

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, April 27,
2010**

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Mayor Gayle McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

The deputy 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 REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54956.8): Property: Point Molate (site of former Naval Shipyard Depot), Agency Negotiators: Bill Lindsay and Janet Schneider, Negotiating Party: Upstream Point Molate LLC, Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

There were no public speakers.

The Evening Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:16 p.m. The Closed Session adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Mayor McLaughlin who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

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

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Naomi Williams announced information regarding the upcoming Juneteenth Celebration in Richmond. For more information call (510) 260-6516.

Jon Gordo spoke in opposition of the Chevron Utility Taxes.

Adrienne Harris announced that Bike to Work Day was May 13, 2010.

Margaret Jordan expressed her satisfaction with the ruling against Chevron's Environmental Impact Report.

Corky Booze gave a report on the activities of a community group that was looking into issues within the parks within the City of Richmond.

Michael Beer spoke in opposition of the Chevron Utility Tax petition.

Charles Smith spoke in support of Mayor McLaughlin and the number of jobs she has supported.

Jackie Thompson spoke in opposition of the proposed sewer tax increase. She also stated that the gentlemen that saved the family from the burning home should be commended.

Devin O'keefe spoke in support of Mayor McLaughlin and the number of jobs she has supported.

Tarnell Abbott spoke in support of Mayor McLaughlin and the number of jobs she has supported.

Eduardo Martinez spoke in support of Mayor McLaughlin and the number of jobs she has supported.

Charlotte McIntire stated that the streets and plants within the City of Richmond are not well maintained by the city.

Simms Thompson stated that the senior building located at 25th Street and Macdonald Avenue is in need of repair.

Michael Parker urged citizens of Richmond not to sign the Chevron Utility Tax petition.

Mike Ali spoke in opposition of the proposed sewer tax increase.

AGENDA REVIEW

Items E-1 and E-3 were heard directly after Statement of Conflict of Interest. Withdrew Item I-1 from the agenda.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

This item was heard directly after Statement of Conflict of Interest. Mayor McLaughlin presented a proclamation to mother Naylor in honor of being a longtime Richmond community advocate and Friendship Manor resident on her 99th birthday. Councilmember Bates gave comments. The following individuals gave comments: Corky Booze, Jackie Thompson, and Ardist West.

Mayor McLaughlin presented a proclamation declaring May 2010 National Historic Preservation Month to the following groups: Historic Preservation Advisory Committee, Point Richmond History Association, Richmond Museum of History, Richmond Main Street, Rosie the Riveter, and National Park Service.

This item was heard directly after Statement of Conflict of Interest. Mayor McLaughlin, joined by Councilmember Bates on behalf of the Richmond City Council, presented a proclamation to Mrs. Morehouse honoring and celebrating the life of James "Jim" Morehouse for his decades of service to the Richmond and west County student community and faculty. Mr. Morehouse's son thanked the City of Richmond, City Council, and Richmond Police Department for its support during their time of bereavement.

Mayor McLaughlin presented certificates to Earn It! Keep It! Save It! Program participants for providing free tax preparation services to citizens of Richmond. The program was organized by the Community Housing Development Corporation (CHDC). Director of CHDC Don Gilmore and Representative Carol Perez gave comments. Councilmember Bates and Corky Booze gave comments.

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

City Attorney Scott Dickey reported that there were no reportable actions taken during closed session.

STUDY SESSION

The City Council heard a report from the Richmond Public Library Commission regarding Library and Commission activities. Library Director Monique le Conge gave an overview of the item. Kavaragu Mtambuzi gave a presentation which included a PowerPoint Presentation. Jackie Thompson gave comments.

In the matter to provide direction to staff regarding the sitting and operating characteristics of marijuana-related uses to prevent diversion of medical marijuana to non-medical uses and to preserve the public health, safety and welfare. Planning Director Richard Mitchell and City Attorney Mary Renfro gave an overview of the item. The following individuals gave comments on this item: Amanda Schow, Armando Soto, John Clay, and Lisa Hirschhorn. Following discussion the City Council directed staff to keep the moratorium in place until after the November 2010 election and then provide Council with draft regulations that provide alternatives.

RESOLUTION

In the matter to adopt a resolution to ratify the city manager's proclamation declaring a local state of emergency related to the sinkhole at Via Verdi Drive near the El Portal Drive intersection, and request that the governor proclaim a state of emergency because local available resources are inadequate and overwhelmed; approve a contract with Nichols Consulting Engineers, CHTD to provide sinkhole emergency engineering services in an amount not to exceed \$500,000; and approve a contract with O.C. Jones & Sons, Inc. to address the sinkhole emergency at the direction of the city on a time-and-materials basis in an amount not to exceed \$500,000. Interim City Engineer Edric Kwan gave an overview of the item which included a PowerPoint Presentation. Simms Thompson gave comments. Following discussion, on motion of Councilmember Bates, seconded by Councilmember Lopez adopted **Resolution No. 46-10** and approved contracts with Nichols Consulting Engineers, CHTD and O.C. Jones & Sons, Inc. and directed the city manager to provide the City Council with some idea of funding by the unanimous vote of the Council.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

Withdrew from the agenda the matter to consider endorsing the Port of Richmond Cold-Ironing Grant Proposal and direct staff to submit a letter of support for Clean Air Logix Cold Ironing System.

In the matter to receive a report on the schedule of budget presentations that will be conducted at various Neighborhood Council meetings throughout the City of Richmond. Councilmember Lopez gave an overview of the item. Scheduled meetings included Point Richmond at 7:30 p.m. on April 28, 2010, at Point Richmond Community Center; Marina Bay at 7:30 p.m. on May 12, 2010, at the Harbor Masters; the Iron Triangle at 5:30 p.m. on May 20, 2010, at the Nevin Community Center; Richmond Annex at 7:15 p.m. on May 27, 2010, at the Annex Senior Center; and Fairmead Hilltop at 8:00 p.m. on May 27, at Sojourner Truth Church. Councilmember Bates suggested consolidating meetings. Bea Robinson gave comments on the item and invited Councilmember Lopez to make a presentation at the June 14, 2010, Richmond Neighborhood City Council. Councilmember Lopez accepted the invitation.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McLaughlin reported that she completed the required AB1234 Ethnic Course. She also encouraged the community to come out on May 1, 2010, for the Cinco de Mayo parade, at 10 a.m. beginning at 24th Street and Barrett Avenue.

Councilmember Bates requested that Mayor McLaughlin adjourn the meeting in memory of Lucille Ziesenhenne and Ben Dousman.

Councilmember Butt announced that he attended the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) General Assembly and Regional Summit on Thursday, April 22, 2010, in Oakland.

Councilmember Rogers also announced that he attended the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) General Assembly and Regional Summit on Thursday, April 22, 2010, in Oakland.

Mayor McLaughlin also announced that she attended the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) General Assembly and Regional Summit on Thursday, April 22, 2010, in Oakland and the City of Richmond was honored as the City with a *Growing Smarter Together Award* in the *Building a Better Bay Area Urban Design Award* category for the Richmond Memorial Civic Center Revitalization Project. She accepted the award on behalf of the City

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:47 p.m. in memory of Lucille Ziesenhenne and Ben Dousman to meet again on Tuesday, May 4, 2010, at 6:30 p.m.

City Clerk

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Approved:

Mayor