

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, June 24, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 5:34 p.m., by Mayor McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Butt, Bates, Sandhu, Viramontes, Mayor McLaughlin and Vice Mayor Marquez. **Absent:** Councilmembers Thurmond, Rogers and Lopez (arrived after adjourning to closed session).

PUBLIC COMMENT

The city clerk announced that the purpose of the Open Session was for the City Council to hear public comments on the following items to be discussed in Closed Session:

CITY COUNCIL

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9):

Richmond Residents for Responsible Antenna Placement vs. City of Richmond, et al.

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54957.6):

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There were no public speakers.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:34 p.m. The Closed Session adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The Regular Meeting of the City Council was reconvened at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL

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

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

Item H-1 was withdrawn from the agenda.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

Mayor Gayle McLaughlin acknowledged 10 Richmond residents, nine of whom attend Kennedy High School and one of whom attends Hercules High School, who were selected through a competitive application process to receive the Civic Center Public Summer Youth Program Scholarships to the Academy of Art University, San Francisco and acknowledge the educators who assisted these students. Mayor Mc Laughlin read the proclamation. Steve Duran, Community and Economic Development Director stated that in addition to the scholarships provided by the University, Employment and Training's summer youth employment program is providing \$1,000 stipends to each student. The scholarships are valued at \$525 per student and enable the students to take up to four classes this summer. Next year, one of these ten students will be selected to receive a four year tuition scholarship in the amount of \$88,000 to the Academy of Art University. The recipients from Kennedy High School were Eduardo Arias, Julio Arauz, David Galvez, Alberto Montano, Daisy Hernandez, Juan Hernandez, Herman Ramirez, James Woodward, and Sierra Holly from Hercules High School. Rebecca Delgado, Vice President Academy of Art University, thanked and congratulated the recipients.

Presentation of a S.A.T. scholarship to Ethan Hauser, a graduate of El Cerrito High School, and Trayona Williams, a graduate of Berkeley High School, sponsored by Ivy West Educational Services, Inc., the Friends of the Richmond Public Library, Ms. Jodi Lines, and the Richmond Public Library. Mayor McLaughlin read the proclamation. Angela Cox, Young Adult Librarian, stated that the Richmond Public Library annually sponsors an essay contest to award S.A.T. scholarships to local high school students. Ethan Hauser was not present to accept his \$1,000 award. Ms. Cox presented second place recipient, Trayona Williams with \$500.

Proclamation recognizing Charonda Williams, Olympic Track & Field Candidate for 2008. Mayor McLaughlin read the proclamation. Ms. Williams was a member of the Half-Steppers Track team. Ms. Williams was not present and Mr. Johnny Holmes accepted the proclamation on her behalf. Councilmember Bates presented a video of Charonda and commented on her accomplishments. Johnny Holmes, Half-Steppers Track Team coach accepted the proclamation on Ms. Williams' behalf.

Proclamation recognizing the assistance of the California Highway Patrol in the City of Richmond. Councilmember Bates presented the proclamation to a representative of the Highway Patrol.

Proclamation recognizing the week beginning June 30, 2008, as National Clean Beaches Week and honoring the Richmond Shoreline Citizen Response (RSCR). Mayor McLaughlin read the proclamation and stated that she held a community meeting to hear resident's concerns regarding the

clean-up after the Cosco-Busan oil spill in the bay and from this meeting many persons decided to form the RSCR in order to have trained and prepared persons for any future potential disaster. The proclamation was presented to Elizabeth Fisher and other members of the RSCR.

Proclamation honoring the life and legacy of Rae Louise Hayward, first lady of The Art of Living Black Exhibition. Mayor McLaughlin read the proclamation and presented it to Rae Louise Hayward's husband. Jackie Thompson gave comments.

REPORT FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY OF FINAL DECISIONS MADE AND NON-CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSIONS HELD DURING CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney, Scott Dickey, stated there were no reportable actions on the following matters discussed during closed session:

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OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Johnny Holmes, Half-Steppers track Team coach, asked for financial assistance for 26 runners who will be attending national competitions in Detroit, Michigan.

Jackie Thompson gave comments in support of Johnny Holmes and the Half-Steppers track team and urged the City to make a donation to the team.

Corky Booze gave comments regarding comments he made regarding permits for mobile street vendors. Mr. Booze asked the public to e-mail him at CorkyBooze@aol.com if they feel that his comments are racist.

Jovanka Beckles gave comments regarding Ms. Rae Louise Hayward and her contributions to the arts and encouraged others to participate in the Art of Living Black art show.

STUDY SESSION

In the matter to review and provide comments on the Navy-prepared Findings of Suitability for Early Transfer (FOSET) and the draft negotiated Early Transfer Cooperative Agreement (ETCA), both of which are necessary to complete the transfer of ownership from the Navy to the City of Richmond for Point Molate. Janet Schneider, Administrative Chief, gave an overview of the matter. This agreement benefits the Navy and the City because it facilitates early transfer and immediate reuse by allowing the City to cause to be performed certain environmental remediation activities and simultaneously facilitates redevelopment. Early transfer occurs before all environmental remediation is complete. The expectation is that the cleanup could be accomplished quicker and more efficiently resulting in lower costs and more complete remediation if undertaken by the new owner. The FOSET includes property description and nature and extent of contamination, land use contemplated under the approved Reuse Plan, response and corrective action requirements, responsive summary to public comments, notices, and covenants, and restriction to be included in the deed. Jim Levine, Upstream Development, stated that the current Land Disposition Agreement (LDA) requires Upstream to manage the Navy process and undertake cleanup obligations once the property is transferred. The City will receive reimbursement for its costs to-date and for future oversight. Environmental insurance with a cost cap will be obtained to cover the City, Upstream, and the Federal Government in the event there may be unforeseen unknown problems and cost overruns. The City and Upstream will be named under the new Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) order and after the property is transferred from the City to Upstream, Upstream will perform City cleanup obligations and the City will have no further clean-up obligations to the RWQCB. Lina Velasco, Planning Department, stated that there is a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to determine the eligibility of three archeological sites for listing on the National Register, and if eligible, prepare their nomination form for listing on the National Register. The following persons gave comments: Don Gosney, Pierre Thompson, Rafael Madrigal, Adolfo Porras, Charles T. Smith, and Naomi Williams.

In the matter to receive the 2008 Annual Report of the Richmond Arts & Culture highlighting year Commission's accomplishments, partnerships, and contributions during their 20th anniversary year. Jason Jong, Chair Arts & Culture Commission, presented a slideshow and stated that in addition to public art, the commission has fostered partnerships with local art non-profits, educational institutions, artists, local organizations, and residents of all ages and cultures. Dwayne Parrish, Arts & Culture Commissioner, gave comments.

In the matter regarding a report from the Cinco de Mayo Committee on festivities and expenditures. Councilmember Marquez gave an overview. Rafael Madrigal, Martha Anguino, and Cheryl Maier, Cinco de Mayo parade and festival committee members gave comments. A slideshow depicting the festivities was presented.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m. to meet again on July 1, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

City Clerk

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Approved:

Mayor