

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, January 20,  
2015**

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Beckles, Martinez, McLaughlin, Myrick, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** Councilmember Bates 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:

**CITY COUNCIL**

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT  
(Government Code Section 54957.6):**

City Clerk

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

Property: APN: 560-420-009, Garrard Blvd,  
Richmond, CA 94801  
Negotiator: Bill Lindsay  
Negotiating party: Cove Investments, LLC  
Under negotiation: price and terms of payment

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:35 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:54 p.m. by Mayor Butt.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Martinez, McLaughlin, Myrick, and Mayor Butt.  
**Absent:** None.

**STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

## **AGENDA REVIEW**

*Removed Item G-12*, the matter to adopt an ordinance for second reading amending Richmond Municipal Code Chapter 6.40, Residential Rental Dwelling Unit Inspection and Maintenance, expanding the Residential Rental Inspection Program (RRIP) to all residential rental properties, and clarifying other sections of the ordinance, *from the Consent Calendar* to be considered at the end of the agenda; *continued Item H-2*, the matter to introduce an ordinance for first reading adopting the zoning text amendments to Section 15.06 of the Sign Ordinance and Chapter 4.04 of the Sign Code, *to February 3, 2015*.

## **ELECTION OF THE VICE MAYOR REPORT**

In the matter to elect a vice mayor for 2015, Councilmembers McLaughlin and Myrick praised Vice Mayor Beckles for the outstanding job she did as Vice Mayor for 2014. On motion of Councilmember Bates, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin nominated Jael Myrick as vice mayor for 2015 by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Martinez, McLaughlin, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** Councilmember Myrick. **Absent:** None.

## **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**

Naomi Williams stated that the theme for this year's black history month was "I am black history." She announced that the celebration of Black History would be held in the Richmond Memorial Auditorium, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., February 7, 2015; tickets are \$15. Ms. Williams also welcomed Mayor Butt.

Texanita Bluitt announced that there was a town hall meeting at Doctors Hospital January 21, 2015, 4:30 p.m. She encouraged surrounding city governments to come up with a plan to reestablish Doctors Hospital.

Courtney Cummings encouraged the City Council to demand a thorough investigation of the shooting of Marceleno Gonzales by a Richmond Police Officer.

Charles Ramsey gave comments regarding the project to rebuild Valley View Elementary School and requested the City Council agendaize the issue for February 3, 2015.

Corky Boozé expressed disappointment with the decision to have some members of the City Council

sworn-in by Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsome. He also expressed concern for the relocation of the Finance Director Jim Goins to 440 Civic Center Plaza.

Larry Lewis thanked the City Council, many organizations, Richmond Police Department, and other City of Richmond departments for supporting the Richmond Police Activities League (RPAL) over the holiday season to make the Toy Program and other RPAL Programs a success. He also announced that February 4, 2015, was Giant's Day in the City of Richmond.

Don Gosney gave comments regarding the vacancy on the City Council. He also encouraged the City Council to fill the vacancy with a candidate that will support the best interest of the City of Richmond.

Mark Wassberg gave comments regarding Governor Lieutenant Gavin Newsome's past issues.

Jackie Thompson expressed disappointment regarding the signs individuals displayed in the chambers in protest of the Richmond Police Department. She also gave comments regarding the lack of mental health services in the City of Richmond.

Maria Alegria introduced herself as the District Representative for Assembly Member Tony Thurmond. She stated that Mr. Thurmond was the Chair of Budget Subcommittee No. 1 on Health and Human Services, and he was also a member of the budget committee, Budget Subcommittee No. 6 on Budget Process, Oversight and Program Evaluation, Education, Health, Human Services, and Labor and Employment committees.

Jeanine Hunt encouraged the City Council to rename Nevin Park to Anthony C. Allen Park

Marilyn Langlois stated that President Obama normalized relations with Cuba on December 17, 2014, and also the Cuban Five were released. She also encouraged the City Council to revisit the use of force.

Kristen Gonzales, Elliot Hughes, and Rebecca Ruiz gave comments regarding the shooting of Marceleno Gonzales by a Richmond Police Officer, and spoke against police brutality, and demanded justice for Mr. Gonzales.

Tarnel Abbott stated that a Library Commission Liaison needs to be appointed. She also encouraged the City Council to make sure that the job duties of outside contractors are different from that of City of Richmond union employees.

