

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, April 1, 2014**

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The 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:

**HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION** ((Subdivision [a] of Government Code Section 54956.9):

Richmond Housing Authority vs. Jackie Thompson

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jackie Thompson thanked the City Councilmembers who assisted her. She stated that she hopes the individual Councilmembers will not allow their personal feelings towards her to get in the way of their ability to return a fair decision. Ms. Thompson also stated that she was an active person in the community and would not go against any policy the city has implemented.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:37 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 9:15 p.m. by Mayor McLaughlin.

**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**

Removed Items F-3, F-5, and F-6 from the Consent Calendar and placed at the end of the agenda to

be addressed.

### **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Naomi Williams reported that there was flooding from 3401 to 3421 Ohio Avenue. She also thanked Councilmember Bates for attending the Richmond Swim Center meeting Friday, March 28, 2014, and that the citizens were in agreement with the renovation plans.

Jackie Thompson stated that there was a roach on the wall in the City Council Chambers. She also stated that she was embarrassed that Councilmember Myrick and Vice Mayor Beckles did not congratulate the African American recipients of the Veolia Proclamations at the March 25, 2014, City Council Meeting.

Raymond Landry expressed his disappointment that Mayor McLaughlin and Vice Mayor Beckles did not show support last week along with a representative of the state government offices, local officials, and top officials of Building Trades who came together to agreement to train citizens of Richmond for new jobs.

Antwon Cloird stated that Chevron reached out to the City of Richmond and the City of Richmond was not there. He stated that the citizens of Richmond need job opportunities.

Sharon Sanders gave comments regarding funding and youth opportunities in the City of Richmond.

Sims Thompson stated that the City Council Meetings were not handled properly. Mr. Sims also reported that the storm drains on Cutting and Carlson Boulevards need service.

Eleanor Thompson expressed disappointment that the mayor did not participate in the Veolia Proclamation Presentation on March 25, 2014. She also gave comments regarding the lack of job opportunities in the City of Richmond.

Texanita Bluitth thanked Councilmember Bates for meeting with residents at the Richmond Swim Center on Friday, March 28, 2014; she stated that the residents were pleased with the renovation plans. Ms. Bluitth also stated that citizens must help save the Doctor's Hospital.

Wesley Ellis gave comments regarding people who disguise their racism.

Mike Parker gave comments regarding Chevron and encouraged citizens to attend the review of the Chevron Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on March 2, 2014.

Joseph Puleo requested the City Council extend the review period of the Chevron Draft EIR to 45 days.

Kathleen Wimer invited citizens to the Westside Women's Club's dedication of a street map, April 5, 2014, 10:30 a.m. at the corner of West Richmond and Park Avenue in Point Richmond. She also invited citizens to the Point Molate Beach Park Dedication, April 19, 2014.

Eduardo Martinez invited citizens to review the Draft Chevron EIR, April 2, 2014. He also invited citizens to attend the Richmond Volunteer Awards Ceremony, April 10, 2014, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Dennis Dalton stated that Chevron and the Trades Unions should hold a lottery to select youth in Richmond for on the job training.

### **CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

\*- Adopted **Ordinance No. 4-14 N. S.** establishing the wages, salary, and compensation for the new classification of Crime Scene Technician (Salary Range No. 42A: \$4,454 - \$5,254/month).

\*- Adopted **Resolution No. 27-14** authorizing the city manager or designee to negotiate and execute an agreement and any amendments related to a State Coastal Conservancy Grant of \$500,000 awarded to the City of Richmond for the Miraflores Sustainable Community Greenbelt Project.

***Continued to April 15, 2014***, the matter to introduce an ordinance for first reading to establish the wages, salaries, and compensation for the classifications in the Exempt and Confidential Management unit, and repealing Ordinance No. 21-05 N.S.

\*- Introduced an ordinance for first reading to establish the wages, salaries, and compensation for the classifications represented by the Richmond Fire Management Association (RFMA) in the City's classified service.

***Continued to April 15, 2014***, the matter to adopt an ordinance for second reading increasing the minimum wage in the City of Richmond to \$12.30 an hour by 2017.

***Continued to April 15, 2014***, the matter to adopt an ordinance for second reading establishing Health in All Policies as a strategy for improving health and health equity for the City.

