

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA,  
November 26, 2013**

The Richmond City Council evening open session was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by Mayor Gayle McLaughlin who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Beckles, Butt, Rogers, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Absent:** Councilmember Bates. Vice Mayor Boozé arrived at 5:11 p.m. Councilmember Myrick arrived at 5:15 p.m.

**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):**

Wells Fargo vs. City of Richmond  
Bank of New York vs. City of Richmond

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

The Evening Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:11 p.m. The Closed Session adjourned at 6:46 p.m. The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:51p.m. by Mayor Gayle McLaughlin who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

None.

**PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS**

Mayor McLaughlin and Councilmember Rogers presented a proclamation to Chevron-Richmond for launching the "Community Revitalization Initiative," a \$15.5 million program that will benefit Richmond communities. The following individuals gave comments: Sims Thompson, James Austin, Dr. Henry Clark, Don Gosney, Andres Soto, Katrinka Ruk, Joseph Puleo, James Austin, Mike Parker, Marilyn Langlois, Eduardo Martinez, and Tarnell Abbott. Councilmember Rogers read the proclamation.

Mayor McLaughlin and Councilmember Beckles presented a proclamation promoting Small Business Saturday in Richmond. Leonard Taylor and Tarnell Abbott gave comments.

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

City Attorney, Bruce Goodmiller, stated there were no reportable actions.

## **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Leonard Taylor stated that there will be Thanksgiving dinner provided at Salute's Restaurant.

Courtney Cummings gave comments regarding November being National Native American Heritage Month and acknowledged the Richmond Museum and the Native American Health Center for conducting celebratory events. Ms. Cummings also announced that the next Richmond Native American Pow Wow will be held on June 21, 2014.

Sims Thompson wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

Wesley Ellis gave comments regarding the Mayor wanting to have him removed from the Council Chambers for his coughing and that others have also coughed and have not been removed.

Don Gosney gave comments regarding the City of Oakland's debit card program and requested an update regarding the City of Richmond's program.

Texanita Bluitt gave comments regarding bicycle riders and the dangers they are exposing themselves to and hopes more can be done to educate riders on how to protect themselves from accidents.

William Hartfield-Peoples, Deandre Evans, and Donte Clark invited everyone to the play "Po Boys Kitchen" given by members of Raw Talent on Saturday, December 7, 2013, from 7-9 p.m. at the Maple Hall Community Center in San Pablo.

Millie Cleveland stated that SEIU Local 1021 has not been able to finalize their contract due to the negotiator, Jack Hughes being unavailable for discussions. Ms. Cleveland also stated that the failure to bargain is turning into an unfair labor charge against the city.

Jackie Thompson stated that Veterans were not acknowledged at the City Council meeting for

Veteran's Day. Ms. Thompson also stated that persons who make false accusations against others face the possibility of litigation in civil court.

Joseph Puleo made comments about recent newspaper articles regarding the property at 801 Hoffman Boulevard and Vice Mayor Boozé's association with the property owner and Vice Mayor Boozé's belief that his "political enemies" are to blame for the accusations.

Bea Roberson stated that the Mayor needs to appoint a city representative to the Contra Costa Senior Commission as soon as possible. Ms. Roberson also stated that the Richmond Progressive Alliance is always speaking against Chevron and asked what resources they have to contribute to the city like Chevron has.

Vinay Pimplé stated that the City may have to pay an increased rate when trying to sell bonds due to the city's eminent domain plan.

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

The City Council received a report from Kanwarpal Dhaliwal, RYSE Center Community Health Director on the outcome of their Listening Campaign Share Out held on November 12, 2013, and provided direction to staff on potential ways to support young people from Richmond and West Contra Costa County by Kanwarpal Dhaliwal, RYSE Center Community Health Director. RYSE conducted a "Share Out" Listening Campaign in order to try and understand the experiences of Richmond youth burdened with multiple forms of trauma; inform effective community interventions and empowerment strategies; and create more accurate assessment processes for youth healing from trauma. Gun and gang violence was by far the most voiced. Domestic violence and abuse were also highly reported. Racism and bullying were reported more than expected. Youth described sexual, domestic, and gun and gang violence as "silent" forms of violence. The youth expressed mistrust of sharing with adults for fear of not being heard. The short term recommendations are to assign a City representative on

the Listening Campaign Advisory Group and in the long term establish the City of Richmond as a “Trauma-Informed Community of Care”. The following individuals gave comments: Marilyn Langlois, Jackie Thompson, and Bea Roberson. Discussion ensued. A Youth Summit is being planned by the Mayor’s Office to be held on March 1, 2014. (*Councilmember Bates left the meeting at 8:18 p.m.*) A motion by Councilmember Beckles, seconded by Mayor McLaughlin, directed staff to appoint a city representative to be on the Listening Campaign Advisory Group, passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Butt, Myrick, Rogers, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Bates and Vice Mayor Boozé. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** None. Ms. Dhaliwal invited anyone interested in being on the advisory group to attend the meeting on Wednesday, December 4, 2014, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Ms. Dhaliwal also invited everyone to the RYSE Center’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Winter Wonderland on Saturday, December 14, 2013, from 12-4 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m., in memory of Fausto Delgado, to meet again on Tuesday, December 3, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Approved:

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Mayor