

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA November 27, 2012**

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Beckles, Butt, Ritterman, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Absent:** Councilmembers Bates, Boozé, 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 REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54956.8):**

Property: Rosie the Riveter Building,  
Macdonald Ave, Richmond  
Agency negotiator: Bill Lindsay  
Negotiating party: Native American Health Center  
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment.

Courtney Cummings and Michael Dyer gave comments regarding a petition on behalf of the Native American Health Center in Richmond.

The Evening Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:36 p.m. The Closed Session adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

The Special Meeting of the City of Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Mayor Gayle McLaughlin who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**READING OF THE CODE OF ETHICS**

City Clerk Diane Holmes read the Code of Ethics.

**STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

## **AGENDA REVIEW**

Moved Item G-1 directly following Agenda Review. Withdrew Item J-1 from the agenda.

## **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Antwon Cloird stated that City Clerk Diane Holmes should be commended for the work she does in the City of Richmond community. He also encouraged the City Council to look into the future of the City of Richmond to build Economic development to increase living standards and safety for our citizens.

Sims Thompson requested that the City of Richmond install a left turn signal on Carlson Boulevard and Cutting Boulevard.

Jackie Thompson requested the city of Richmond acknowledge the National Guard Armory's work to install a sidewalk on Stege Avenue. She also thanked Jonelyn Whales for her work with the National Guard Armory.

Courtney Cummings invited the public to a Community Dinner on Wednesday, November 28, 2012, in celebration of National Native American Month. The dinner will be held at the Native American Health Center, 2060 23<sup>rd</sup> Street from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Don Gosney gave comments regarding Chevron and encouraged the City Council and Citizens to thank Chevron for the positive things they contribute to the City of Richmond.

Michael Beer gave comments regarding building a better Richmond and gave positive statement regarding the Richmond Progressive Alliance.

Texanita Bluitt requested that the City of Richmond install hand rails on the steps of the Richmond Auditorium.

Tarnel Abbott gave comments regarding the Richmond Progressive Alliance. She stated that she was embarrassed about Councilmember Boozé's behavior on the City Council. Ms. Abbott stated that she supported Councilmember Boozé during his election campaign and requested that he stop personal attacks on the mayor and others.

Sylvia Gray-White requested that City Council install city monitors as opposed to depending on the county monitors to protect citizens from the potential dangers of Chevron.

Kenneth Davis encouraged citizens to visit [freerichmond.org](http://freerichmond.org).

***The City Council recessed at 7:04 p.m. and***

*reconvened at 7:08 p.m.*

Wesley Ellis urged the City Council to adopt an ordinance that will stop metal dealers from receiving stolen metal.

Marilyn Langlois gave comments in reference to an article in today's West County Time written by David Clay Johnston entitled "The Fine Print."

Vivien Feyer invited citizens to attend an event on December 10, 2012, sponsored by the Human Rights and Human Relations Commission in celebration of International Human Rights Day. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Melvin Willis gave comments in support of Mayor McLaughlin.

Eduardo Martinez stated the citizen and council has the power to make our community a loving environment.

Councilmember Boozé stated that because Tarnel Abbott supported him during his election does not mean she owns him.

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

*This item was heard directly following Agenda Review.* Mayor McLaughlin, Councilmembers Bates and Boozé presented a proclamation honoring the accomplishments of Chief William A. Jackson as a WWII Veteran Merchant Mariner, Bay Area Community Leader, and USS Red Oak Victory Volunteer. A family member thanked the City of Richmond for the proclamation on behalf of the family. Jackie Thompson gave comments.

Mayor McLaughlin and Councilmember Beckles presented a proclamation congratulating Ms. Alexis Pickins on her title as Miss Richmond and for her academic achievements, community service, and for representing the City of Richmond in the 2013 Miss California USA. Miss Pickins, Kathleen Sullivan, and Jackie Thompson gave comments. Citizens may visit [sponsorthanks.com/alexispickins](http://sponsorthanks.com/alexispickins) to support Miss Pickins.

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

City Attorney Bruce Goodmiller stated that there were no reportable actions for Closed Session.

#### **STUDY SESSION**

The City Council received a presentation about

the West Contra Costa County Technical Rescue Program. The presentation included a PowerPoint Presentation and was presented by Richmond Fire Chief Michael Banks, Battalion Chief Byron Berhel, Fire Captain Elizabeth de Dios, and Battalion Chief Brian Lowry. Jackie Thompson, Councilmembers Ritterman, Beckles, Boozé, and Bates gave comments.

**COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

The matter to request and recommend that the Richmond City Council direct the city clerk to forgo and dismiss any late fees and allow Councilmember Elect Gary Bell to fully recover to the point that he is capable of filing the required Contributions and Expenditures Campaign Statement for the period of October 21, 2012, through November 5, 2012, *was withdrawn from the agenda.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m. in memory of Jesse Lee Fuller, father of Council Liaison Trina Jackson, to meet again on Tuesday, December 4, 2012, at 6:30 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Approved:

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Mayor