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# Agenda

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

Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 4:30 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, Councilmember District 2**

**Doria Robinson, Vice Mayor, District 3**

**Soheila Bana, Councilmember District 4**

**Sue Wilson, Councilmember District 5**

**Claudia Jimenez, Councilmember District 6**

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**Pages**

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

4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**C. CLOSED SESSION**

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

- Claimant: Sharziad Abushi  
Agency Against: City of Richmond

**C.2 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54956.8)**

- Property: 1414 Harbour Way South  
Agency Negotiator: Lina Velasco (Community Development Director), Emily Combs (Finance Director), Dave Aleshire (Special Counsel)  
Negotiating Parties: Orton Entertainment, LLC  
Under Negotiation: Price, Terms of Payment

**C.3 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)****L.1 NEW EMPLOYEE REPORT - 1st Tuesday****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)

**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.)

**N.1 City Clerk's Office****N.1.a Meeting Minutes**

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APPROVE the minutes of the December 16, 2025, regular City Council meeting - City Clerk's Office (Pamela Christian 510-620-6513).

**N.2 Finance Department****N.2.a Authorize the City Manager to Develop Recommendations Pertaining to the Cannabis Sector for City Council Discussion in approximately 60 days.**

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AUTHORIZE the city manager to develop recommendations pertaining to the cannabis sector and return to the City Council within 60 days for initial discussion – Finance Department (Shasa Curl/510-620-6512/Emily Combs 510-620-6740/ Mubeen Qader 510-412-2077/Antonio Banuelos 510-620-6741).

<b>N.3</b>	<b>Mayor's Office</b>	
<b>N.3.a</b>	<b>Economic Development Commission Appointment – Jamin Pursell</b>	<b>28</b>
	APPOINT Jamin Pursell to an unexpired term on the Economic Development Commission, term expires, March 30 ,2027 – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).	
<b>N.3.b</b>	<b>Richmond Arts and Culture Commission Appointment – Cata Aviña</b>	<b>31</b>
	APPOINT Cata Aviña to an unexpired term on the Richmond Arts and Culture Commission, Term Expires January 31, 2027 – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).	
<b>N.3.c</b>	<b>Macdonald Avenue Corridor Task Force Appointment – Ruthie Dineen</b>	<b>34</b>
	APPOINT Ruthie Dineen to the Macdonald Avenue Corridor Task Force, with a term expiring December 31, 2026. The appointment includes an option for extension should the Task Force be continued – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).	
<b>N.3.d</b>	<b>Macdonald Avenue Corridor Task Force Appointment – Bryan Alvarez</b>	<b>37</b>
	APPOINT Bryan Alvarez to the Macdonald Avenue Corridor Task Force, with a term expiring December 31, 2026. The appointment includes an option for extension should the Task Force be continued – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).	
<b>N.3.e</b>	<b>Recognition of Longstanding Black Community Leaders and Neighborhood Council Contributors in Celebration of Black History Month</b>	<b>40</b>
	PROCLAMATION recognizing Doris Mason, A.J. Jelani, J.C. Farr Jr., and Nat Nathaniel Bates as longstanding Black community leaders and Neighborhood Council contributors in celebration of Black History Month in the City of Richmond – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503), Vice Mayor Robinson (510-620-6568), and Councilmember Zepeda (510-620-6593).	
<b>N.4</b>	<b>Public Works</b>	
<b>N.4.a</b>	<b>December 2025 Abatement Report</b>	<b>46</b>
	RECEIVE a report on the December 2025 abatement activities – Public Works Department (Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478/Darin Fitzpatrick 510-231-3044/ Hugo Mendoza 510-231-3030).	

**O. NEW BUSINESS**

- O.1 Contract with Liftech Consultants, Inc. for Planning and Design Services for the Relocation of the SS Red Oak Victory** 70

APPROVE a contract with Liftech Consultants Inc. in the amount of \$299,797 for planning and preliminary design of the relocation of the Red Oak for a term ending June 30, 2027 - Economic Development Department/Port (Charles Gerard 510-620-6792). **This item was continued from the December 16, 2025, meeting.**

- O.2 ICE-Free Zone Ordinance and Citywide Protocol** 168

DIRECT the city manager and city attorney to report to the City Council on March 3, 2026, regarding the City's ongoing and planned efforts related to federal civil immigration enforcement actions, including ICE raids, and to return within 45 days with a proposed ICE-Free Zone Ordinance: The proposed ordinance shall restrict the use of City-owned or City-controlled property, facilities, personnel, and resources for federal civil immigration enforcement; establish non-cooperation and resource-denial policies consistent with applicable law; and require the development of a coordinated implementation strategy, including interdepartmental protocols, staff training, and a community-facing preparedness and communications plan - Councilmember Claudia Jimenez (510-620-6565)/Vice Mayor Doria Robinson (510-620-6568).

- O.3 Presentation from Sustainable Economies Law Center regarding corporate land grab practices** 171

RECEIVE a presentation by the Sustainable Economies Law Center regarding corporate land grabs and DIRECT the City Attorney's Office to evaluate the legal risks associated with enacting legislation to ban corporate land grab practices in Richmond - Councilmember Soheila Bana (510-672-5242).

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

**Q. ADJOURNMENT**