

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, October 28,
2014**

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deputy City Clerk Pam Christian 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

LIABILITY CLAIMS - (Government Code Section 54956.9):

Chesney vs. City of Richmond

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54956.8):

Property: Port of Richmond (Rigger's Loft)
Agency negotiators: Bill Lindsay and Jim Matzorkis
Negotiating Party: (i) Rigger's Loft Wine Company, Inc.; and (ii) Bay Area Derby Girls
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

There were no public speakers.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:41 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Mayor McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL

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

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

Mayor McLaughlin with the consent of the full City Council added Open Forum to the agenda immediately following Presentation, Proclamations, and

Commendations.

**PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND
COMMENDATIONS**

Mayor McLaughlin and Councilmember Boozé presented a proclamation recognizing Richmond native, Alex Ramon, for his accomplishments as an illusionist.

Mayor McLaughlin and Councilmembers Bates and Councilmember Boozé presented a proclamation recognizing National Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, and Transgender (LGBT) History Month to Cesar. City Clerk Diane Holmes read the proclamation. Mark Wassberg gave comments.

Mayor McLaughlin read the City Harassment Policy.

Councilmember Bates presented a proclamation to Al Martinez recognizing his recent retirement as the Richmond Post Master and his 29 years of service at the United States Postal Service; City Clerk Diane Holmes read the proclamation. Mr. Martinez gave comments.

Mayor McLaughlin and Councilmember Myrick presented a Certificate of Recognition to Coach Lincoln for his dedication to the Richmond Steelers Midget Football Team. Coach Lincoln and his mother gave comments.

Mayor McLaughlin and Councilmember Myrick presented a proclamation recognizing the success of the 2014 National Night Out Grand Finale to the Crime Prevention Board and the Neighborhood Councils. Representatives of the Crime Prevention Board and the Neighborhood Councils gave comments.

Mayor McLaughlin and Councilmember Rogers gave recognition to the Richmond Police Department for being selected by the Department of Justice to be included in an initiative to bridge local and federal resource strategies to reduce crime. Mark Wassberg gave comments.

Mayor McLaughlin presented a proclamation recognizing November as Native American Heritage Month and acknowledging Richmond's valued Native American community to Courtney Cummings. Ms. Cummings gave comments. Marilyn Langlois gave comments.

OPEN FORUM

Lucymarie Ruth gave comments in support of Vice Mayor Beckles not joining the presentation of the LGBT Proclamation.

Leonard Taylor gave comments regarding traffic issues with the El Portal Exit Project.

Bea Roberson reminded everyone about the Richmond/El Cerrito Police and Fire Holiday Toy Program and encouraged individuals to sign up. She also expressed concern regarding the negative comments made by Mark Wassberg.

Jackie Thompson expressed disappointment with Vice Mayor Beckles for not joining the presentation of the LGBT Proclamation. She also gave comments in support of Councilmembers Bates and stated that comments made by Phil Robinson and Rachel Mounds were unacceptable.

Texanita Bluitt invited every to a Celebration of Human Rights and Human Relations, December 8, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. She also spoke in support to Doctors Hospital.

Amy Anderson gave comments in support of Vice Mayor Beckles.

Linda Jackson gave comments regarding rezoning different areas within the City of Richmond for cannabis dispensaries.

James Anthony gave comments regarding meetings held with community groups on the possibility of opening cannabis dispensaries within the City of Richmond.

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

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

STUDY AND ACTION SESSION

In the to receive a presentation from Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) representatives Andres Soto and Charles Davidson on the risks to neighborhoods and schools in Richmond from the Kinder Morgan operation at the BNSF yard and adopt a resolution calling on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board (BAAQMDB) to review the Kinder Morgan and, if feasible, revoke the permit and subject the project to a complete CEQA process; Mayor McLaughlin gave an overview and turned the presentation over to Mr. Soto and Mr. Davidson. The presentation included a PowerPoint Presentation. Councilmember Myrick requested staff look into rerouting the crude oil to avoid traveling through the City of Richmond. The following individuals gave comments: Lucymarie Ruth, Bea Roberson, Sylvia Gray-White, Marilyn Langlois, Nick Despota, Sylvia Hopkins, Rathan Lai, Megan Zapanta, Torm Nompraseurt, Lipo Chanthanasak, Tom Griffith, Aimee Durfee, and Eduardo Martinez. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mayor McLaughlin,

seconded by Councilmember Myrick to adopt a resolution which states strongly that the City of Richmond disagrees with the BAAQMDB's decision to issue a permit to Kinder Morgan, and request that the BAAQMDB review the permit and address every possible means to revoke the permit and subject the project to a complete CEQA process. A friendly amendment was made by Councilmember Myrick to direct staff to work with CBE to work on changing the routes of trucks. The amendment was accepted.

Resolution No. 94-14 was adopted by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Butt, Myrick, Rogers, Vice Mayor Beckles, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmembers Bates and Boozé.

STUDY SESSION

The matter to receive a report on the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and review and discuss outreach efforts to promote community training and neighborhood teams to teach residents how to be self-sustaining after an emergency or natural disaster was presented by Fire Chief Michael Banks, Cathy Gerk, and Bea Roberson. The presentation included a PowerPoint Presentation on the background of CERT and lessons learned from past disasters. Presenters encourage the City Council to push for emergency preparedness training throughout the City of Richmond. A motion was made by Councilmember Boozé to support CERT in extending training to all Richmond public housing units and all individuals interested in the training. Mayor McLaughlin seconded the motion with a friendly amendment to direct staff to continue to explore further outreach efforts to encourage individuals to sign up for training. The amendment was accepted. The motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Butt, Myrick, Rogers, Vice Mayor Beckles, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Bates. Jackie Thompson gave comments.

The matter to receive a presentation from staff providing an overview of potential new policies that could be adopted to assist with the preservation and creation of affordable housing in Richmond, including maintaining and expanding the availability of affordable rental housing was presented by Planning and Building Services Department. Planning and Building Services Director Richard Mitchell and Senior Planner Hector Rojas gave a presentation which included a PowerPoint Presentation. Melvin Willis and Jackie Thompson gave comments. Mayor McLaughlin encouraged staff to explore a community land trust and restrictions on rent increases. *(At 11:00 p.m. on motion of Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Vice Mayor Beckles extended the meeting for 10 minutes*

with Councilmembers Boozé and Butt voting Noe, and Councilmember Bates Absent.) Mayor McLaughlin continued her statement encouraging staff to explore just cause for evictions, the source of income ordinance, and Section Eight Vouchers.

Continued to November 25, 2014, the matter to receive a report regarding the City's effort to bring Civic Center Plaza into full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act was presented by Councilmember Myrick.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:06 p.m. in memory of Edward Hall and Louis Fantin to meet again on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

City Clerk

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor