

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, May 25, 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 Butt, Lopez, Viramontes, Vice Mayor Ritterman, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Absent:** Councilmembers Bates and Rogers (Councilmembers Bates and 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): Communities for a Better Environment, et al. vs. City of Richmond

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Initiation of litigation pursuant to Subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9): One case (City of Richmond vs. Employment Risk Management Authority [ERMA])

There were no public speakers.

The Evening Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:07 p.m. The Closed Session adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Mayor McLaughlin who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

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

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Jean Womack spoke in opposition to legalizing marijuana.

Corky Booze requested that Mayor McLaughlin adjourn the meeting in memory of Helen Aiello. He also stated that on Wednesday, May 26, 2010, at the Richmond Recreation Complex from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., 3230 Macdonald Avenue, there would be a community forum regarding under-age drinking and drug use. Mr. Booze also spoke against the Point Molate extension of the Land Disposition Agreement.

Jackie Thompson stated that the Redevelopment funding used to rebuild City Hall should be returned to Redevelopment from the Chevron agreement.

Simms Thompson stated that the Public Safety Committee should take a tour of the City of Richmond to address unsafe conditions.

AGENDA REVIEW

Continued Item E-6 to June 22, 2010. Item H-1 was heard directly after the Report From the City Attorney of Final Decisions Made and Non-Confidential Discussions Held During Closed Session.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

Mayor McLaughlin and Councilmember Bates presented a proclamation and certificate of recognition to Aller Hunter who celebrated her 108th birthday on May 12, 2010. Ms. Hunter has been a Richmond resident for 67 years and was an original Rosie the Riveter. Jackie Thompson, Corky Booze, and Jovanka Beckles gave comments.

Fire Chief Michael Banks introduced Fire Inspector Robin Poindexter Director who gave an overview of the Junior Fire Chief Program. Inspector Poindexter introduced the first and second place winners of the 2010 Junior Fire Chief Program.

In the matter to present the American Medical Response (AMR) Hero Awards to Richmond Fire Engines 61 and 66 from the Contra Costa Emergency Medical Services Agency and adopt a resolution in support of the City of Richmond seeking designation as a Contra Costa HeartSafe Community to promote healthy lifestyles that encourage heart safety. Vice Mayor Ritterman joined by the Contra Costa Emergency Medical Services Agency conducted the presentation which included introducing survivors of cardiac arrest and the presentations of AMR Hero

Awards to Richmond Fire Engines 61 and 66. Jackie Thompson and Councilmember Butt gave comments. On motion of Vice Mayor Ritterman, seconded by Councilmember Bates adopted **Resolution No. 60-10** by the unanimous vote of the Council.

Mayor McLaughlin and Councilmember Bates presented a proclamation honoring Mr. Sylvester Wiggins for his act of heroism on April 24, 2010, in breaking down the door of a burning dwelling to rescue a disabled woman that was otherwise unable to escape. Mr. Wiggins, Councilmember Lopez, and Vice Mayor Ritterman gave comments. The following individuals gave comments: Jackie Thompson, Jovanka Beckles, Michael Banks, and John Marquez.

Mayor McLaughlin presented proclamations to Tauna Montiero, of the College Preparatory School and Summer Brenner, author of Richmond Tales: Lost Secrets of the Iron Triangle, honoring family literacy efforts in Richmond, including the family literacy festival scheduled for June 5, 2010, encouraging every family to read a book selection together this summer and proclaiming the book Richmond Tales: Lost Secrets of the Iron Triangle as the first city-wide reading book. Jovanka Beckles, Corky Booze, Amanda Elliott, Councilmember Viramontes, and Councilmember Lopez gave comments.

Continued to June 22, 2010, Receive a report from the Festival Committee on the 2010 Cinco de Mayo festivities held on 23rd Street in the City of Richmond on May 1st and May 2nd.

The City Council heard a presentation from Councilmember Lopez and West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) Board Member Tony Thurmond that recognized the academic success of high school honor roll students and requested approval from the City of Richmond to co-sponsor a picnic at Nicholl Park on Saturday, June 5, 2010, in honor of WCCUSD honor roll students. Following the presentation, on motion of Councilmember Lopez, seconded by Councilmember Viramontes approved the request to co-sponsor a picnic by the unanimous vote of the Council.

Mayor McLaughlin, joined by Councilmember Bates presented a proclamation honoring legendary Lena Horne who participated in the launch of the SS George Washington Carver Liberty Ship at Kaiser Shipyard No. 1 in Richmond, California on May 7, 1943, to the National Park Service. The following individuals gave comments: Cordell Jones, Corky Booze, and Jackie Thompson.

**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 received a staff presentation regarding the proposed capital improvement projects for the Wastewater Enterprise, and the potential impact on the rate structure. Contract Administrator Chad Davisson and Accountant Susan Sergovia gave an overview of the item which included a PowerPoint presentation. Corky Booze, Charles Smith gave comments. Councilmember Rogers suggested inviting a representative from East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) to address the Council on this issue.

At 11:00 p.m. on motion of Vice Mayor Ritterman, seconded by Mayor McLaughlin extended the meeting for 30 minutes by the unanimous vote of the Council.

The City Council received presentations that will aid in the city's development of its Climate Action Plan: (1) by Adam Lenz, the City of Richmond's Sustainability Coordinator, on programs the city is implementing with its Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant to fund energy efficiency retrofits and renewable energy installation in city buildings and Richmond homes; and (2) by Ryan Chan, Goldman School of Public Policy graduate student, on his estimates of how various City Council-adopted policies and programs could reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Chief Administrator Janet Schneider gave an overview and turned the presentation over to Adam Lenz and Ryan Chan. ***At 11:30 p.m. on motion of Councilmember Rogers, seconded by Councilmember Viramontes extended the meeting for five minutes with Councilmember Butt voting Noe.***

Councilmember Bates referred staff to Dr. Terry Galloway for input on converting biosolids into energy.

STUDY AND DIRECTION TO STAFF SESSION

The following item was heard directly after Report from the City Attorney of Final Decisions Made and Non-Confidential Discussions Held During Closed Session. The purpose of the Study and Direction to Staff Session:

In the matter to hear a presentation from Brookside Community Health Center and approve allocating \$1 million in each of four consecutive years (\$4 million total) to Brookside Community Health Clinic to complete the construction of its new site at 1st Street and Macdonald Avenue adjacent to the Lillie Mae Jones Plaza. Councilmembers Lopez and Viramontes gave an overview of the item. Cheryl Johnson, Soren Shernell, Cheryl Mayer representatives for Brookside Hospital gave a presentation. The following individuals gave comments: Corky Booze, Jackie Thompson, James Walker, Amanda Elliott, and John Marquez. Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Lopez, seconded by Vice Mayor Ritterman to direct the city manager and the

finance director to work with an ad hoc committee of the City Council to partner with the county and other potential funders. Councilmember Lopez and Viramontes were appointed to the committee. The motion passed by the unanimous vote of the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Bates reported that he completed his AB1234 training and requested that Mayor McLaughlin adjourn the meeting in memory of Helen Aiello and Benjamin Marshall.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:37 p.m. in memory of Helen Aiello and Benjamin Marshall to meet again on Tuesday, June 1, 2010, at 6:30 p.m.

City Clerk

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor