

## **RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, May 1, 2008**

The Special Meeting of the West Contra Costa Unified School District and the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:48 p.m., by Mayor Gayle McLaughlin who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **ROLLCALL**

**Present:** West Contra Costa Unified School District Boardmembers: Miles, Ramsey, Kronenberg, and President Pfeifer, and Superintendent Harter. Richmond City Councilmembers: Bates, Butt, Lopez, Rogers, Sandhu, Thurmond, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Absent:** West Contra Costa Unified School District Boardmember Brown and Richmond City Councilmembers Viramontes and Vice Mayor Marquez (West Contra Costa Unified School District Boardmember Brown arrived at 7:30 p.m., and Richmond City Council Vice Mayor Marquez arrived at 7:13 p.m.).

In the matter to receive a presentation regarding Nystrom United Re-Vitalization Effort (NURVE), discuss and provide direction to staff. City Manager, Bill Lindsay, gave an overview of the item. Sandra Nathan, gave an overview of NURVE which included a PowerPoint Presentation. West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) Engineering Officer, Bill Savage, spoke regarding the Nystrom renovation and new construction; Richmond Housing Authority Director, Tim Jones, spoke regarding Nystrom Village; City of Richmond City Engineer, Rich Davidson, spoke regarding the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center; Center for Cities & Schools at UC Berkeley Program Manager, Ariel Bierbaum, spoke regarding the Y-Plan findings at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center and Park; and City of Richmond Analyst, LaShonda Wilson, spoke regarding the success and future work of NURVE. WCCUSD President Pfeifer recommended that the possibility of bringing a health care facility to Nystrom School be considered. Sandra Nathan stated there is currently a Kaiser representative enrolling children and families in the SHIP program. These are the small steps being taken before installing a full health care facility on campus. Following discussion, Mayor McLaughlin directed City liaisons to work the city manager and the WCCUSD superintendent to come up with recommendations.

In the matter to receive an update on the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) school facilities bond program, discuss, and provide direction to staff. WCCUSD Superintendent, Bruce Harter, and Engineering Officer, Bill Savage, gave an oral presentation and a PowerPoint Presentation that included information on schools Richmond residents attend as well as completed and currently funded projects. Councilmember Sandhu requested staff look into funding for a swimming pool for El Sobrante. Councilmember Bates requested staff look into funding for a community center in El Sobrante which would include a swimming pool.

In the matter to receive an update regarding the Governor's proposed budget and its potential impact on the

West Contra Costa Unified School District. WCCUSD Superintendent Bruce Harter introduced Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent for Business Services, who gave a presentation on this item which included a PowerPoint Presentation. The State's budget is expected to cut 14.2 million dollars from the West Contra Costa Unified School District. More information can be found at [www.wccusd.net](http://www.wccusd.net). Jackie Thompson spoke on this item.

In the matter to receive presentations from City and West Contra Costa Unified School District staff on current joint collaborative efforts on: (a) School Resource Officers Program; (b) Office of Neighborhood Safety Programs; (c) Recreation Facilities Joint Use Agreements; (d) Public Works Projects; and (e) Literacy for Every Adult Program (LEAP). City Manager, Bill Lindsay, gave an overview of the item and introduced the following staff who gave reports on the following programs: Officer Christa Cappiali, School Resource Officers Program; Debra Dias, Office of Neighborhood Safety Programs; Recreation Director, Keith Jabari, Recreation Facilities Joint Use Agreements; City Engineer, Rich Davidson, Public Works Projects; and Sherry Drobner, LEAP. Councilmember Bates suggested that the WCCUSD and City Council meet every six months. Speakers were: Phillip Mehas and Jackie Thompson. WCCUSD Boardmember Ramsey announced that High School graduations will be held at the Contra Costa College Gymnasium on June 12, 2008, for Kennedy, and June 14, 2008, for Richmond and De Anza.

#### **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Antonio Medrano spoke about the Contra Costa Municipal ID Card. He stated an informational meeting will be held on May 8, 2008, at the Richmond Main Library.

Jackie Thompson spoke about the street vendors selling unsanitary food in front of schools to the school children.

Robert Studdiford spoke about the positive affect the new schools have had on the population of Richmond.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Sandhu announced there will be a reclassification ceremony on Thursday, May 8, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at De Jean Middle School for all school district children to celebrate their fluency in English.

Vice Mayor Marquez invited everyone to the Cinco de Mayo Parade on Saturday, May 3, 2008, and Festival on Sunday, May 4, 2008.

WCCUSD Boardmember Ramsey announced that May 10, 2008, was Mother's Day in Mexico and May 11, 2008, was Mother's Day in the United States.

Councilmember Thurmond announced that the City of Richmond is currently recruiting for the Summer Youth Employment Program. He thanked all the school board and

Councilmembers for attending the meeting and requested that the WCCUSD and City Council identify goals to work as a joint collaborative effort for our children.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m., in memory of Christopher Love, a six year old from Richmond who died tragically in a fire; a memorable fund has been established. Send donations to the Christopher Love Memorable Fund, c/o Sandus Civil Engineers at 1721 Broadway, Suite 201, Oakland, CA 94612. Donations may also be made to Cole Merica #800-109-1951.

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City Clerk

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Mayor