

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, January 21,  
2014**

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Bates, Boozé, Butt, Myrick, Rogers, Vice Mayor Beckles, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Absent:** Councilmember Boozé arrived after adjourning to Closed Session.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The deputy city clerk announced that the purpose of the 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 - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** (Initiation of litigation pursuant to Subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9):

One Case

There were no public speakers.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 6:04 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Mayor McLaughlin.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

Removed Item G-1 from the City Council Consent Calendar to be heard at the end of the agenda.

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

City Attorney Bruce Reed Goodmiller reported that there were no reportable actions.

## **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Leonard Taylor stated that on January 15, 2014, he was served dry chicken from the Kentucky Fried Chicken located on San Pablo Avenue and Barrett Avenue and considered it a health and safety hazard. Mr. Taylor requested that Mayor McLaughlin and the City Council contact the Contra Costa County Health Department to look into the matter.

Mark Wassberg gave comments regarding the transgender community.

Sims Thompson and Richard Stollings gave comments regarding the missing lights throughout the City of Richmond specifically 41<sup>st</sup> Street and Barrett Avenue. Mr. Thompson and Mr. Stollings also suggested that signage was needed to improve the flow of traffic off the freeway into a right turn on Barrett Avenue that merges into a single lane, and a traffic signal was needed at 37<sup>th</sup> Street and Barrett Avenue. Also, the light poles in the middle of sidewalks on Barrett Avenue needed to be removed.

Jackie Thompson recommended that the City Council meet with the communities within the City of Richmond to hear ideas on how to improve City services. She also stated that the vacant lot on 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> Street off Macdonald Avenue was a nuisance and needed to be addressed. Ms. Thompson also stated that on January 13, 2014, there was a power outage from Marina Bay to Kennedy High School and she encouraged residents to contact Pacific Gas and Electric Company to request a prorated bill. Ms. Thompson also stated that in February, Roland Martin will feature documentaries on violence against children.

## **CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR**

On motion of Councilmember Butt, seconded by Vice Mayor Beckles all items marked with an (\*) were approved by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

The matter to receive a monthly report on the Richmond Municipal Sewer District for December 2013 was presented by Wastewater Engineer Chad Davisson. Sims Thompson gave comments. On motion of Vice Mayor Beckles, seconded by Councilmember Myrick received a monthly report on the Richmond Municipal Sewer District for December 2013 by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Myrick, Rogers, Vice Mayor Beckles, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Booze.

\*-Approved a five-year agreement with the Chevron Corporation for Richmond Fire Department staff to provide fire prevention services at the Chevron Richmond Refinery with payment by Chevron in the amount of \$483,506 annually, beginning December 23, 2013, and extending through December 31, 2018.

\*-Approved a contract for the continuation of services by Community Violence Solutions (CVS) Children's Interview Center (CIC) to provide a forensic interviewer for all investigations where a child has been sexually abused, physically abused and/or severely neglected, for the period from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$21,349.37.

### **COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

The matter to receive an update and provide direction to staff regarding the prayer quarters of the Noor Masjid Mosque located at 1330 Cutting Boulevard remaining open while the damaged portion of the structure is being repaired was presented by Councilmember Boozé. Fire Chief Michael Banks, Fire Marshall Terry Harris, and Deputy Fire Marshall Robin Poindexter gave a report. Mark Wassberg gave comments. Ben Mohamed Alaoui requested more time to submit plans to the Fire Marshall Terry Harris. Yar Mohamed and Mathias Gordon also gave comments. Councilmember Boozé requested to meet with staff regarding issues at the Mosque and would like to be kept abreast of any activities related to the Mosque. Ben Mohamed Alaoui requested that to begin updates once plans have been submitted to the Fire Marshall.

### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS: STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS, REFERRALS TO STAFF, AND GENERAL REPORTS (INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS)**

Councilmember Bates requested to have the meeting adjourned in memory of long-time Richmond resident Harry Joe Mitchell, Partner of Watson, Hoffe, Haas Law Firm in Richmond Bruce Hoffe, and Former Mayor and long-time City Councilman Don Wagerman. Councilmember Bates also congratulated Richmond resident and National Football League Seattle Seahawks Running Back Marshawn Lynch on his team's victory against the San Francisco 49ers which earned the Seahawks a trip to Super Bowl XLVIII (48). Councilmember Bates also wished the Seahawks luck against the Denver Broncos.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. in memory of Harry Joe Mitchell, Bruce Hoffe, and Don Wagerman to meet again on Tuesday, January 28, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Approved:

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Mayor