### **CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

the unanimous vote of the City Council.

\*-Approved a three-year contract with T2 Systems Inc. to provide citation processing services in the Police Department Code Enforcement Unit, with costs for services paid from citation fines, with an option to renew the contract for two years based on the same terms if approved by both parties.

\*-**Adopted a Resolution of Intention No. 2-15** and Introduced an ordinance for first reading amending the contract with the California Public Employee's Retirement System for employees sharing additional costs of 2 percent for all "classic" local safety members.

\*-Approved international travel for the administrative chief and management analyst to participate in the urban policies seminars coordinated by the Mosaïques Laboratory at the Paris West University Nanterre La Défense (Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense), with all travel expenses paid for by the Mosaïques Laboratory.

\*-Approved a grant-funded contract with the San Pablo Police Department for Alcoholic Beverage Commission (ABC) enforcement and educational efforts, in an amount not to exceed \$24,000 for a term from July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015.

\*-Approved the expenditures plan associated with the 2014 CalGRIP Grant Award, a three-year grant, to include the right to negotiate and enter into contracts with the RYSE Center (\$115,000 per year), Richmond Police Activities League (RPAL) (\$105,000 per year), Richmond Employment and Training (\$25,000 per year), National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD) (\$65,000 per year), and to execute all budgetary amendments approved by the Board of State Community Corrections (BSCC).

\*-Approved three-year contracts with: (1) Spears Glass, (2) Carter's Glass, and (3) Wadsworth Glass Inc. to supply window products and services for City buildings on an as-needed basis in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 per vendor per fiscal year, with the option to renew for an additional two years.

\*-Adopted **Resolution No. 3-15** approving an application to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding for fiscal year 2015-2016 and, if funds are awarded, accept and appropriate the funds.

\*-Adopted **Resolution No. 4-15** resolution authorizing submittal of an application to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) for a grant to fund four new electronic bicycle lockers for installation at the Family Justice Center project.

\*-Introduced an ordinance for first reading of the City of Richmond amending Section 3.50.040 of the Richmond Municipal Code to eliminate term limits for members serving on the Commission on Aging.

\*-Approved the minutes of the September 16, 23, 2014, October 7, 21, and 28, 2014, November 18, 25, 2014, and December 16, 2014, City Council Meetings.

\*-Adopted **Ordinance No. 2-15 N.S.** adding Chapter 2.66 of the Richmond Municipal Code establishing the City of Richmond social impact bond law.

In the matter to adopt an ordinance for second reading amending Richmond Municipal Code Chapter 6.40, Residential Rental Dwelling Unit Inspection and Maintenance, expanding the Residential Rental Inspection Program (RRIP) to all residential rental properties, and clarifying other sections of the ordinance, on motion of Councilmember Beckles seconded by Vice Mayor Myrick adopted **Ordinance No. 3-15 N.S.** by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

\*-Approved the following appointments:  
Commission on Aging: Sara Cleveland, new appointment, term ending May 19, 2016; Workforce Investment Board: Tony Castillo, new appointment, no term ending; Richmond Youth Council: Akira Moton, new appointment, term ending October 1, 2015; Nancy Ng, new appointment, term ending October 1, 2015.

\*-Adopted **Resolution No. 5-15** authorizing the city manager or his designee to execute three Grant of Easement and Agreements that will cure property conditions by providing the following: City will receive one easement to a portion of the existing driveway on the adjacent private property and the City will grant two easements in order to cure the use of driveway and portion of property for a trash enclosure located on these properties commonly known as 11965 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA and APN 513-340-046 on San Pablo Avenue.

\*-Approved 2015 appointments to City Council Standing Committees, Regional Committees, Ad Hoc Committees and Liaison positions.

\*-Received a report on the Richmond Municipal Sewer District for the months of November and December 2014.

\*-Approved a contract amendment with NEMA Construction to expand the scope of work for the renovation of the Richmond Parkway lighting system, in an amount not to exceed by \$55,000 for a total contract amount of \$680,000.

