

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, February 4, 2014

The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Mayor Gayle McLaughlin who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION

Mayor McLaughlin read and presented a proclamation in recognition of Black History Month for February 2014 in the City of Richmond to Naomi Williams, Texanita Bluitt, Bea Roberson, Myrtle Braxton-Ellington, Othree Christian, Jackie Thompson, and Wesley Ellis. Naomi Williams thanked the Mayor and City Council for the proclamation. Ms. Williams gave a brief overview of Black History events in the City of Richmond. Jackie Thompson stated she was proud to be a Black woman, and she gave comments about a book entitled "The Black American". Ms. Thompson stated the book is a wonderful teaching tool for Black History. Mark Wassberg gave comments regarding biological ethnicity. Texanita Bluitt stated her great-grandfather received 100 acres of land from his slave master and the land remains in her family. She also gave comments regarding her personal encounter with the race riots in the South.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor