

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA,  
March 11, 2013**

The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by Mayor Gayle McLaughlin who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Bates (via teleconference location, accessible to the public, Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road North West, Room 3025, Washington, DC), Beckles, Myrick, Rogers, Vice Mayor Boozé, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Absent:** Councilmember Butt.

**STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

The matter to discuss and give direction to staff to implement an agreement with Richard Poe to reduce his bid by an additional \$600,000 in order to bring the Call Center and its 220 jobs to Richmond was presented by Councilmembers Rogers, Myrick, and Bates. Antwon Cloird, Kathleen Sullivan gave comments. Michael Davenport also gave comments on behalf of the Richard Chamber of Conference. Deputy City Clerk Ursula Deloa read into record a letter of support submitted by the Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council. A motion was made by Councilmember Rogers, seconded by Councilmember Myrick to direct the city manager to negotiate a loan agreement with Richard Poe to: (1) reduce his bid by \$600,000; (2) if the cubicles turn out to cost \$1,012,545 (not 400,000) Mr. Poe was responsible for the difference; (3) change the City of Richmond loan from being probably \$400,000 (and possibly \$1,012,545) to being definitely \$1,012,545. Mayor McLaughlin offered a friendly amendment to direct the city manager to bring back the best possible scenario in terms of the negotiations with Mr. Poe in securing the loan. The amendment was accepted. The motion with the

friendly amendment passed by the following vote:  
**Ayes:** Councilmember Bates, Beckles, Myrick, Rogers,  
Vice Mayor Boozé, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:**  
None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember  
Butt.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting  
adjourned at 7:19 p.m., to meet again on Tuesday,  
March 19, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Approved:

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Mayor