

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, June 28, 2011

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Boozé, Rogers, and Mayor McLaughlin.
Absent: Councilmember Ritterman and Vice Mayor Butt.

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

LIABILITY CLAIMS - PENDING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9):

Williams vs. City Richmond

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision [a] of Government Code Section 54956.9):

Brittney East vs. City of Richmond

There were no public speakers.

The Evening Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:38 p.m. The Closed Session adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

The Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Mayor McLaughlin who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers, Beckles, Boozé, Ritterman, Rogers, Vice Mayor Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Absent:** Councilmember Bates arrived at 7:45 p.m.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Jackie Thompson reported that on Thursday, June 23, 2011, she along with Councilmember Boozé and other adult chaperones took 18 youth on a BART ride from Richmond BART to the Oakland Museum to the San Francisco Airport and back to Richmond.

Leonard Taylor encouraged citizens not to discharge personal fireworks and guns on July 4, 2011.

Cordell Hindler encouraged the City Council to support soccer programs within the City of Richmond.

Richard Stollings expressed opposition towards the issuance of Municipal ID Cards for Richmond residents.

Antwon Cloird expressed opposition towards the issuance of Municipal ID Cards for Richmond residents. He also expressed concern for the amount of money paid to the attorneys for the Point Molate Project. Mr. Cloird also stated that the black on black crime throughout the City of Richmond was due to the lack of jobs available in the city.

Bea Roberson announced that the Richmond Crime Prevention Program would participate in the National Night Out event that was celebrated with cities across the country on Tuesday, August 2, 2011. This year's NNO Kick Off will once again be hosted by Target. She also reminded citizens about The National Institute of Art & Disabilities (NIAD) fundraiser on Wednesday, July 6, 2011, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., 2800 Giant Road.

Billy Alexander spoke regarding an editorial printed in the West County Time regarding the payments to local elected officials include salaries, meeting stipends, health insurance, pensions and life insurance. He stated that the West County Times failed to state that non-payment to Councilmembers occurred during slavery.

Chantay Scott stated that she was told by staff at the Richmond Works One-Stop Career Center that funding for training was no longer available. She requested that the City Council look into the matter.

John Marquez stated that when Item H-15 regarding the write-off of delinquent, uncollectible accounts receivable was discussed at the June 21, 2011, City Council Meeting, his name was read from the list of delinquent accounts. Mr. Marquez stated that he was not aware that he owed the City of Richmond any money and requested clarification.

Don Gilmore stated that the slanderous remarks made by individuals about the Community Housing Development Corporation (CHDC) were untrue.

The following individuals spoke in support of CHDC and the positive work that it has done throughout the community: Annie King-Meredith, Vonda Wright, Jesse Slocum, Marena Brown, Erwin Reeves, Johnny White, Pastor Nicholas Belts, Dr. Edwina Perez-Santiago.

Juana Anker and Cherie Lee spoke in opposition of redistricting the City of Richmond.

City Manager Bill Lindsay stated that Item H-15 was regarding the write-off of delinquent, uncollectible accounts receivable, and that John Marquez was not on the list.

AGENDA REVIEW

Item H-1 was heard before Open Forum and Items I-1 and I-2 were combined.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

The City Council received a report from the 23rd Street Merchants' Association on the 2011 Cinco de Mayo festivities held on 23rd Street in the City of Richmond on April 30th. Councilmember Ritterman gave a brief overview of the item and the 23rd Street Merchants Member Rafael Madrigal gave a PowerPoint Presentation and he thanked everyone that supported the event. John Marquez gave comments.

Mayor McLaughlin joined by Young Adult Librarian Angela Cox presented a "Scholarships Are Terrific" (S.A.T.) scholarship, sponsored by the Friends of the Richmond Public Library and the Richmond Public Library, to Maria Martinez, a graduate of Richmond High School. Ms. Martinez thanked Friends of the Richmond Public Library and the Richmond Public Library for the scholarship. Cordell Hindler, Councilmember Booze, and John Marquez gave comments.

Mayor McLaughlin joined by Councilmember Beckles presented a proclamation recognizing June 2011 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month to representatives from the RYSE Center. Cordell Hindler and Billy Alexander gave comments.

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

City Attorney Randy Riddle reported that there were no reportable actions.

STUDY SESSION

(This item was heard before Open Forum)

The City Council received a presentation by Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia, Chairperson, Doctors Medical Center (DMC) Joint Governing Board; Eric Zell, Vice-Chairperson, DMC Joint Governing Board; and Dawn Gideon, DMC Interim Chief Executive Officer, concerning the operation and financial condition of Doctors Medical Center.

In the matter to receive a report from Bay Area Biosolids to Energy regarding a demonstration project

for alternative disposal methods for biosolids from wastewater treatment plants using Richmond-based Intellergy Systems Technology Wastewater Manager Chad Davisson along with Caroline Quinn of Bay Area Biosolids to Energy gave a report which included a PowerPoint Presentation. Terry Galloway gave comments.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

