

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, September 23, 2014

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:54 p.m. by Mayor McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Bates, Boozé, Butt, Myrick, and Vice Mayor Beckles. **Absent:** Councilmembers Bates, Boozé, and Myrick arrived while the Council was in Closed Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CITY COUNCIL

The city clerk announced the purpose of the Open Session was for the City Council to hear public comment on the following items to be discussed in Closed Session:

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

Serkes vs. City of Richmond

There were no public speakers.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:54 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

The Special Joint Meeting of the Richmond Housing Authority and Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:44 p.m. by Mayor McLaughlin who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Boozé, Butt, Myrick, Rogers, Vice Mayor Beckles, Mayor McLaughlin, Housing Tenant Commissioners Thompson, and Hall. **Absent:** Councilmember Bates arrived at 6:46 p.m.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

None.

(Councilmember Bates and Booze left the meeting at 6:47 p.m.)

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

Mayor McLaughlin presented proclamations recognizing the 2014 City of Richmond Poets Laureate to Dante Clark, Linden Burgan, and Brenda Kentania (absent). Eduardo Martinez gave comments.

Mayor McLaughlin presented a proclamation recognizing the outstanding work of City of Richmond Recreation Department staff Deborah Hernandez. Ms. Hernandez expressed words of appreciation. Jackie Thompson and Eli Williams gave comments.

Mayor McLaughlin and Vice Mayor Beckles presented proclamations recognizing National Hispanic Heritage Month. Recipients of the Latino Heritage Proclamation were: Guadalupe Corral for CCISCO and Iron Triangle Latinas & Latinos; Jessica Peregrina for Familias Unidas; Maria E. Rivera for Richmond Municipal ID Coalition; Eduardo Martinez for East Bay Sanctuary Covenant; Wendy Gonzalez, long time Richmond Teacher and Vice-Principal at Downers Elementary; Sarah Calderon for Groundwork Richmond; Cesar Portillo for Richmond United Soccer Club and SAFE Fields coalition; and Rebeca Garcia-Gonzalez, artist with Richmond Art Center. Individuals who were recognized, but were unable to attend the meeting were: Maximo Rivera for ACCE; Marcos Banales for "Somos Richmond-Votamos Todos;" Miriam Wong for Latina Center; Rosa Acosta for Morada de Mujeres del Milenio. Mark Wassburg, Leonard Taylor, and Eduardo Martinez gave comments.

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

City Attorney Bruce Reed Goodmiller was absent and City Manager Bill Lindsay reported that there were no reportable actions.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Leonard Taylor gave comments regarding the trees on El Portal Drive and also funding for various projects within the City of Richmond.

Mark Wassburg gave comments regarding illegal immigration.

Ellen Seskin requested that the City regulate illegal posting of campaign signs within the City of Richmond.

Terry Harris announced that Fire Prevention Week begins October 5 through October 11, 2014, and the theme was "Working Smoke Alarms Saves Lives."

Kenneth Davis gave comments regarding a violation of his constitutional rights.

Jackie Thompson stated that John F. Kennedy Park has no bathroom facility and inadequate lighting.

She also encouraged the City of Richmond to invest in an element called SAFE-T. The Safe-T-element cooking system, a Canadian Standard Approved (CSA) component, engineered to prevent stove top cooking fires before they start.

Sharon Sanders gave comments regarding unacceptable behavior of Councilmembers at the September 16, 2014, City Council Meeting.

Amy Lee Anderson gave comments in support of Vice Mayor Jovanka Beckles. She also announced that Ms. Ester McCoy's funeral services would be held at Saint Mark on Harbour Way, Thursday, September 25, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. Ms. Anderson also expressed her deepest sympathy to the McCoy family.

Eduardo Martinez announced that the launch of the Municipal Identification Program would be held October 30, 2014, at Grace Lutheran Church, 2369 Barrett Avenue.

Marilyn Langlois expressed concern regarding the political pamphlets circulated to residents of Richmond that lack proper information about who generated the pamphlet.

Mike Parker gave comments in support of Doctor's Hospital and criticized Councilmember Rogers for his lack of support in keeping the hospital open.

(Councilmember Bates and Booze returned to the meeting at 7:40 p.m.)

Councilmember Bates requested time to address the public regarding his absence during the meeting. Mayor McLaughlin denied his request. On motion of Councilmember Boozé, seconded by Tenant Housing Commissioner Thompson overruled Mayor McLaughlin's decision and allowed Councilmember Bates time to explain his absence by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates, Boozé, Butt, Myrick, and Rogers. **Noes:** Vice Mayor Beckles and Mayor McLaughlin. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** None. Councilmember Bates stated that he and Councilmember Boozé attended the quiet hour of Louie Aiello, a board member, kitchen manager, and chief cook for the Galileo Club. Councilmember Bates stated that the quiet hour was held at Wilson and Kratz Funeral Home and started at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Rogers stated that Mr. Parker's statement misrepresented his position regarding support of Doctor's Hospital.

JOINT STUDY SESSION OF THE RICHMOND HOUSING AUTHORITY AND THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

The Housing Authority and City Council

received an update concerning the Inventory Removal Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Hacienda Public Housing Development, and concerning the related tenant relocation process. Richmond Housing Authority Director Tim Jones gave an overview of the item. Yolanda Pearl gave comments. Councilmember Rogers requested that Mr. Jones submit a written response to the City Council indicating the reason the breakdown occurred with Ms. Pearl. Councilmember Bates requested the item come back before the City Council at its October 7, 2014, meeting for further discussion if the housing issue for Ms. Pearl was not resolved.

PUBLIC HEARING

The City Clerk Diane Holmes announced that it was time pursuant to public notice to hold a public hearing to adopt a resolution approving the 2013-2014 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for submission to the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development. Finance Director James Goins and Project Manager Charice Duckworth gave an overview of the item. Mayor McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Jackie Thompson gave comments. On motion of Councilmember Butt, seconded by Councilmember Myrick closed the public hearing by unanimous vote of the City Council. On motion of Councilmember Bates, seconded by Councilmember Myrick adopted **Resolution No. 82-14** by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

STUDY AND ACTION SESSION

The matter to receive an update on Measure U, Richmond's one-half cent sales tax measure, to maintain and enhance essential city services, such as public safety, public health and wellness programs, city youth programs and street paving and authorize expenditures for public information and outreach in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 was presented by City Manager Bill Lindsay and Finance Director James Goins. For more information on Measure U, individuals may visit www.richmondmeasureu.com. Naomi Williams, Jackie Thompson, and Sharon Sanders gave comments. A motion by Councilmember Rogers, seconded by Vice Mayor Beckles to support the following three informational mailings to likely voters: (1) general information about the sales tax; (2) street paving programs; and (3) general programs related to public safety, public health and wellness programs, and city youth programs, and authorize expenditures for public information and outreach in the amount of \$15,000 with a contingency within reason. Councilmember Bates recommended the mayor appoint a three-person committee of the Council to work with staff, and also to have a 10 year review of Measure U funds. Mayor McLaughlin suggested staff meet individually with Councilmembers instead of appointing a three-person committee. The friendly amendment to include a 10 year review and for staff to meet individually with

Councilmembers was accepted. The motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Myrick, Rogers, Vice Mayor Beckles, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** Councilmember Boozé. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** None.

The matter to receive a presentation regarding the Richmond Community Foundation's Housing Rehabilitation Program, and adopt a resolution directing staff to work with the Richmond Community Foundation and its legal and financial team to prepare proceedings in connection with the issuance of social impact bonds for this program was presented by Finance Director James Goins, Executive Director of Richmond Community Foundation Jim Becker, and Bond Counsel John Knox, Partner, Orrick Herrington Sutcliffe. A motion was made by Councilmember Butt, seconded by Councilmember Bates, to bring the issue back to the City Council before vacant properties are included in the Richmond Community Foundation's Housing Rehabilitation Program. The motion passed and **Resolution No. 83-14** was adopted by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Myrick, Rogers, Vice Mayor Beckles, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** Councilmember Boozé. **Absent:** None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:01 p.m. in memory of Ester McCoy, Dayton Dailey, Clarence Wallace, and Richard Perez to meet again on Tuesday, October 7, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

City Clerk

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor