

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, March 9,  
2010**

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:06 p.m. by Mayor Gayle McLaughlin.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Viramontes, Vice Mayor Ritterman, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Absent:** Councilmembers Lopez and Rogers (Councilmember Rogers arrived after adjourning to Closed Session).

**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**

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9):** Booker vs. City of Richmond; Jenkins vs. City of Richmond

There were no public speakers.

The Evening Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:07 p.m. The Closed Session adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Mayor McLaughlin who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Rogers, Vice Mayor Ritterman, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Absent:** Councilmembers Lopez and Viramontes (Councilmember Viramontes arrived at 6:38 p.m.).

**STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Naomi Williams expressed her disappointment that Walgreens was applying for an alcohol license permit. She encouraged the City Council to deny the application.

Charles Smith expressed his opposition for any casino operating in the City of Richmond, specifically in Point Molate.

McNeally III Dannieric expressed his appreciation for all the help the City of Richmond has given to him and his family.

Becky Ross spoke in support of the Hill Top Pylon Sign Project.

Mike Short expressed the need for effective freeway representation at Hill Top. He stated that the Hill Top signs package needs to be updated because the current signage does not take advantage of the number of cars traveling on I-80.

Michelle Itagaki spoke in support of the Hill Top Pylon Sign Project. She stated that the Council and staff have been very supportive.

Andres Soto spoke in reference to the DVD being circulated by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He also stated that the abandoned nursery in North Richmond should be considered use for growing medical marijuana.

Corky Booze spoke in support of the Hill Top Pylon Sign Project. He also expressed his disappointment with the Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS).

Jackie Thompson stated that the City Council should work to improve its decorum.

Eleanor Thompson expressed disappointment with the ONS.

Simms Thompson expressed concern for the safety of the citizens of Richmond.

Tom Waller expressed his appreciation that the City of Richmond celebrated the companies that are located within the city.

Councilmember Bates stated that until Mayor McLaughlin showed fairness among the current Councilmembers, there would continue to be issues.

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

City Attorney Randy Riddle reported that there were no reportable actions taken during closed session.

**STUDY AND DIRECTION TO STAFF SESSION**

The purpose of the Study and Direction to Staff Session:

To receive a presentation and provide direction to staff regarding shoreline land-use designations in the General Plan. Planning and Building Services Department Manager Richmond Mitchell and Planner Hector Rojas gave an overview which included a PowerPoint presentation. The following individuals gave comments: Charles Smith, Andres Soto, Simms Thompson, Paul Minault, Rich Walkling, Corky Booze, Brian Grunwald, Bruce Beyaert, Patricia Jones, Brian Holt, Robert Herbst, Joshua Genser, Bill Pinkham, Eric Blum, Ric Borjes, Mary Selva, Dan Murray, John Marquez, and Tony Sustak. Councilmember Butt stated he would like to see the property west of Richmond Parkway put into a designation called “community low intensity commerce and recreation” and defined by four land uses described in the General Plan as: open space, parks and recreation, public cultural and institution, and agricultural. Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Butt, seconded by Mayor McLaughlin to direct staff to proceed with land uses on three parcels that combine open space, parks and recreation, public cultural and institution, and agricultural uses. A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Rogers to direct staff to come back with a proposal for consideration looking at all areas of the shoreline as one area. The substitute motion failed for lack of a second. A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Bates, seconded by Councilmember Viramontes to continue the item to a future meeting, designated by the city manager, until there was a full representation of the Council. The motion failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates and Viramontes. **Noes:** Councilmembers Butt, Rogers, Vice Mayor Ritterman, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Lopez. Discussion continued. The original motion failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmember Butt, Vice Mayor Ritterman, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** Councilmembers Bates and Rogers. **Abstentions:** Councilmember Viramontes. **Absent:** Councilmember Lopez. **A motion to adjourn by Councilmember Bates failed for lack of a second.** Discussion continued and a motion was made by Councilmember Butt, seconded by Councilmember Rogers to designate Terminal Four for the same four categories as the ones on North Shoreline with the addition of land use coast-line marine and water-front commercial giving it a total of five potential land uses for the property. The motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmember Bates, Butt, Rogers, Vice Mayor Ritterman, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** Councilmember Viramontes. **Absent:** Councilmember Lopez. A motion was made by Councilmember Butt to designate Point Molate the way it was designed in the Reuse Plan. Councilmember Butt modified his motion to direct staff to revisit the original Reuse Plan and bring back a presentation to the Council. The modified motion was seconded by Councilmember Rogers. The motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmember Bates, Butt, Rogers, Viramontes, Vice Mayor Ritterman, and Mayor

McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None.  
**Absent:** Councilmember Lopez. A motion was made by Councilmember Butt regarding the South Shoreline to direct staff to implement a specific area plan that includes all stake holders and look at placing a moratorium. Councilmember Rogers seconded the motion with a friendly amendment to direct staff to come back with options to recapture shoreline access by buying out land that was currently a commercial use. The friendly amendment was accepted and the motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmember Bates, Butt, Rogers, Viramontes, Vice Mayor Ritterman, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Lopez.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:46 p.m. in memory of Herbert Gillery and Edgar Monk to meet again on Tuesday, March 16, 2010, at 6:30 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Approved:

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Mayor