\*- Adopted **Ordinance No. 5-14 N. S.** amending the contract between the California Public Employee's Retirement System and the Richmond City Council for employees sharing additional costs of one percent for classic local safety members in the Richmond Fire Management Association (RFMA), the Richmond Police Officers' Association (RPOA) and the International Association of Firefighters Local 188 (Local 188).

\*- Approved the minutes of the special January 28, 2014, and regular March 4, 2014, City Council Meetings.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

The City Clerk announced that it was time pursuant to public notice to hold a public hearing to receive testimony regarding the proposed 2014-2015 Annual Consolidated Action Plan and to complement the Community Development Commission public hearing of January 24, 2014, and its public meeting of February 24, 2014; and adopt a resolution approving the 2014-2015 Annual Consolidated Action Plan which directs staff to submit the Annual Consolidated Plan to Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by May 1, 2014, and to enter into listed contracts. Housing and Community Development Director Patrick Lynch and Community Development Program Manager Ana Cortez gave an overview. Mayor McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Laura Sharples and Raymond Landry gave comments. On motion of Councilmember Boozé, seconded by Vice Mayor Beckles closed the public hearing by the unanimous vote of the City Council. On motion of Councilmember Boozé, seconded by Vice Mayor Beckles adopted **Resolution No. 28-14** approving the 2014-2015 Annual Consolidated Action Plan which directs staff to submit the Annual Consolidated Plan to Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by May 1, 2014, and to enter into listed contracts by the unanimous vote of the Council.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

In the matter to adopt a resolution amending the City Council Rules of Procedures and Order to address disruptive behavior during City Council meetings was presented by Councilmember Butt. The following individuals gave comments: Don Gosney and Vinay Pimplé. *(At 11:00 p.m. a motion was made by Vice Mayor Beckles, seconded by Councilmember Myrick to extend the meeting to complete the current item including hearing the speakers, and without discussion from the City Council after the speakers. A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Bates to extend the meeting to 11:30 p.m. died for lack of a second. The original motion was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Myrick, Rogers, Vice Mayor Beckles, and Mayor McLaughlin. Noes: Councilmembers Bates, Boozé, and Butt. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.)* Speakers

continued with: Wesley Ellis, Joseph Puleo, Jackie Thompson, Davis Sharples, Melvin Willis, Raymond Landry, Mike Parker, and Marilyn Langlois. A motion was made by Mayor McLaughlin, seconded by Vice Mayor Beckles to not restrict applause during City Council Meetings. The motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates, Booze, Myrick, Rogers, Vice Mayor Beckles, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** Councilmember Butt.

*Continued to April 15, 2014*, the matter to (1) adopt a resolution to refer to the Planning Commission Consideration of Revocation for an electronic sign at Pacific East Mall, and (2) direct the Planning Commission to conduct a revocation hearing for the previous approval of the electronic billboard LED sign at Pacific East Mall.

### **COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

*Continued to April 15, 2014*, the matter to discuss and provide direction to staff regarding the amount of funding Holland and Knight obtained for the City of Richmond during the term of their contract.

*Continued to April 15, 2014*, the matter to approve a budget for a City of Richmond Youth Council in the amount of \$250,000 over five years beginning in Fiscal Year 2014-15 to provide for meaningful resources for a viable way for Richmond's youth to participate formally in regard to issues and concerns of the City of Richmond.

*Continued to April 15, 2014*, the matter to discuss and give direction to staff concerning changing our governing rules to reduce late night, lengthy meetings, which are routinely hurting the City's ability to take care of important business items

*Continued to April 15, 2014*, the matter to establish a hiring freeze of new and vacant positions until a balanced budget is approved.

*Continued to April 15, 2014*, the matter to discuss and provide direction to staff regarding approving a policy to determine the order in which items are placed on the City Council Meeting agendas.

*Continued to April 15, 2014*, the matter to receive an update regarding the coordination of a committee to address the concerns of Country Club Vista Homeowners.

*Continued to April 15, 2014*, the matter to direct staff to amend the Richmond Industrial Safety Ordinance to require a full-time Accidental Release Prevention Engineer at the Chevron Richmond Refinery, paid for by Chevron.

*Continued to April 15, 2014*, the matter to

request the mayor to agendize an appointment or appointments to the Housing Authority Commission on the next City Council agenda.

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

Councilmember Rogers reported that he traveled to Portland, Oregon the week of March 24, 2014, and met with Green Print Transportation officials.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:27 p.m. in memory of John Oliver and Tammie White's daughter to meet again on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Approved:

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Mayor