

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL  
Tuesday, October 18, 2011**

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by Mayor Gayle McLaughlin.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Bates, Boozé, Ritterman, Vice Mayor Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin.  
**Absent:** Councilmembers Beckles and Rogers arrived after the City Council adjourned 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):**

City of Richmond vs. Upstream

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9):**

One Case

**CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54956.8):**

Property: Point Molate (site of former Naval Fuel Depot)  
Agency Negotiators: Bill Lindsay and Bruce Goodmiller  
Negotiating Party: Upstream Point Molate LLC  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

There were no speakers.

The Evening Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:11 p.m. The Closed Session adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:49 p.m. by Mayor Gayle McLaughlin.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

## **STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Vice Mayor Butt recused himself on Item H-18 because the West Contra Costa Unified School District was his client.

## **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Cordell Hindler expressed his disappointment with individuals loitering in front of businesses within the City of Richmond.

Leonard Taylor stated that Occupy Wall Street is illegal.

Myrtle Jones thanked the mayor and the City Councilmembers for their help in fixing her home which improved her health.

Rasheed Shepard, Ronel Robinson, and Shawn Morris apologized to the City Council and the City of Richmond for their part in the incident that happened in the Office of Neighborhood Safety, and they urged the City Council not to penalize the Office of Neighborhood Safety.

The following individuals spoke in support of the Office of Neighborhood Safety:

Mark Torres believes any program that is working with the youth should be supported, Alana Bolds, Tamisha Walker, Eli Moore, Lavern Barns, Jeff Rutlund, Devonja Woodard, Julius VanHook, Gabriel Godfrey, Henry Washington, Kevin Williams, Tracy Reed, and Eleanor Thompson.

Antwon Cloird stated that the mindset of individuals have to change in order for people to change.

Kenneth Davis stated that he experienced racism in Richmond from members of the Richmond Progressive because of his support of Councilmember Booze.

Michell Penbrook stated that she purchased a vacant lot in the City of Richmond and was told she could only grow flowers on the lot. She stated that she can no longer continue to clean the lot and requested assistance with the maintenance of the lot.

Pam Bilbo-Saucer thanked Mayor McLaughlin and the City Council for the Greenprint Transportation Project and the shuttle services within the City of Richmond. She requested that the shuttle service be expanded throughout the City of Richmond.

Rhonda Harris thanked Mayor McLaughlin and the City Council for the approval of the Greenprint Transportation Project.

Jim Height expressed his disappointment with Chevron's filing a lawsuit against the City of Richmond

Sims Thompson expressed his disappointment that money is being spent and the city is not improving its overall image. Street lights, etc. stated that money spent in the City of Richmond should benefit its citizens. He suggested that city officials take a tour of the city to see what improvements are needed.

Michael Beer expressed his disappointment that he was told he was inappropriate at the last City Council meeting. He stated that he prepared a resolution in reference to Chevron's lawsuit.

Sylvia Hopkins read a resolution regarding Chevron's attempt to sue the City of Richmond.

Richard Mitchell invited everyone to attend an educational session sponsored by the Richmond Planning Department and Bay Area Air Quality Management District on Wednesday October 19, 2011, in the City Council Chambers from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. to discuss Bay Area Air Quality CEQA Guidelines and subjects related to the community and how the community can evaluate air quality impacts through the CEQA process.

Dewan King spoke on behalf of the employees of the California Autism Foundation (CAF). He stated that the employees of CAF were currently in the process of forming a union to make positive improvements for consumers, employees, and their families. He stated that CAF employers have held multiple meetings and have distributed misinformation to discourage the efforts of the employees in forming a union to make positive changes. Mr. King requested support from the City Council and the community to give a message to the CAF employers to respect its employee's rights and allow them to vote without intimidation.

John Marquez thanked the City Council for its efforts to pull the young people together in the City of Richmond.

Kessy Smith invited everyone to an Arbor Day celebration on Saturday, October 22, 2011, at 8:45 a.m. to plant 30 street trees between 34<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Street and Edmond Avenue.

Jackie Thompson announced that Councilmember Boozé was nominated and accepted to receive the Community Distinguishing Award by the Civic Pride Society. She also stated that the Honorable Carol Lee Tolbert invited the Richmond community to get the young people involved with the Knowledge is Power Program to be held on Saturday, October 29, 2011, from 8:30 to 2:00 p.m. grades 6 through 12.

Tarnell Abbott invited everyone to join the Richmond Progressive Alliance on Monday, October 24, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. at the Contra Costa County Building, 651 Pine Street, Martinez, in support of its idea of asking Chevron to pay its fair share.