## **ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

### **- Continued Ordinances**

*Continued to February 3, 2015*, the matter to introduce an ordinance for first reading adopting the zoning text amendments to Section 15.06 of the Sign Ordinance and Chapter 4.04 of the Sign Code.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

City Clerk Diane Holmes announced that it was time to hold a public hearing pursuant to public notice on the Richmond Recreation Department's appeal of the Historic Preservation Commission's determination to list the former American Red Cross Administration Building located at 3230 Macdonald Avenue on the Richmond Historic Register (PLN14-212); and adopt a resolution granting the appeal by the Richmond Recreation Department of the Historic Preservation Commission's determination to list the former American Red Cross Administration Building on the Richmond Historic Register. Senior Planner Hector Rojas gave a report on the item. Mayor Butt opened the public hearing. Corky Boozé and Jackie Thompson gave comments. On motion of Councilmember Bates, seconded by Vice Mayor Myrick closed the public hearing by the unanimous vote of the City Council. On motion of Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin adopted **Resolution No. 6-15** granting the appeal by the Richmond Recreation Department of the Historic Preservation Commission's determination to list the former American Red Cross Administration Building on the Richmond Historic Register, and added the placement of plaques to commemorate the building by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

The matter to adopt a resolution eliminating the Public Safety and Finance Standing Committees and directing the city attorney to draft amendments to the Richmond Municipal Code to address references to the Public Safety and Finance Standing Committees. Rescind Resolution 94-78 and instruct the city attorney to draft Richmond Municipal Code amendments to sections that require action by a standing committee Mayor Butt gave comments. Corky Boozé, Vinay Pimplé, Don Gosney, Jackie Thompson, Joseph Puleo, and Bea Roberson gave comments. A motion was made by Councilmember Beckles, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin to eliminate the Public Safety and Finance Standing Committees and direct the city attorney to draft amendments to the Richmond Municipal Code to address references to the Public Safety and Finance Standing Committees; Rescind Resolution 94-78 and instruct the city attorney to draft Richmond Municipal Code amendments to sections that require action by a standing committee. Vice Mayor Myrick offered a friendly amendment to exclude the

elimination of the Public Safety Committee. The amendment was not accepted. Councilmember Martinez offered a friendly amendment to have a review of the new process in July 2015. The friendly amendment was accepted. Councilmember Martinez also suggested Councilmembers be available as liaisons to hearing officers. The motion passed and **Resolution No. 7-15** was adopted by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Martinez, McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Myrick, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** Councilmember Bates. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** None.

### **ORDINANCES**

The matter to introduce an ordinance for first reading amending Chapter 7.96 (Alarm Ordinance) of the Richmond Municipal Code to update the entire alarm ordinance, addressing issues including fines, permit requirements, and police response was presented by Captain Anthony Williams and City Attorney Trish Aljoe. Tom Rood and Jon Sargent gave comments. On motion of Councilmember McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Martinez said ordinance received first reading and was laid over two weeks for the second reading by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

### **COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

The matter to suspend time limits on debate, for a 45-day trial period, to see if voluntary cooperation by Councilmembers can achieve the same results was presented by Mayor Butt. Corky Boozé and Jackie Thompson gave comments. On motion of Councilmember Bates, seconded by Councilmember Beckles suspended time limits on debate, for a 45-day trial period by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

The matter to announce City Council seat vacancy as of Tuesday, January 13, 2015, and establish Thursday, January 29, 2015, as the deadline for submitting statements of interest and Monday, February 2, 2015, as the date for a public meeting to fill the vacancy was presented by Mayor Butt. During discussion Mayor Butt announced that he would not be available Monday, February 2, 2015, and suggested Tuesday, February 10, 2015, as the deadline for submitting statements of interest. Councilmember McLaughlin suggested hearing from the candidates at the February 3, 2015, City Council Meeting. On motion of Vice Mayor Myrick, seconded by Councilmember Bates established Tuesday, February 3, 2015, as the deadline for submitting statements of interest and Tuesday, February 10, 2015, as the date for a public meeting to fill the vacancy by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

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

Councilmember Bates acknowledged Century Hilltop Theatre for allowing free admission to the 10:50 a.m. screening of Selma for students who bring their IDs. Mayor Butt's Office will send a letter of appreciation.

Councilmember Beckles requested Mayor Butt close the meeting in memory of Mr. Robert Jackson.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m. in memory of Robert Jackson to meet again on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Approved:

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Mayor