

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, May 29, 2012

The Special Joint Meeting of the Richmond City Council/West Contra Costa Unified School District was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Mayor McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Boozé, Butt, Ritterman, Vice Mayor Rogers, and Mayor McLaughlin; School Boardmembers Madeline Kronenberg, Antonio Medrano, Tony Thurmond, and President Charles Ramsey.

Absent: School Boardmember Elaine Merriweather.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

STUDY AND DIRECTION TO STAFF SESSION

The Richmond City Council and the West Contra Costa Unified School District received a presentation from Nystrom United Revitalization Effort (NURVE) stakeholders on the status of NURVE projects and programs. The presenters were President/CEO Community Services Foundation Joan Davis and Jim Becker, Management Analyst LaShonda White, and Housing Authority Director Tim Jones. “The Nystrom United ReVitalization Effort (NURVE) is a collaboration of the City of Richmond, community residents, Richmond Community Foundation (RCF), Bay Area LISC, WCC Unified School District, National Park Service, Richmond Housing Authority (RHA), Santa Fe, Coronado, and Iron Triangle neighborhood councils, among others...to improve quality of life, education, and economic conditions in the community—focusing on rebuilding the area surrounding the Nystrom Elementary School and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park.” Mike Peritz gave comments.

The Richmond City Council and the West Contra Costa Unified School District received a presentation on the University of California at Berkeley's Center for Cities and School's Y-PLAN (Youth - Plan, Learn, Act, Now) Program at Kennedy High School was presented by Management Analyst LaShonda White. “Y-PLAN (Youth - Plan, Learn, Act, Now) Program at Kennedy High School is a model for youth civic engagement in city planning that uses urban space slated for redevelopment as a catalyst for community revitalization and education reform. Cordell Hindler gave comments.” School Boardmember Thurman suggested that the Y-PLAN Program look into developing traditional urban planning in neighborhoods around the school. Mrs. White will take this idea to the program. Nancy Shift at district sponsoring

The Richmond City Council and the West Contra Costa Unified School District received an update on West Contra Costa Unified School District's

bond-funded school facilities improvement program at Richmond school campuses. Dr. Harder and Magdy Abdalla WCCUSD Engineering Officer gave the presentation. The following individuals gave comments: Cordell Hindler, Mike Ali, Mike Peritz, and Eduardo Martinez.

The Richmond City Council and the West Contra Costa Unified School District received a presentation regarding West Contra Costa Unified School District's Measure K on the June 2012 ballot. Dr. Harder gave an overview of the item. Measure K is a five-year parcel tax "To provide local funding the State cannot take away, preserve quality education including: reading, writing, math, science; maintaining reduced class sizes for the youngest children; retaining quality teachers; supporting libraries, improving campus safety; preparing students for college/workforce." The following individuals gave comments: Mike Ali, Eduardo Martinez, Clarence Jordan, and Richard Stollings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m. in memory of Pastor Elsie Wyatt.

City Clerk

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Approved:

Mayor