

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, February 28,  
2012**

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

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Beckles, Boozé, Ritterman, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Absent:** Councilmembers Bates, Butt, and Vice Mayor Rogers. (Councilmember Bates and Vice Mayor Rogers arrived after adjourning 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):**

Chevron vs. Contra Costa

Brentwood vs. Contra Costa

**CONFERENCE WITH LABOR  
NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section  
54957.6):**

Agency designated representative(s): Bill Lindsay; Unrepresented employee: City Attorney

**There were no public speakers.**

The Evening Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:11 p.m. The Closed Session adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:41 p.m. by Mayor McLaughlin who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**READING OF THE CODE OF ETHICS**

Reverend Kenneth Davis read the Code of Ethics.

## **STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

## **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Cordell Hindler encouraged the citizens of Richmond and the City Council to support the Richmond Rockets Basketball Team.

Leonard Taylor reported that radio station 98.1 KISS FM was giving away \$1,000 Monday through Friday.

Mike Mahoney gave a report on the status of the Plumbers and Steamfitters Union Pipefitting Apprenticeship Program. He stated that 14 students were from the City of Richmond.

Antwon Cloird spoke in support of the Richmond Rockets Basketball Team.

Sims Thompson expressed his pleasure with the response from individuals that have joined the Plumbers and Steamfitters Union Pipefitting Apprenticeship Program. He also stated that the City of Richmond needs to address the missing street lights issue.

Kenneth Davis congratulated the Richmond Rockets. He also expressed his concerns about the lack of support from the City of Richmond for the citizens of North Richmond.

Mark Torres spoke in support of the Richmond Police Activities League (RPAL) and thanked the Richmond Rockets Basketball Team for supporting and inviting the children to its games. He also encouraged citizens and the City Council to support the Little League Baseball's Opening Day Parade which begins March 17, 2012, and also to support the Richmond Rockets Basketball Team.

Don Gosney expressed his concerns that plans are being made from outside and inside of the City of Richmond that affect the highways, and citizen's access to them, without proper notification to the citizens of Richmond.

Pamela Saucer Bilbo reported that the Men and Women of Valor have over 500 or more volunteers cleaning and beautifying the North Richmond area. She requested help from the City of Richmond's Code Enforcement Department with removal of bags of trash from the streets.

Becky Ross encouraged the City of Richmond to partner with the Richmond Rockets Basketball Team to rebrand the City of Richmond.

The following individuals spoke in support of the Richmond Rockets Basketball Team and encouraged the City of Richmond to partner with the Richmond Rockets Basketball Team: Michael Davenport, Tita Davis, Patrick Mitchell, Justin Baker, Bea Roberson, Amit Patel, Brianna Garner, Charlie Mendoza, Emily Espinosa, Rikaya McFadden, Kristen Crowder, Marsha Tomassi, Joe Fisher, Naomi Williams, Michelle Itagaki, and Jan Mignoni.

Billy Alexander expressed the importance of the City Council placing the issue of wages on the National Agenda.

Jackie Thompson read a list of some of the first African Americans in the history of the United States. The list included: Phyllis Wheatly; Mayor of Liberty, first black magazine; Hiram Revels first black senator; Frederic Douglas; Magdalena Walker; Mathew Henson; and the first black film was called the Railroad Porter.

Tanel Abbott invited citizens of Richmond to a free viewing of a documentary entitled "Heist, Who Stole the American Dream" at the Richmond Progressive Alliance Office, 1021 Macdonald Avenue, on Friday, March 23, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Marilyn Langlois stated that the month of March was Women's History Month and invited citizens to attend Richmond's Fifth Annual Women's Day Celebration at Lovonya Dejean Middle School ; theme "Sisters is Solidarity - Walking in our Community." Individuals may call (510) 620-6502 for more information.

Kathleen Wimer stated that the Richmond Progressive Alliance was circulating a petition to get the Millionaires' Tax on the November 2012 Ballot and encouraged citizens to sign.

Juan Reardon stated that the Richmond Progressive Alliance was continuously working for a better Richmond and that a better Richmond was possible.

Courtney Cummings encouraged citizens to participate in the March for Education from Oakland to Sacramento beginning March 1 through March 5, 2012, and she requested help from anyone that may be able to offer housing for participants in the march.

### **AGENDA REVIEW**

Removed Items I-1 and I-2 from the Consent Calendar.

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

Mayor McLaughlin presented a proclamation honoring the 761st Tank Battalion, one of three Black American Tank Battalions in World War II, and The

Ladies Auxiliary for their historic role and invaluable contributions to the World War II effort. Members of the 761<sup>st</sup> Tank Battalion and The Ladies Auxiliary gave comments. Cordell Hindler, Pam Saucer Bilbo, Jackie Thompson, Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Boozé, and Vice Mayor Rogers also gave comments.