Fayza Ayyad stated that there was shooting in a beauty shop and the person responsible was described as a gunman. However, when there is a shooting involving an individual from the Middle-East, that person is described as a terrorist. She also spoke in support of the ONS and the children they are helping.

Tim Laidman spoke in opposition of Chevron's attempt to get a huge reduction to the tax it pays to Contra Costa County and the City of Richmond.

Texanita Bluitt stated that our children are our future and the community must work together to come up with programs that will encourage our children to get ready for the future.

Raymond Landry stated that the Richmond Steelers are no. 2 in the state and the midgets are undefeated. He also stated that the City of Richmond sent away a billion dollar project and the City of Richmond spent a quarter of a million dollars in litigation and it looks like the City of Richmond is now in negotiations to settle. He also stated that he would like an apology from the Director of ONS Devone Boggan for the altercation that occurred in the ONS Offices.

Juan Reardon stated that the progressive alliance is alive in the City of Richmond and encouraged citizens to get involved.

Jerome Smith read a poem by Mary Oliver and stated that our souls are not the possession of anyone; it lives in the hearts of each Councilmember.

Michael Parker stated that if Chevron was successful with its lawsuit, programs and services within the City of Richmond would be under threat. He stated that citizens need to come together to show people power in this situation.

## **AGENDA REVIEW**

Removed Items H-1, H-2, H-7, H-8, H-12, H-13, H-14, H-18, H-19, H-21, and H-24 from the Consent Calendar to be considered at the end of the agenda. Moved Item K-2 to be heard following Presentations, Proclamations, and Commendations. Withdrew Item H-19 from the Agenda.

## **PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS**

Mayor McLaughlin presented a proclamation to Parks Superintendent Chris Chamberlain commemorating the fourth Saturday in October as the Official Arbor Day in Richmond, California, and October 22, 2011, as the City of Richmond's Official Arbor Day in 2011. Cordell Hindler and Eduardo Martinez gave comments.

## **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 for Closed Session.

## **REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD/CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR**

On motion of Boardmember/Councilmember Ritterman, seconded by Vice Chairperson/Vice Mayor Butt adopted **City of Richmond Resolution 88-11 and Redevelopment Agency Resolution No. 11-17** approving and authorizing the acquisition of easements and right of entry with the State of California for work associated with the Officer Bradley A. Moody Memorial Underpass Project in an amount not to exceed \$81,250 by the following vote: **Ayes:** Boardmembers/Councilmembers Beckles, Boozé, Ritterman, Rogers, Vice Chairperson/Vice Mayor Butt, and Chairperson/Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Boardmember/Councilmember Bates.

## **CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR**

On motion of Councilmember Ritterman, seconded by Councilmember Beckles all items with an (\*) were approved by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Boozé, Ritterman, Rogers, Vice Mayor Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** None

A proposal to approve the purchase of a replacement landscape loader, backhoe loader, and utility trailer from Pape Machinery of Newark, California in an amount not to exceed \$193,500 was presented by City Manager Bill Lindsay. Kenneth Davis gave comments. On motion of Councilmember Boozé, seconded by Councilmember Ritterman approved the purchase of a replacement landscape loader, backhoe loader, and utility trailer from Pape Machinery by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Boozé, Ritterman, Rogers,

and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None.  
**Absent:** Councilmember Bates and Vice Mayor Butt.

A proposal to approve the purchase of a replacement stencil paint truck from Roadline Products Inc. of Downey, California, for use by the Signs and Lines Division of the Public Works Department, in an amount not to exceed \$96,500 was presented by City Manager Bill Lindsay. Kenneth Davis gave comments. On motion of Councilmember Ritterman, seconded by Councilmember Rogers approved the purchase of a replacement stencil paint truck from Roadline Products Inc. by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Boozé, Ritterman, Rogers, and Vice Mayor Butt. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Bates and Mayor McLaughlin.

\*-Approved the purchase of a replacement cone/emulsion truck from Roadline Products Inc. of Downey, California, for use by both the Street's Paving Division and the Parks and Landscape Division of the Public Works Department, in an amount not to exceed \$96,000.

\*-Approved the purchase of a replacement mobile communications unit from Hi-Tech Emergency Vehicle Service, Inc. in Oakdale, California, for use by the Police Department, in an amount not to exceed \$575,000.

\*-APPROVE a sole-source maintenance agreement with Sympro, Inc., which provides software for fixed-income portfolio and cash-flow management, for a three-year term from November 1, 2011, to October 31, 2014, at a total cost of \$62,916 (\$20,972 annually).

