

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, June 23,  
2009.**

The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 5:07 p.m. by Mayor Gayle McLaughlin.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Butt, Ritterman, Rogers, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Absent:** Councilmembers Bates, Viramontes, and Vice Mayor Lopez (Councilmembers Bates, Viramontes, and Vice Mayor 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**

**LIABILITY CLAIMS - PENDING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9):** Daly vs. City of Richmond

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision [a] of Government Code Section 54956.9):** Herson vs. City of Richmond; Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) vs. City of Richmond; and Chevron USA vs. City of Richmond

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Initiation of litigation pursuant to Subdivision © of Section 54956.9):** One case

There were no public speakers.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:08 p.m. The Closed Session adjourned at 6:35 p.m. The Special Meeting of the City Council was reconvened at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Gayle McLaughlin.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Lopez, Ritterman, Rogers, Viramontes, Vice Mayor Lopez, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Absent:** None.

**STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

## **AGENDA REVIEW**

Removed Items F-1 and F-2 from the Consent Calendar.

## **PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS**

Mayor McLaughlin read a proclamation of Support for the Wellness City Challenge into the record and stated the proclamation will be mailed to the Wellness City Challenge.

Mayor McLaughlin presented certificates honoring Jean's Place of Beauty and Stevenart Design Studio as Richmond Small Businesses of the month for June 2009. Corky Booze and Jackie Thompson spoke on this item.

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

City Attorney, Randy Riddle, reported **no reportable action** on the following:

**LIABILITY CLAIMS - PENDING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9):** Daly vs. City of Richmond

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## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

On motion of Councilmember Viramontes seconded by Vice Mayor Lopez, all items marked with an asterisk (\*-) were approved by the unanimous vote of the Council.

**Items F-1 and F-2 were removed from the Consent Calendar by the public, however, the citizens were not in the chambers when the items were discussed.**

On motion of Councilmember Viramontes, seconded by Councilmember Rogers approved an amendment to the contract with Ki Research Institute to deliver conflict resolution training for the Richmond Public Library's Literacy for Every Adult Project (L.E.A.P.), increasing the contract amount from \$32,000 to an amount not to exceed \$62,000, and extending the contract to June 30, 2010, with funding from a California State Library and Literacy Services Grant by the unanimous vote of the Council.

On motion of Councilmember Viramontes, seconded by Councilmember Rogers approved the purchase of library, office, and training room furniture from Kantor's Office Furniture in an amount not to exceed \$10,758 by the unanimous vote of the Council.

**\*Approved** a contract in the amount of \$15,000 with Jan Brown, dba Spokewise, of Richmond, CA, to design a public art brochure and signature logo for the Richmond Civic Center Grand Reopening event.

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

Naomi Williams thanked the National Brotherhood Alliance (NBA) and president Gerald Hatchet, and George Brown for honoring her as the Grand Marshall for the Juneteenth parade. She thanked the City of Richmond, City staff, and DP Security for their services and attendance.

Fire Inspector Robin Poindexter gave a report on the Richmond Youth Academy Summer Youth Works Program.

Jackie Thompson stated the parking lines are faded at the Shimada Park and asked the City to repaint the lines. She also spoke regarding the trash located at the back of the National Guard Armory and she requested assistance from the Richmond Youth Academy as a community project.

Corky Booze stated that the Juneteenth Parade and festivities were a huge success and he thanked the Council for showing up. He also thanked Gerald Hatchett and the National Brotherhood Alliance for their help in making the event successful. Mr. Booze also requested help in getting a practice field for the Richmond Half Steppers. He also thanked Councilmember Viramontes for taking a look at the trash located at the National Armory field and also requested Councilmember Butt to look at the railroad.

Simms Thompson stated the City is in a deplorable state. He stated that there are High weeds located off the Knox Free way and off Highway 80. He stated that Code Enforcement should look at City owned property and demand that it be cleaned. He stated weeds are also located on the Greenway.

Johnny Holmes requested help from the City in securing a practice facility for the Richmond Half Steppers. He also requested financial support from the City in an effort to raise \$20,000 for the Richmond Half Steppers. Anyone interested in helping, please send your donations to 590 Stege Avenue, Richmond, 94804.

Eric Avery read an article regarding the Richmond Half Steppers and requested help in securing a practice facility.

Dedan Jaga spoke in support of the Richmond half steppers and requested the City's help in securing a practice facility.

Lenora Wright spoke in support of the Richmond half steppers and requested the City's help in securing a practice facility.

Imunique Brown spoke in support of the Richmond half steppers and requested the City's help in securing a practice facility.

### **STUDY SESSION**

The City Council received a presentation on toxicity and ecological concerns regarding proposed cleanup at Zeneca Superfund Site and surrounding area. Mayor McLaughlin gave an overview of the item. The presentation, which included a PowerPoint presentation, was by given by Community Advisory Group (CAG) technical consultants: Adrienne LaPierre, MS, President, Iris Environmental; Dorinda Shipman, PG, CHG, Principal Treadwell & Rollo, Inc.; Stuart Siegel, PhD, PWS, President, Wetlands and Water Resources, Inc.; Peter Weiner, Partner, and Paul Hastings Law. Other speakers were: Steven Lindsay, Sherry Padgett, Michael Esposito, Ph.D., Simms Thompson, Donald Peckham, Jovanka Beckles, Dr. Henry Clark, Tarnel Abbott, Darrell Cavaway, Carolyn Graves, Bourke Harris, Stanley Teaderman, and Paul Minault.

The Council reviewed the proposed schedule for review and approval of the General Plan update and provided direction to staff. Richard Mitchell gave an overview of the item and introduced Mr. Isonono who gave a general plan update which included a PowerPoint presentation. The plan will be given to the City Council after the August recess. *When presented, this will be the only item on the agenda.*

The Council received an update on the progress of the City of Richmond in applying for and receiving formula funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Lorie Reese Brown and Janet Schneider gave an overview of the item which included a PowerPoint presentation. Total funding requested was \$116,112,000. The City of Richmond's Website is available for keeping track of how money is spent and allocated. Vice Mayor Lopez suggested having a delegation formed by September to travel to advocate in Washington for the City. Mayor McLaughlin suggested Vice Mayor Lopez place the item on the agenda for July 7, 2009.

### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS: STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS, REFERRALS TO STAFF, AND GENERAL REPORTS (INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS)**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:06 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, July 2, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Approved:

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Mayor