

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, January 25,
2011**

The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Mayor McLaughlin who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Booze, Ritterman, Rogers, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Absent:** Vice Mayor Butt arrived at 6:31 p.m.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Leonard Taylor spoke on various upcoming events such as black history month, Valentines Day Dance sponsored by the Recreation Department, and the Super Bowl XLV.

Cordell Martin gave comments regarding the drug activity taking place at the skate park on Macdonald Avenue. He also stated that the Computer Room at the Main Library has issues that need addressing. He also spoke regarding the crime rate in the City of Richmond.

Andrea Delany requested that the City of Richmond restore the cannabis clubs. She also stated that the crime rate is not down within the City of Richmond.

Antwon Cloird thanked everyone for acknowledging Ted Smith. He also encouraged the City of Richmond to hire more people of color that live within the city to work on local projects.

Mike Peritz encouraged the City Council to take firm direction which would produce equitable proper schools throughout the City of Richmond. He also stated that since he switched to AT&T, he was no longer able to watch the School Board or City Council meetings and hopes something can be done about it.

Simms Thompson stated that a left-turn signal is needed at Cutting and Carlson Boulevards. He stated that people exiting C & C Market should exit onto Stege Avenue and not Carlson Boulevard because it is dangerous as it is currently designed. Mr. Simms also stated that the lights are out on Carlson Boulevard from Bayview Avenue to Broadway Avenue.

AGENDA REVIEW

None.

**PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND
COMMENDATIONS**

Mayor McLaughlin read a proclamation declaring January as National Blood Donor Month. Lisa Eversol was not available to accept the proclamation; however, the proclamation will be forwarded to Ms. Eversol.

Mayor McLaughlin presented Housing Commissioners Alicia Carillo and Helen Hall National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) Housing Commissioners National Board Certifications. Helen Hall, Alicia Carillo, Anntheia Yvonne Harrison-Farr, Jackie Thompson, and Cordell Rhoades gave comments.

Mayor McLaughlin presented certificates to Janice Joseph of Park Plaza Rest Home and the CEO of Pax Water Technologies as Richmond Small Businesses of the Month for January 2011. Janice Joseph's daughter, son-in-law, and the CEO of Pax Water Technologies gave comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m., to meet again on Tuesday, February 1, 2011, at 6:46 p.m.

City Clerk

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Approved:

Mayor