\*-Approved a two-year Land Use Agreement with the Richmond Certified Farmers' Market Association, commencing November 1, 2011, for the free use of the northern section of the city-owned parking lot located on Barrett Avenue between 24th Street and 25th Street weekly on Fridays for the purpose of operating a farmers' market.

The matter to adopt a resolution authorizing as-needed mechanical building maintenance service contracts to perform major mechanical building maintenance services at various city facilities, including Civic Center Plaza, Main Library and the two Swim Centers, with Bay City Mechanical, Inc. (Richmond), Valley Facilities Management Corp. (San Jose), Legacy Mechanical & Energy Services Inc. (San Ramon) in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 per firm over a three-year period was presented by City Manager Bill Lindsay. Kenneth Davis and Loch Sekona gave comments. Following the comments, Mayor McLaughlin held the item over to a future meeting to allow the unions and employees time to meet.

A proposal to approve a contract with Farwest Safety, Inc. to provide traffic control services to support maintenance operations including landscaping, electrical, and pavement repairs along the Richmond Parkway and other major city arterials in an amount not to exceed \$24,500 and for a term ending June 30, 2012, was presented by City Manager Bill Lindsay. Loch Sekona gave comments. On motion of Councilmember Ritterman, seconded by Councilmember

Rogers approved the contract with Farwest Safety, Inc. by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Boozé, Ritterman, Rogers, and Vice Mayor Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Bates.

\*-Authorized the city manager or his designee to execute the Crossing Closure Agreement and the Crossing Improvement Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company for work associated with the Meade Street Bypass Road in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.

\*-Approved a contract with Nichols Engineering Consultants to provide annual surveys, reports, investigations and inspections of the Operating Unit 1 and Operating Unit 2 areas at Point Potrero Marine Terminal in compliance with the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) operations and maintenance plan for this site, in an amount not-to-exceed \$98,938.

\*-Approved the purchase of green seal cleaning and paper products for all City of Richmond buildings from Universal Building Services & Supply Co. and Waxie Sanitary Supply in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 per year for each of the two vendors for a three-year period.

An amendment to a contract with A-N West, Inc. Consulting Engineers to provide on-call plan review support services, increasing the amount by an additional \$250,000 to an amount not to exceed \$345,000, funded by plan check and inspection fees paid by applicants was presented by City Manager Bill Lindsay. On motion of Councilmember Boozé, seconded by Councilmember Ritterman approved an amendment to a contract with A-N West, Inc. Consulting Engineers by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Boozé, Ritterman, Rogers, and Vice Mayor Butt. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** Councilmember Beckles and Mayor McLaughlin. **Absent:** Councilmember Bates.

**Combined Items H-13 and H-14.** The matter to adopt a resolution amending the City of Richmond's Position Classification Plan to add the new promotional classification of Senior Human Resources Administrator and the matter to hear first reading of an ordinance establishing the wages, salary, and compensation for the new promotional classification of Senior Human Resources Administrator (Salary Range No. 068E; \$7,643 - \$9,290/month) were presented by Human Resources Management Director Leslie Knight. Loch Sekona gave comments. On motion of Vice Mayor Butt, seconded by Councilmember Ritterman adopted **Resolution No. 89-11** and said ordinance received first reading and was laid over two weeks for second reading by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Boozé, Ritterman, Rogers, and Vice Mayor Butt. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** Councilmember Beckles and Mayor McLaughlin. **Absent:** Councilmember Bates.

\*-Approved the purchase of replacement play equipment for the Solano Play Lot, under the California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) Contract #4-99-78-0006A, from Miracle Recreation Equipment Company of Alamo, California in an amount not to exceed \$99,991.22.

\*-APPROVE the purchase of Rescue Systems II training for up to 20 West County Firefighters from Lee & Associates Rescue Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$15,500 using grant funds from the Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative.

\*-Adopted **Resolution No. 90-11** adjusting the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Employment and Training Department Budget, increasing both grant revenues and program expenditures in the amount of \$684,000 to account for grant funds authorized subsequent to the approval of the budget in June 2011, awarded to the RichmondWORKS National Emergency Grant (NEG) On-the-Job-Training (OJT) Program, the YouthBuild Educational component of the Muir Career Technical Academy, the Clean Energy On-the-Job Training Program, and the YouthWorks Academic Program.

