

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA,
October 27, 2009**

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Mayor Gayle McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Butt, Ritterman, Rogers, and Mayor McLaughlin.
Absent: Councilmembers Bates, Viramontes, and Vice Mayor Lopez (Councilmember Bates arrived at 6:16 p.m.).

PUBLIC COMMENT

The city clerk announced that the purpose of the Evening 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): California State Automobile Association (CSAA) vs. City of Richmond

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision [a] of Government Code Section 54956.9): City of Richmond vs. Buckeye Claims Administrators, Inc., RRPI Insurance Services, Inc., and Robert Rice

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9): One case

There were no public speakers.

The Evening Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 6:10 p.m. The Closed Session adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

The Special Joint Meeting of the Richmond Redevelopment Agency/Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Chairperson/Mayor McLaughlin in support of the young student recently attached at Richmond High School. Chairperson/Mayor McLaughlin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Boardmembers/Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Ritterman, Rogers, and Chairperson/ Mayor McLaughlin. **Absent:** Boardmember/ Councilmember Viramontes and Vice Chairperson/Vice Mayor Lopez (Vice Chairperson/Vice Mayor Lopez arrived 6:53 p.m.).

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Simms Thompson expressed his concern for unsafe conditions in Richmond. He stated that there are many street lights missing on Macdonald Avenue and in the 19th Street tunnel.

Corky Booze stated that the fights at the Richmond Auditorium were successful. He encouraged everyone to support Mr. Simpson from Richmond. He also stated that Jerrold Hatchett was a sponsor of the fight. Mr. Booze presented pictures to prove there were no cameras at his home.

Jackie Thompson stated that there were smoke shops that sold lighters that are shaped like a gun. She stated that the city should monitor items that are sold in the smoke shops within the City of Richmond. She also stated that because of the trucks that park on Cutting Boulevard and Stege Avenue, drivers cannot see on the blind side. Ms. Thompson also stated that Stege Avenue is dark because the lighting is very dim. She also expressed concern regarding the gambling and loitering taking place at some properties.

Frank Campbell expressed his pleasure with the improvements the City of Richmond has completed specifically the installation of lights and other improvements from 6th Street to Gerard Avenue. He expressed concern regarding the pot holes on 6th Street that need to be addressed.

AGENDA REVIEW

None.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

Chairperson/Mayor McLaughlin gave a brief history and presented certificates honoring Priceless Photography and Further The Work as Richmond small businesses of the month of October 2009. Representatives of the businesses accepted the certificates and thanked the City Council and the City of Richmond for the recognition.

Chairperson/Mayor McLaughlin read and presented certificates to Housing and Redevelopment Official Commissioners: Anthea Yvonne Harris-Farr, Jackie Thompson, and Orais Washington. Each commissioner gave positive comments and thanked the Board/Council for the certificates. Boardmember/Councilmember Bates gave comments.

Chairperson/Mayor McLaughlin gave a brief history of National Night Out. City officials visit neighborhoods to promote peace throughout the City of Richmond. The City of Richmond held a special contest this year to see which neighborhood would be the greenest in hosting its block party. Stormwater Program Manager Lynn Scarpa and Police Representative Michelle Milam gave comments regarding crime prevention and how they encouraged neighborhoods to go green. May Valley Neighborhood was the winner of the Go Green Neighborhood 2009 Contest. Eleanor Loynd accepted the award. Other winners were Marina Bay, Mosard Menuette Neighborhood Watch, and Atchison Village. Vice Chairperson/Vice Mayor Lopez gave comments.

Chairperson/Mayor McLaughlin read and presented proclamations to Ellen Gailing and Jan Brown recognizing their artistic talents in the City of Richmond. Ms. Gailing and Ms. Brown gave comments. Corky Booze, John Marquez, Jerrold Hatchet, and Naomi Williams spoke on this item.

Vice Chairperson/Vice Mayor Lopez gave a history of National Hispanic Heritage Month and was joined by Chairperson/Mayor McLaughlin to present a proclamation to special guest Al Suniga of Contra Costa College. Dr. Suniga gave comments. John Marquez and David Mazzi 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 the following:

**LIABILITY CLAIMS – PENDING
LITIGATION (Government Code Section
54956.9):** California State Automobile Association
(CSAA) vs. City of Richmond. *The City Council
voted to approve a settlement in the amount of
\$13,644.79.*

No other reportable actions.

**STUDY AND DIRECTION TO STAFF
SESSION**

A presentation from RYSE about the creation and use of a database of youth activities and resources in Richmond possibly fulfilling the intent of Resolution 60-97 was given. The presentation included a PowerPoint presentation promoting an internet resource guide.

City Manager Bill Lindsay gave an overview of the City of Richmond's Five-Year Strategic Business Plan 2009-2014 for the Board/Council's review and approval. Other speakers were Finance Director James Goins, Janet Schneider, Fire chief Banks, Steve Duran, Richard Mitchell, and Leslie Knight. Grant French of Visible Strategies gave a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Lindsay concluded with next steps. He stated that teams are assigned responsibilities and on a quarterly basis must report on activities and identify items that may be omitted from the plan. Corky Booze spoke on this item. He suggested that park restrooms be incorporated in the plan. Andrienne Harris gave comments. Following discussion, on motion of Boardmember/Councilmember Bates, seconded by Boardmember/Councilmember Ritterman approved the City of Richmond's Five-Year Strategic Business Plan 2009-2014 by the following vote: **Ayes:** Boardmembers/Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Rogers, Ritterman, Vice Chairperson/Vice Mayor Lopez, and Chairperson/Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Absentions:** None. **Absent:** Boardmember/Councilmember Viramontes.

Boardmember/Councilmember Ritterman gave an overview of a study session item to adopt a resolution in support of all schools, public hospitals, institutions and other organizations with meal programs in Richmond purchasing milk produced without Recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone the item. He introduced Noel Ferdon of Food and Water Watch who gave a Powerpoint presentation. Simms Thompson, Corky Booze, and Jackie Thompson gave comments. Following discussion, on motion of Boardmember/Councilmember Ritterman, seconded by Boardmember/Councilmember Butt, adopted **Resolution No. 122B-09** by the following vote: **Ayes:** Boardmembers/Councilmembers Butt, Rogers, Ritterman, Vice Chairperson/Vice Mayor Lopez, and Chairperson/Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Absentions:** None. **Absent:** Boardmembers/Councilmembers Bates and Viramontes. *(Boardmember/Councilmember Bates left the meeting at 10:36 p.m.)*

STUDY SESSION

Michelle Itagaki and Becky Ross of the Richmond Convention and Visitors Bureau presented the Annual Report from the Richmond Convention and Visitor's Bureau (RCVB). The report included a PowerPoint presentation. Other RCBV members that gave comments were: Steve Duran, Larry Lewis, and David Cramer. Simms Thompson stated the signs off Highway 80 and 580 are still incorrect.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:36 p.m. with Chairperson/Mayor McLaughlin sending best wishes to the Richmond High School student that was assaulted and brutally raped. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.

City Clerk

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Approved:

Mayor