

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, May 27, 2014

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:46 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

CITY COUNCIL

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

City of Richmond vs. Delphi Automotive et al.

There were no public speakers.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:47 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Mayor McLaughlin who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Beckles, Butt, Myrick, Rogers, Vice Mayor Boozé, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Absent:** Councilmember Bates was absent for the entire meeting.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

On motion of Councilmember Rogers, seconded by Councilmember Myrick combined Items I-1 and I-3 by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

Chief Michael Banks, Fire Marshall Terry Harris, and Deputy Fire Marshall Robin Poindexter introduced the first place winners of the 2014 Junior

Fire Chief Program. Jackie Thompson gave comments.

Mayor McLaughlin, TECHS Program Director Felicia Taylor, and members of the Crime Prevention Board presented awards to the Richmond Crime Prevention TECHS Club students. Jackie Thompson gave comments.

Councilmember Boozé presented a proclamation recognizing the organizers of the Cinco de Mayo Parade and Festival. Rosa Lara and Bea Roberson gave comments.

REPORT FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY OF FINAL DECISIONS MADE DURING CLOSED SESSION

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

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Leonard Taylor gave comments regarding Doctor's Medical Center. He encouraged individuals to vote for Measures E and H.

Terezia Nemeth announced that the Regents approved the long range development plan and certified the Environmental Impact Report for the UC Berkeley campus in Richmond. She also thanked the City Council, community, city manager, and City staff for setting the ground work to ensure the project was successful and beneficial for all.

Sims Thompson gave comments regarding the lack of building inspectors available to oversee projects taking place in the City of Richmond.

Jackie Thompson gave comments regarding an article in the Contra Costa Newspaper regarding Mayor McLaughlin's failure to report certain gifts she received as a local government official.

Eleanor Thompson gave comments regarding funding for youth training.

David Lanieu gave comments regarding the lack of street sweeping and the increased issuance of tickets.

Alicia Jackson thanked Councilmembers Boozé and Bates for supporting the Wyatt family during the death of their beloved family member Savanna Wyatt.

Marilyn Langlois gave comments regarding the special events she attended in the City of Richmond including Rosie the Riveter and the presentations in the Latino Center's Leadership Program.

STUDY SESSION

The City Council received a presentation from

representatives of the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Rochelle Thompson, Jackie Lane, and Rich Hyatt, on the status of the United Heckathorn Superfund Site. The presentation included a PowerPoint presentation which highlighted: clean up history, current site status, preventing exposure, Tier 1 Basic Sediment Study, Tier 2 Detailed Sediment Study, Source Identification Study, DDT Fate and Transport Study, fish sampling, and November 2013 fish results. The next steps include: Finish the DDT Fate and Transport Study, update remedial action objectives, prepare feasibility study, and propose a cleanup plan for public comments. Information on the United Heckathorn Cleanup may be found at www.epa.gov/region09/unitedheckathorn. Bea Roberson and Sherry Padgett gave comments.

STUDY AND ACTION SESSION

Items I-1 and I-3 were combined. The matter to receive a presentation and provide comments on the Recommended Land Use Map in Exhibit B to be used as the basis for completion of the Draft South Shoreline Specific Plan and the preparation of the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) was presented by Planning and Building Services Director Richard Mitchell, Senior Planner Hector Rojas, and Opticos Design Representative Stefan Pellegrini (the presentation included a PowerPoint Presentation); and the matter to study and consider separating the Zeneca property from the broader South Shore Specific Plan Study in order to allow the Zeneca cleanup to proceed without it being tied into and therefore slowed down by the debate over the other properties was presented by Councilmember Rogers. The following individuals gave comments: Guy Corrie, Sims Thompson, Katrina Ruk, Scott Robinson, Martha Rutherford, Andy Firstenberg, Paul Minault, Stan Teaderman, Patricia Eckman, Bea Roberson, and Andrew Romelo. (*The City Council recessed at 9:29 p.m. and reconvened at 9:32 p.m. with all Councilmembers present*). Speakers continued with: Vivian Kahn, Sherry Padgett, Peter Weiner, Eric Blum, Norma Borgeson, Guy Prince, Norman La Force, and Jim Hanson. Discussion began and Councilmember Rogers requested staff meet with business owners and bring an update back to the City Council at a Study Session. Councilmember Rogers also requested a report from staff on concerns of zoning the Seneca as a residential use. Councilmember Butt stated that once the North Richmond interconnect was completed, all through traffic will go away and should be noted in the specific plan. He also stated that grade crossings should become quiet zones. Mayor McLaughlin and Vice Mayor Beckles reiterated that the City Council directed staff to remove from consideration in the South Richmond Area Plan any alternative that would route any vehicle traffic through the coastal prairie site.

The matter to discuss and approve the Richmond Arts and Culture Commission's

recommendation to accept Reed-Madden Design's proposal for a public art sculpture to be installed at Point Sheridan was presented by Library and Cultural Services Manager Michele Seville, Public Art Consultant Regina Almaguer, and Artists Jennifer and Jeffrey Reed. The presentation included a PowerPoint Presentation. *(The City Council recessed at 10:50 p.m. and reconvened at 10:54p.m.)*. A motion by Councilmember Boozé to overturn the mayor's ruling that he was out of order died for lack of a second. Bea Roberson and Phillip Mehas gave comments. *(At 11:00 p.m. on motion of Councilmember Rogers, seconded by Vice Mayor Beckles extended the meeting to complete the current item with Councilmember Boozé voting Noe.)* On motion of Councilmember Rogers, seconded by Vice Mayor Beckles approved the Richmond Arts and Culture Commission's recommendation to accept Reed-Madden Design's proposal for a public art sculpture by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Boozé, Butt, Myrick, Rogers, Vice Mayor Beckles, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Bates.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:06 p.m. in memory of 108 year old resident Savanna Wyatt, Dave David Jr., 96 year old Rebecca Adams, Robert Blanson, Ray Sitton, and Laura Peck to meet again on Tuesday, June 3, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

City Clerk

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Approved:

Mayor