



SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

For

***Gayle McLaughlin
Re-elected Mayor***

and

Re-elected and Newly-elected Councilmembers

Jim Rogers

Jovanka Beckles

Courtland "Corky" Booze

Tuesday, January 11, 2011

6:30 p.m.

Richmond Memorial Convention Center

403 Civic Center Plaza

Richmond, California

**BRIEF HISTORY
OF THE
RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL**

*(the following information was taken from minutes of the
Board of Trustees and the Council of the City of Richmond
dated August 14, 1905, and July 6, 1909, respectively)*

On August 14, 1905, the first meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Richmond was called to order at 8:25 p.m. in the main office of the Critchett Building located at 224 Richmond Avenue. Trustees present were: Critchett, Babcock, Kenny, Garrard, and Curry. Trustee Garrard nominated Trustee Curry to be President of the City Board. The nomination was seconded by Trustee Kenny, and “Mr. Curry was declared elected and took the chair.”

A special election was held on February 9, 1909, and the qualified voters of the City voted in favor of and duly ratified the City Charter as proposed by the Board of Trustees. Section 1 of Article III of the Charter states that “All powers herein granted to and vested in the City of Richmond, except as herein otherwise provided, be exercised by a Council to be designated the Council of the City of Richmond . . .” As a result of the voters’ approval of the City Charter, the Board of Trustees became the Council of the City of Richmond. Section 3 of Article III of the Charter states that the Council shall be composed of nine members (At the November 2, 2004, Election and effective with the 2008 Election, the composition of the City Council was changed from nine to seven members).

An election was held on May 10, 1909, and the first Councilmen were elected. At the July 6, 1909, meeting of the Council, the City Clerk read Certificates of Election for the following Councilmen: Edward J. Garrard, John N. Hartnett, James C. Owens, Edward McDuff, Otto R. Ludewig, Homer Eugene Wyatt, John Joseph Dooling, Joseph Benjamin Willis, and Gerry Alton Follet. During the July 6, 1909, meeting the Council, by secret ballot, elected Councilman Joseph Benjamin Willis as the Presiding Officer of the Council to be known as Mayor of the City of Richmond.

PROGRAM

***OFFICIAL WELCOME TO THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY
AND INTRODUCTION OF MASTER OF CEREMONY
BILL LINDSAY, CITY MANAGER
By Mayor Gayle McLaughlin***

***MASTER OF CEREMONY
Bill Lindsay***

***PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
(Please Stand)***

***INVOCATION
Jerome Smith***

***BEST WISHES TO
COUNCILMEMBERS VIRAMONTES AND LOPEZ
From Councilmembers Butt, Bates, Rogers
and Vice Mayor Ritterman***

***PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS
TO
COUNCILMEMBERS MARIA VIRAMONTES
AND
LUDMYRNA LOPEZ
By Mayor Gayle McLaughlin***

**COMMENTS BY
COUNCILMEMBERS MARIA VIRAMONTES
AND
LUDMYRNA LOPEZ**

**INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER
REVEREND PHIL LAWSON, LONG-TIME SOCIAL JUSTICE
AND COMMUNITY ADVOCATE
By Nicole Valentino**

**GUEST SPEAKER
REVEREND PHIL LAWSON
“UNITY: THE ROAD TO COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT”**

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE
AND PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION
TO
JIM ROGERS, INCUMBENT
JOVANKA BECKLES
COURTLAND “CORKY” BOOZE
By Diane Holmes, City Clerk**

**COMMENTS AND
EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION
FROM
COUNCILMEMBERS ROGERS, BECKLES,
AND BOOZE**

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE
AND PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION
TO
RE-ELECTED MAYOR GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN
By Diane Holmes, City Clerk**

**COMMENTS BY
MAYOR GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN**

**ROLL CALL
Diane Holmes, City Clerk**

**WELCOME TO NEW COUNCILMEMBERS
By Councilmembers Butt and Bates
and Vice Mayor Ritterman**

**CLOSING REMARKS
Mayor Gayle McLaughlin**

MUSICAL SELECTION
Voices of Reason,
A Vocal Ensemble of the East Center of the Performing Arts

ADJOURN
Mayor Gayle McLaughlin

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Park Florist
Prime Copy and Printing
Voices of Reason
Anastasia Reshetikhin, Pianist
Kalin Freeman, Saxophonist

City Staff:

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City Manager's Office
KCRT
Mayor's Office
Public Works
Recreation and Parks

