Commission with a term that expires on December 31, 2028 – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

<b>O.5.g</b>	<b>Appointment of Free Brown to the Workforce Development Board</b>	<b>207</b>
	APPOINT Free Brown to the Workforce Development Board with a term that expires on March 1, 2030 – Mayor’s Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).	
<b>O.5.h</b>	<b>Appointment of Ana Tellez Witrago to the Community Police Review Commission</b>	<b>209</b>
	APPOINT Ana Tellez Witrago to the Community Police Review Commission to fill a vacant seat with an unexpired term ending November 1, 2027 – Mayor’s Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).	
<b>O.6</b>	<b>Police Department</b>	
<b>O.6.a</b>	<b>Richmond Police Department Monthly Crime Report for December 2025</b>	<b>211</b>
	RECEIVE the monthly Crime Report from the Richmond Police Department for December 2025 – Police Department (Chief Tim Simmons 510-621-1802).	
<b>O.7</b>	<b>Public Works</b>	
<b>O.7.a</b>	<b>Reimbursement Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad for the Barrett Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Project</b>	<b>216</b>
	ADOPT a resolution to APPROVE a Reimbursement Agreement for Preliminary Engineering Services with Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) for minor amendments to the Barrett Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Project for a total cost not to exceed \$25,000 and AUTHORIZE the public works director to execute the agreement - Public Works Department (Hillal Hamdan 510-620-1612/Robert Armijo 510-620-5477).	
<b>O.7.b</b>	<b>Bicycle Circulation Modifications near West Cutting Boulevard and South Garrard Boulevard</b>	<b>227</b>
	ADOPT a resolution to APPROPRIATE \$125,000 from the General Capital Fund (Fund 2001) for circulation modifications at West Cutting Boulevard and South Garrard Boulevard in Point Richmond to improve operational concerns affecting cyclists, pedestrians, and motor vehicles – Public Works Department (Hillal Hamdan 621-1612/Robert Armijo 620-5477).	

**O.7.c Purchase with Jesse Mack Company and Sterling May Equipment Company for Three (3) Fuel-Reduction Mowing Units** 243

ADOPT a resolution to APPROVE a purchase with Jesse Mack Company and Sterling May Equipment Company for the acquisition of one (1) Green Climber LV600 remote mower and two (2) Raymo Torpedo electric slope mowers (including accessories and one spare battery) in an amount not to exceed \$269,747.62 – Public Works Department (Darin Fitzpatrick 510-231-3044/Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478).

**P. STUDY AND ACTION SESSION**

**P.1 Modification of City Council Liaison Appointment Cycle for Boards and Commissions** 343

DIRECT the 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 the 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). **This item was continued from the January 20, 2026, meeting.**

**P.2 Contract Amendment for the Fiscal Year 2024–25 Grade 5 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project** 347

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). **This item was continued from the January 20, 2026, meeting.**

**P.3 Consultant Engagement for Community Input on Polluters Pay Settlement Funds** 616

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 Vice Mayor Doria Robinson (510-620-6568). **This item was continued from the January 20, 2026, meeting.**

**P.4 Community Meetings to Gather Community Input on How to Spend the Community Money; Chevron Settlement Funds 626**

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 – Councilmember Cesar Zepeda (510-620-6593). **This item was continued from the January 20, 2026, meeting.**

**P.5 Update on Advanced Life Support (ALS) First Responder Services, Fire Station Upgrades and Replacements, Associated Five-Year Financial Forecast, and Develop Revenue Enhancement Recommendations 628**

RECEIVE an update on the Advanced Life Support (ALS) First Responder Services, Fire Station Upgrades and Replacements, and associated Five-Year Financial Forecast; and DIRECT the city manager to develop revenue enhancement and financing recommendations for City Council consideration – Fire Department/Finance Department/City Manager’s Office (Chief Aaron Osorio 510-307-8021/Emily Combs 510-890-5534/Shasa Curl 510-620-6512).

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

**R. ADJOURNMENT**

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