Mayor McLaughlin joined by Councilmember Boozé presented a proclamation, in the spirit of Black History Month, honoring Edna Campbell, Burgundie Spears, and Aaliyah Washington-Burr for their annual Christmas in Richmond Program. Ms. Campbell, Burgundi Spears, Aaliyah Washington-Burr, Councilmember Boozé, and Cordell Hindler gave comments.

Mayor McLaughlin presented a proclamation in recognition of National American Heart Month and the Go Red for Women initiative to Terry Mock. Ms. Mock, Councilmembers Ritterman and Boozé, and Cordell Hindler gave comments.

Councilmember Boozé joined by Jackie Thompson made surprise presentations to Billy Alexander and Councilmember Bates to express gratitude and appreciation for their contributions to African American History in the City of Richmond. Larry, Steven, and Gayle Bates, Mayor McLaughlin, Cordell Hindler, Jackie Thompson, Naomi Williams, and Bea Roberson 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 on Closed Session items.

**CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR**

The matter to approve a contract with Precision Concrete Cutting to provide concrete sidewalk cutting services to eliminate sidewalk tripping hazards in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 per year on an as-needed basis, and subject to funding availability for a term of three years **was continued to March 6, 2012.**

*This item was heard before Item I-1.* The matter to authorize the city manager and the port director to negotiate and execute all required contractual documents with the General Services Administration (GSA) on behalf of the National Park Services for the lease of the General Warehouse located at the Point Potrero Marine Terminal provided that the lease is for no less than 10 years, the leased premises is approximately 85,000 square feet, the price per square foot is no less than \$1.07 per month, and such other terms as directed by the City Council was presented by Port Director Jim Matzorkis, Michael Williams, and City Manager Bill Lindsay. Following discussion, a

motion was made by Councilmember Ritterman, seconded by Mayor McLaughlin to approve the item as presented. **Discussion pursued and a motion by Councilmember Beckles, seconded by Mayor McLaughlin to call for the question. The motion failed with Councilmembers Ritterman, Beckles, and Mayor McLaughlin voting Ayes; and Councilmembers Bates, Boozé, and Vice Mayor Rogers voting Noe; and Councilmember Butt Absent.** The original motion to authorize the city manager and the port director to negotiate and execute all required contractual documents with the General Services Administration (GSA) on behalf of the National Park Services for the lease of the General Warehouse was approved by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Ritterman, Vice Mayor Rogers, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** Councilmembers Bates and Boozé. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Butt

### **STUDY AND DIRECTION TO STAFF SESSION**

The matter to discuss and consider ideas for reducing the length of City Council meetings and provide direction to staff regarding changes to meeting rules and procedures was presented by City Manager Bill Lindsay. The following individuals gave comments: Naomi Williams, Cordell Hindler, Sims Thompson, Don Gosney, Reverend Kenneth Davis, Pam Saucer Bilbo, Jan Mignoni, Billy Alexander, Jackie Thompson, Tarnel Abbott, Bea Roberson, and Reverend Wesley Ellis. A motion was made by Councilmember Beckles, seconded by Mayor McLaughlin to accept all changes except the following: I-2, I-3, II-1, II-2, II-3, II-4, III-1, III-2, III-6a, and IV-4. *(In accordance with the City Council's Rules and Procedures, at 11:00 p.m. a motion was made by Councilmember Beckles, seconded by Councilmember Ritterman to extend the meeting for 10 minutes. A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Boozé, seconded by Councilmember Bates to adjourn the meeting. The substitute motion failed with Councilmembers Beckles, Ritterman, Vice Mayor Rogers, and Mayor McLaughlin voting Noe, and Councilmembers Bates and Boozé voting Aye. Vice Mayor Rogers offered a friendly amendment to set a time limit on the original motion. The friendly amendment was not accepted by Councilmember Beckles. The original motion to extend the meeting for 10 minutes failed with Councilmembers Bates, Boozé, and Vice Mayor Rogers voting Noe, and Councilmembers Beckles, Ritterman, and Mayor McLaughlin voting Aye. A motion by Vice Mayor Rogers to extend the meeting for 25 minutes died for lack of a second. Due to the inability of the majority of the Council to agree on a meeting extension, Mayor McLaughlin adjourned the meeting at 11:06 p.m.). Continued to March 27, 2012.*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:06 p.m., to meet again on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at 6:30 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Approved:

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Mayor