The matter to approve the Right-of-Entry Agreement by and between the City of Richmond (City) and the West Contra Costa Unified School District (District) to allow the District to build and occupy a temporary campus at the site of the demolished Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center for the students and staff of Nystrom Elementary School to utilize during the renovation of the existing Nystrom classroom buildings was presented by City Manager Bill Lindsay. Rhonda Harris and Raymond Landry gave comments. **(At 12:00 a.m. a motion was made by Councilmember Ritterman, seconded by Councilmember Boozé to extend the meeting for 30 minutes with Councilmember Beckles voting Noe and Councilmember Bates and Vice Mayor Butt absent)** On motion of Mayor McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Ritterman approved the Right-of-Entry Agreement by and between the City and the District by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Boozé, Ritterman, Rogers, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, and Vice Mayor Butt.

The matter to adopt an ordinance, second reading, of the City Council of the City of Richmond amending Richmond Municipal Code Chapter 7.102 (Medical Marijuana Collectives) to increase the number of permits available from three to four was **withdrawn from the City Council Agenda.**

\*-Adopted **Resolution No. 91-11** authorizing the acceptance and appropriation of \$27,842 from the State of California Department of Conservation's 2010/11 City/County Payment Program.

The matter to approve the expenditures associated with the CalGRIP IV Grant to include service contracts with the City of Richmond Police Department (\$119,655), Omega Boys Club (\$35,000), Neighborhood Housing Services of the East Bay (\$40,000), and Pacific Institute - Safe Return Project (\$40,000) was presented by Office Of Neighborhood Safety Director Devone Boggans. Speakers were: Lynette McElhaney, Jackie Thompson, Kathleen Sullivan, and Raymond Landry. **(At 12:30 a motion was made by Councilmember Ritterman, seconded by Councilmember Boozé to extend the meeting for 30 minutes. The motion failed with Councilmembers Beckles, Rogers, and Vice Mayor Butt voting Noe and Councilmember Bates was absent. A motion was made by**

**Councilmember Ritterman, seconded by Councilmember Boozé to extend the meeting for 15 minutes. The motion passed with Vice Mayor Butt voting Noe and Councilmember Bates was absent)** Speakers continued with Jeff Rutland, Lavern Bond, Orlinda Foil, Tamisha Walker, and Adam Kruggel. **(At 12:45 on motion of Councilmember Boozé, seconded by Councilmember Ritterman extended the meeting for 15 minutes with Councilmember Beckles and Vice Mayor Butt voting Noe and Councilmember Bates absent)** On motion of Councilmember Ritterman, seconded by Councilmember Beckles approved the expenditures associated with the CalGRIP IV Grant to include service contracts with the City of Richmond Police Department (\$119,655), Omega Boys Club (\$35,000), Neighborhood Housing Services of the East Bay (\$40,000), and Pacific Institute - Safe Return Project (\$40,000) **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Boozé, Ritterman, Rogers, Vice Mayor Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Bates.

\*-Adopted **Resolution No. 92-11** authorizing submission of the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Regional Fund application to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District for \$315,000, including a local match of \$54,000 for administrative services, to extend transportation shuttle services.

\*-Approved an amendment to the contract with The Glen Price Group to develop proposal content, drafts, and attachments necessary to submit final copies of grant applications to various state and federal agencies or other funders by the agreed upon target dates to: (1) increase the amount from \$40,000 to an amount not to exceed \$112,000; and (2) extend the contract term from October 18, 2011, through June 30, 2012.

In the matter to adopt a resolution of local support, as required by the State of California Natural Resources Agency, for the application for grant funding in the amount of \$1,272,311 for the Richmond/Ohlone Greenway Gap Closure - Baxter Creek Restoration Project, and authorize the city manager to accept and appropriate any funds awarded pursuant to this grant program. On motion of Councilmember Ritterman, seconded by Councilmember Rogers adopted **Resolution No. 93-11** by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Boozé, Ritterman, Rogers, Vice Mayor Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Bates.

\*-Approved the appointment of Councilmember Boozé as an alternate representative to the West County Agency.

\*-Approved the minutes of the July 26, 2011, meeting.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

The matter to adopt a resolution urging the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Lisa P. Jackson and President Barack Obama, to move swiftly to fully employ and enforce the Clean Air Act to do our part to reduce carbon in our atmosphere to no more than 350 parts per million was presented by Mayor McLaughlin and Councilmember Ritterman. The following individuals gave comments: Cordell Hindler, Rose Brads, Juan Reardon, Tom Kelly, Tarnel Abbott, Juana Anker, Jessica Tarvar, and Margaret Jordan. Mayor McLaughlin added the following “Whereas” to the resolution: “WHEREAS, the Richmond Chevron Refinery is the largest point source greenhouse gas emitter in the State of California.”

Following discussion, on motion of Mayor McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Rogers adopted **Resolution No. 94-11** by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Boozé, Ritterman, Rogers, Vice Mayor Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Bates.

## **ORDINANCES**

In the matter to introduce an ordinance for first reading repealing Richmond Municipal Code Chapter 9.42 (prohibiting graffiti within the City of Richmond) in its entirety and enacting a new Chapter 9.42, which would prohibit and require abatement of tagging on private and public property, was presented by City Attorney Scott Dickey. The following individuals gave comments: Cordell Hindler, Naomi Williams, Sims Thompson, Kate Sibley, and Eduardo Martinez.

Following discussion a motion was made by Mayor McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Beckles to approve the ordinance for first reading. A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Boozé, seconded by Vice Mayor Butt to hold the item over for 30 days to allow the Council to get clarification. The motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Boozé, Beckles, Rogers, and Vice Mayor Butt. **Noes:** Councilmember Ritterman and Mayor McLaughlin. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** None.

**(At 11:02 p.m. a motion made by Councilmember Boozé to extend the meeting for two hours died for lack of a second. On motion by Councilmember Beckles, seconded by Councilmember Rogers extended the meeting for 30 minutes by the unanimous vote of the Council).**

## **COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

In the matter to consider increasing the City of Richmond's financial contribution to the project to renovate the historic Maritime Child Care Center by authorizing a waiver of the building permit fees in the amount of approximately \$82,000 as requested by the Rosie the Riveter Trust was presented by City Manager Bill Lindsay. Councilmember Butt disclosed that he was a member of the Rosie the Riveter Trust. Marsha Mather-Thrift and Matt Holmes gave comments. A motion was made by Councilmember Boozé, seconded by Councilmember Rogers to increase the City of Richmond's financial contribution to the project to renovate the historic

Maritime Child Care Center by authorizing a waiver of the building permit fees with the modification to come up with creative funding options including working with the Rosie Trust to possibly structure a long-term loan with the understanding that the City of Richmond may not be reimbursed. Vice Mayor Butt suggested that the City of Richmond recognize that the waiver of the permit fees was a fair trade for the \$150,000 that the Rosie the Riveter Trust was providing to the Port of Richmond. Mayor McLaughlin offered the following friendly amendment to the motion: "this item is being approved leaving the city manager options to explore financing." The friendly amendment was accepted. The motion with the friendly amendment was approved by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Boozé, Ritterman, Rogers, Vice Mayor Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Bates.

In the matter to request and urge the city clerk to reconsider accepting late ballots brought in by SEIU 1021 for recommended appointees to the Personnel Board, in order to avoid having an entire group of people disenfranchised due to a minor error of one person, Mayor McLaughlin gave an overview. City Clerk Diane Holmes gave a report. The following individuals gave comments: Kenneth Davis, Bea Roberson, Rhonda Harris, Cordell Hindler, Jeff Shojie, Jackie Thompson, Juana Anker, Michael Parker, Millie Cleveland, James Walker, Mike Ali, Naomi Williams, Eduardo Martinez, and Nicholas Alexander. A motion was made by Councilmember Beckles, seconded by Mayor McLaughlin to urge the city clerk to accept the ballots cast by SEIU 1021. A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Bates, seconded by Councilmember Booze to table the matter failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmember Bates and Booze. **Noes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Ritterman, Rogers, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Abstentions:** Vice Mayor Butt. **Absent:** None. Discussion continued and Vice Mayor Butt made a substitute motion to advise the city clerk to void the election and hold a new election. The substitute motion was withdrawn. The original motion failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Ritterman, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** Councilmember Bates. **Abstentions:** Councilmembers Booze, Rogers, and Vice Mayor Butt. **Absent:** None.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS: STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS, REFERRALS TO STAFF, AND GENERAL REPORTS (INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS)**

Councilmember Rogers reported that he attended the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) General Assembly the week of October 9, 2011.

Councilmember Booze reported that he travelled to Los Angeles the week of October 9, 2011, to work with Danny Bakewell regarding hiring Richmond citizens.

Mayor McLaughlin invited everyone to the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program (GRIP) Walk on Saturday, October 22, 2011, at 8:00 a.m. All interested should register at the Richmond Civic Center Plaza and then meet at Nevin Park.

Mayor McLaughlin also invited everyone to the North and East Tree Planting Celebration for Arbor Day and to the North Richmond Green Festival. Citizens should call her office at (510) 620-6503 for more details on the events.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:52 a.m. in memory of Demetria Foster to meet again on Tuesday, October 25, 2011, at 6:30 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Approved:

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Mayor