The matter to adopt a resolution approving the 2011-12 Appropriations Limit for the City of Richmond pursuant to Article XIII B, as amended, of the Constitution of the State of California and the matter to review and adopt the following resolutions for the City of Richmond: (1) approving the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget; and (2) approving the Fiscal Year 2011-2016 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan Budget were combined for consideration. City Manager Bill Lindsay gave an overview of the items. He stated that the budget was being presented with a deficit in the General Fund of approximately \$750,000. The following individuals gave comments: Carla Orozco, Kathleen Sullivan, Cherie Lee, Juana Anker, and Margaret Jordan. Councilmember Rogers requested staff earmark any unexpected revenue, specifically \$2 million, for street pavement. A motion was made by Councilmember Rogers, seconded by Councilmember Boozé to approve the item. Councilmember Rogers withdrew his motion and Councilmember Boozé withdrew his second because discussion was not complete. Councilmember Boozé suggested that the \$10,000 requested for the Human Rights and Human Relations Commission come from the Office of Neighborhood Safety's (ONS) budget. A motion was made by Councilmember Boozé, seconded by Councilmember Rogers to approve the budget with the amendment of transferring \$10,000 from the ONS budget to the Human Rights and Human Relations Commission's budget. Mayor McLaughlin asked that Councilmembers allow discussion to be completed before any motions were considered. Mayor McLaughlin requested that the approval of \$10,000 for the Human Rights and Human Relations Commission and the Commission on Aging, and \$50,000 for the Consultant for the Mayor's Office be included in any motion. The City Council unanimously agreed to consider each request separately. Councilmember Bates requested that staff place an item on the agenda in the next 30-days for staff to present a report on the paving of 23rd Street from Cutting Boulevard to Macdonald Avenue. A motion was made by Councilmember Beckles to approve \$10,000 for the Human Rights and Human Relations Commission and seconded by Mayor McLaughlin with an amendment that the approval of the \$10,000 was contingent upon receiving the Human Rights and Human Relations Commission's line-item budget. The amendment was accepted. Councilmember Rogers stated that he could not support the motion due to the City of Richmond's current budget situation **(At 11:00 p.m. a motion was made by Councilmember Rogers, second by**

Councilmember Ritterman to extend the meeting for 30 minutes. A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Boozé to extend the meeting for one hour. The substitute motion died for lack of a second. The original motion failed with Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Boozé, and Vice Mayor Butt voting Noe. A motion was made by Councilmember Ritterman, seconded by Mayor McLaughlin to extend the meeting until all items have been heard. A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Beckles to extend the meeting for 10 minutes. The substitute motion died for lack of a second. A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Boozé to extend the meeting for one hour. The substitute motion died for lack of a second. A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Boozé to recess the meeting until an operating budget was received for the Human Rights and Human Relations Commission. The substitute motion died for lack of a second. On substitute motion of Mayor McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Rogers extended the meeting until the budget issue with all components was completed with Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, and Vice Mayor Butt voting Noe). The motion regarding the Human Rights and Human Relations Commission's \$10,000 allocation passed by the following vote: **Ayes: Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Boozé, Ritterman, Vice Mayor Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** Councilmember Rogers. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** None. On motion of Councilmember Bates, seconded by Councilmember Ritterman approved \$10,000 for the Commission on Aging by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Boozé, Ritterman, Vice Mayor Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** Councilmember Rogers. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** None. On motion of Mayor McLaughlin, seconded Councilmember Boozé approved \$50,000 for the Mayor's Office by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Boozé, Ritterman, Rogers, Vice Mayor Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** Councilmember Bates. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** None. A motion was made by Councilmember Rogers to approve the City of Richmond's Operating budget with the three motions previously passed regarding the Human Rights and Human Relations Commission, Commission on Aging, and the Consultant for the Mayor's Office, and also to include the request that the first \$2 million of any unanticipated revenue be earmarked for street paving. The motion died for lack of a second. A motion was made by Councilmember Boozé, seconded by Mayor McLaughlin to approve the City of Richmond's Operating budget with the three motions previously passed regarding the Human Rights and Human Relations Commission, Commission on Aging, and the Consultant for the Mayor's Office. Councilmember Bates stated that he would not support a budget that was not balanced. A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Bates to direct the city manager to come back to the City Council with a balanced budget at the July 5, 2011, City Council Meeting. The substitute motion died for lack of a**

second. The motion by Councilmember Boozé, seconded by Mayor McLaughlin to approve the City of Richmond's Operating budget was approved and **Resolution No. 54-11** was adopted by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Boozé, Ritterman, Rogers, Vice Mayor Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** Councilmember Bates. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** None. On motion of Councilmember Rogers, seconded by Councilmember Boozé adopted **Resolution No. 55-11** approving the Fiscal Year 2011-2016 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan Budget by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Boozé, Ritterman, Rogers, Vice Mayor Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** None. On motion of Councilmember Boozé, seconded by Councilmember Ritterman adopted **Resolution No. 53-11** approving the 2011-2012 Appropriations Limit for the City of Richmond by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Boozé, Ritterman, Rogers, Vice Mayor Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** None.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Rogers announced that he was in the middle of a two-week road trip to visit his grandparents in Washington and he flew back for the meeting, which the City Attorney's Office stated was an appropriate expense.

Councilmember Bates requested that Mayor McLaughlin close the meeting in memory of Charlesetta Cannady a long-time Richmond resident.

Mayor McLaughlin stated that she had a wonderful time at the Second Annual Richmond "Pow Wow" sponsored by the Native American Community on Saturday, June 25, 2011, at Nicholl's Park. She also thanked the Native American Community and Marilyn Langlois for organizing the event. She also thanked Jackie Thompson, Councilmember Booze, and all the adult chaperones for taking the youth of the City of Richmond on a BART trip.

Councilmember Booze thanked the parents of the youth for allowing their children to go on the BART trip.

Councilmember Beckles reported that she attended the "Building Bridges Between Black and Brown Communities: Healing Racial Wounds," which was held at the Brooke T. Washington Community Center in Richmond on June 25. The Human Rights Human Relations Commission sponsored the program.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:23 p.m. in memory of Charlesetta Cannady, to meet again on Tuesday, July 5, 2011, at 6:30 p.m.

City Clerk

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor