

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, March 4, 2014

The Special Meeting of the Richmond Housing Authority was called to order at 6:04 p.m., by Chairperson Gayle McLaughlin who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Butt, Myrick, Rogers, Tenant Housing Commissioner Thompson, Vice Chairperson Beckles, and Chairperson McLaughlin. **Absent:** Commissioners Boozé and Bates arrived at 6:06 p.m. and Tenant Housing Commissioner Hall was absent.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No public speakers.

AGENDA REVIEW

None.

HOUSING AUTHORITY CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Commissioner Butt, seconded by Commissioner Myrick approved the minutes for the Richmond Housing Authority Meeting held on December 17, 2013, by the following vote: **Ayes:** Commissioners Butt, Myrick, Rogers, Tenant Housing Commissioner Thompson, Vice Chairperson Beckles, and Chairperson McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Commissioners Boozé, Bates, and Tenant Housing Commissioner Hall.

HOUSING AUTHORITY AS A WHOLE

The matter to direct staff to hire an independent investigator to report directly to the Richmond Housing Authority Board of Commissioners to look into systemic issues of work order responsiveness within the Richmond Housing Authority and make recommendations was presented by Chairperson McLaughlin. Chairperson McLaughlin suggested staff identify a funding source for the City to attain an independent neutral party to investigate and audit the Housing Authority's current systems. Uche Uwahemu and Wesley Ellis gave comments. Commissioner Butt suggested describing the investigation as a management audit, and to look into the accuracy of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding the City of Richmond's resources to provide services of concern, and also to look at the role of the Housing Advisory Commission to assist with these issues. Chairperson McLaughlin stated that she would incorporate Commission Butt's suggestions into her motion. A motion by Commission Butt, seconded by Vice Chairperson Beckles to end debate failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Commission Butt, Vice Chairperson Beckles, and Chairperson McLaughlin. **Noes:** Commissioners Bates, Boozé, Myrick, Rogers, and Tenant Housing Commissioner Thompson. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Tenant Housing Commissioner Hall. *(The meeting was called to recess at 6:59 p.m. and*

reconvened at 7:04 p.m. with Tenant Housing Commissioner Hall absent, and all other Commissioners present.) Discussion continued and Chairperson McLaughlin ruled that Commissioner Boozé get back on topic or she would call for the next speaker. *(The meeting was called to recess at 7:12 p.m. and reconvened at 7:17 p.m. with Tenant Commissioner Hall absent, and all other Commissioners present.)* A motion was made by Chairperson McLaughlin, seconded by Vice Chairperson Beckles to direct staff to initiate a process to retain a management auditor to look into systemic issues of work order responsiveness within the Richmond Housing Authority and make recommendations, and also look into the level of HUD resources the City of Richmond was working with, and to address issues related to the Housing Advisory Commission. A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Boozé to direct the city manager “to meet with whomever he will meet with and come back to the City Council with an amount and timeframe.” Following discussion, Commissioner Boozé withdrew his substitute motion, and the original motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Commissioners Bates, Boozé, Butt, Myrick, Rogers, Vice Chairperson Beckles, and Chairperson McLaughlin. **Noes:** Tenant Housing Commissioner Thompson. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Tenant Housing Commissioner Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

City Clerk

(SEAL)

Approved:

Chairperson