

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, September 28,
2010**

The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by Mayor McLaughlin who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Lopez, Viramontes, and Vice Mayor Ritterman, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Absent:** Councilmembers Rogers (Councilmembers Rogers arrived at 6:45 p.m.).

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Leonard Taylor invited everyone to the Home Front festival on Saturday, October 2, 2010.

Reginald Tolan spoke in reference to the Going Green Program in Richmond. He urged the Council to start a Litter Enforcement Program in the City of Richmond.

Nancy Servis thanked the Council for coming to the Richmond Art Center exhibitions and invited everyone out to see other exhibitions.

Cordell Martin spoke in support of keeping the schools open in Richmond open.

Margaret Jordan read a statement from the RPA denying any vandalism of Don Gozney's campaign.

Naomi Williams reminded everyone about the candidate's night on Thursday, October 30, 2010, at 4:00 p.m.

Corky Booze expressed his disappointment that his signs are being removed throughout the City of Richmond. He also urged people to vote no on Measure U.

Jackie Thompson spoke regarding unauthorized signs being placed on private properties within the City of Richmond. She also urged the City to clean the garbage and litter on Main Street.

Michael Beer spoke regarding jobs for Richmond.

Tom Waller spoke regarding strengthening the local economy within the City of Richmond.

Bea Roberson invited everyone to attend the Home Front Festival on October 2, 2010.

Andres Soto invited everyone to the Home Front Festival Dance on Friday, October 1, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Craneway Pavilion. He also spoke in opposition to Measure U.

Mike Parker invited everyone to the Home Front Festival. He also spoke regarding the Chevron project.

AGENDA REVIEW

Removed Items G-1 from the Consent Calendar.
Continued Item H-1 to October 26, 2010.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

Councilmember Bates stated that a representative was not available to attend the meeting and the proclamation acknowledging September 16, 2010, as American Legion Day would be forwarded to the appropriate persons.

The City Council received a presentation featuring highlights from 2010 Juneteenth Parade and Family Festival. Jerrold Hatchett, Elmina Green, Naomi Williams, and Michelle Milam gave the presentation. Councilmember Bates, Lopez, Rogers, Viramontes, Mayor McLaughlin, Jackie Thompson, Corky Booze, and Jovanka Beckles gave comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

A proposed resolution authorizing the acceptance of \$1,543,542.55 in Proposition 1B funding from the State of California and appropriation of those funds to the Carlson Boulevard Improvement Project was presented. Interim City Engineer Edric Kwan gave an overview of the item. Jackie Thompson and Corky Booze gave comments. On motion of Councilmember Viramontes, seconded by Councilmember Rogers adopted **Resolution No. 109** by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmembers Butt, Lopez, Rogers, Viramontes, Vice Mayor Ritterman, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Bates.

*-Approved the minutes for the May 25, 2010, meeting.

STUDY SESSION

Continued to October 26, 2010, in the matter to receive a presentation by Richmond Main Street Youth Entrepreneur Program.

The City Council received a report from the Fire Department on the fire prevention efforts in the El Sobrante Hills and Wildcat Creek area. Councilmember Viramontes gave an overview of the item and turned the PowerPoint presentation over to Fire Chief Michael Banks, Fire Marshall Don Perez, and Fire Inspector Harry Thompson. Eleanor Loynd and Jackie Thompson gave comments. Councilmember Viramontes requested Chief Banks forward the budget for this project to the Finance Committee.

STUDY AND DIRECTION TO STAFF SESSION

In the matter to receive a presentation on the Citywide Parks Master Plan developed by Gates and Associates/Bellecci and Associates and provide direction to staff, City Manager Bill Lindsay gave an overview of the item. Representatives from Gates and Associates/Belecci and Associates Linda Gates and Gail Donaldson gave a PowerPoint presentation. Councilmember Viramontes suggested that the 4000 acres of regional parks be included in the Citywide Parks Master Plan. Representatives from Gates and Associates/Belecci and Associates will make the suggested revisions. Corky Booze and Coire Riley gave comments. Councilmember Lopez announced that the community may go to www.solanoplay.org and vote to help the Solano Play Lot win 25,000 for park improvements. Councilmember Rogers suggested improvements in mobility to parks. Councilmember Viramontes made the following funding suggestions: (1) on the ball field issues focus on as many joint use facilities with schools for the parks issue and if purchase or add land make it a priority. If schools are closed in the City of Richmond acquire the property for park space; (2) look at EBRPD properties see if there are locations in their system where recreation would be appropriate; and (3) establish a lighting and landscaping district in the core of the City of Richmond to build new parks or maintain current parks. Volunteers should study the issue; the Finance Committee and Public Works Department should be a part of the dialogue.

In the matter to receive a report and provide direction to staff on the findings and recommendations presented in a Federal Economic Development Administration funded "Green is Gold, a Green Economic Development Plan for Richmond." Economic Redevelopment Director Steve Duran, Redevelopment Representatives Thomas Mills, and Alex Brennam gave the presentation which included a PowerPoint Presentation. Individuals trying to locate a business in Richmond may visit Richmond4business.com. Tom Waller, Jovanka Beckles, and Jerome Smith gave comments. Councilmember Bates left the meeting at the beginning of this presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, October 5, 2010, at 6:30 p.m.

City Clerk

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Approved:

Mayor