

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, February 3,
2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Mayor Butt and Councilmember Beckles led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Beckles, Martinez, Vice Mayor Myrick, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** Councilmembers Bates and McLaughlin.
Councilmember Bates arrived at 7:21 p.m.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

Removed Item H-6, the matter to introduce an ordinance (first reading) establishing the wages, salary, and compensation for the new classification of Assistant City Clerk (Salary Range No. 052C: \$5,659 - \$6,853/month), *from the Consent Calendar* to be considered at the end of the agenda; *Continued Items I-2*, the matter to introduce the proposed ordinance (first reading) adopting the zoning text amendments to Section 15.06 of the Sign Ordinance and Chapter 4.04 of the Sign Code; **J-1**, the matter to adopt a resolution declaring our intent to communicate with the major owners of delinquent loans in regard to a nonprofit program to acquire troubled mortgages, save homes from foreclosure, and create affordable housing; **K-1**, the matter to direct staff to draft an ordinance that best suits the City of Richmond in establishing a Just Cause requirement for evictions, and consider the use of a Rent Board as in other cities or a smaller Tenant Protection Commission appointed by the Mayor which would potentially have smaller overhead, or other options for enforcement; and **K-2**, the matter to consider a letter urging the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to ensure Internet For All Now by requiring Comcast to extend and increase subscribership for its Internet Essentials program, and authorize the mayor to submit the letter to the FCC on behalf of the Richmond City Council, *to February 17, 2015*.

**PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND
COMMENDATIONS**

Mayor Butt and Councilmembers Beckles, Martinez, and Vice Mayor Myrick presented Black History Month 2015 proclamations honoring long-standing, outstanding Richmond community leaders to Former Richmond Mayor Irma Anderson, Richmond Commission on Aging Chair Eli Williams, Community advocate Bessanderson McNeil, Community advocate George Harris, II, and Assembly Member Tony Thurmond. Eli Williams, George Harris, II, and Irma Anderson gave comments. In Assembly Member Thurmond's absence, his proclamation was accepted by his staff representative who also gave comments on behalf of Assembly Member Thurmond. Corky Booze, Myrtle Braxton, and Jackie Thompson also gave comments.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

John Ozenberger gave comments in favor of the North Richmond Annexation.

Leonard McNeil introduced himself as a new member of the West Contra Costa County Wastewater District (WCWD), and stated that he looked forward to working with the City of Richmond. He also stated that Director Audrey Comeaux was the first African American woman to serve on the WCWD, and he suggested that the City of Richmond honor her with a plaque.

Eleanor Thompson thanked Police Chief Chris Magnus for his continued support of Social Progress Inc. She also stated that the comments made by Mayor Butt regarding Willie Brown were offensive.

Coire Reilly invited citizens of Richmond to be a part of a community visioning process regarding the Rumrill Boulevard and 13th Street Project; Workshop #2 will be held Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 6:00 p.m., Cesar Chavez Middle School, Multi-purpose Room, 960 17th Street.

Wesley Ellis, on behalf of the Concerned Citizens for Richmond, apologized to the citizens of Richmond for the comments made by Mayor Butt regarding Willie Brown.

Joseph Puleo gave comments regarding the Citizens for a Better Environment Chevron Agreement and expressed concern that Chevron was cutting back on its capital expenditures.

Tim Laidman and Tarnell Abbot encouraged the City Council to appoint Marilyn Langlois to fill the vacancy on the City Council.

Corky Booze invited everyone to a Richmond Peace Summit, February 7, 2015, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Miracle Temple Apostolic Pentecostal Church of Richmond, 2425 Cutting Boulevard. The free summit is being held in response to the gun violence that occurred in the City of Richmond in January 2015. Scheduled participants included Black Panther Party Chairwoman Elaine Brown. Mr. Booze also stated that Mayor Butt disrespected Willie Brown.

Pam Bilbo invited everyone to the 4th Annual Gospel Festival at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium, Saturday, February 14, 2015; for tickets visit www.reedsrecords.com or call (510) 860-1992, or visit menwomenvvalor.com, 1350 Kelsey.

Jackie Thompson expressed concern for the City Council's decision to discontinue the Public Safety Committee. She also reported that the sidewalks at 39th and 24th Street and Macdonald Avenue are hazardous and encouraged staff to take a look at the conditions.

Mark Wassberg gave comments regarding decisions made under the leadership of Gayle McLaughlin.

Texanita Bluitt thanked Councilmember Martinez for assisting her to the Richmond Memorial Auditorium for the Swearing-In Reception. She also gave comments regarding the lack of Adults with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements at City Hall. Ms. Bluitt also expressed the need to have the Richmond Swim Center reopened as soon as possible.

Naomi Williams invited everyone to the Black History Annual Celebration at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium, Saturday, February 7, 2015, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Bea Roberson invited everyone to the Richmond Police Activities League (RPAL) Annual Luncheon, Wednesday, February 4, 2015, 11:30 a.m. Former baseball players Vida Blue, Willie McGee, and Mike Felder are scheduled to attend; VIP reception tickets are \$50.

A. J. Jelani gave comments regarding Black History Month and also invited everyone to the Black History celebration and the Richmond Memorial Auditorium.

Michael Leedie congratulated George Harris II for receiving a proclamation for his outstanding community work. He also encouraged the City Council to appoint Marilyn Langlois to fill the vacancy on the Richmond City Council.

Mike Parker gave comments regarding oil regulations and safety in refineries.

Richard Stollings stated that it was disrespectful to the current City Clerk Diane Holmes to allow Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsome to swear-in the officials of the City of Richmond.

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 contract amendment with CSG Consultants, Inc. for plan review and technical support services in the Fire Prevention Services Division, increasing the payment limit by \$20,000 to a total amount not to exceed \$86,000, and extending the term of the contract to June 30, 2015.

*-Approved a contract with Christopher B. Blunden to prepare and file asset recovery claims with the State of California, with compensation on a contingency based on funds recovered and not to exceed \$50,000, and with a term extending

to June 30, 2015.

*-Authorized the Port to enter into a five-year lease, with one five-year option to extend, with the Riggers Loft Wine Company (RLWC) for approximately 1,100 square feet of office space at 1317 Canal Boulevard to be used as RLWC administrative offices with initial annual lease revenue to the Port of \$13,200.

*-Adopted **Successor Agency Resolution No. 15-1** authorizing the execution and submission of a request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for allocation of Regional Measure 2 funds for the construction of improvements along Nevin Avenue between 19th Street and 27th Street.

*- Adopted **Resolution No. 8-15** amending the City of Richmond's Position Classification Plan to add the new classification of Assistant City Clerk.

The matter to introduce an ordinance for first reading establishing the wages, salary, and compensation for the new classification of Assistant City Clerk (Salary Range No. 052C: \$5,659 - \$6,853/month) was presented by Human Resources Manager Lisa Stephenson. Tarnel Abbott gave comments. Following discussion, on motion of Councilmember Bates, seconded by Vice Mayor Myrick said ordinance received first reading and was laid over two weeks for second reading by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

*-Accepted a \$143,520 Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) grant from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) to operate an employee shuttle service; Appropriated these funds into the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget; and Approved a contract amendment and term extension with TransMetro Inc. to operate this shuttle service through June 30, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$143,520.

*-Accepted a grant in the amount of \$140,000 awarded by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), Lifetime Transportation Program Cycle 3 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program; Appropriated these grant funds into the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget, of which \$100,000 will be utilized for implementation of a car share program at Atchison Village in Richmond, and \$40,000 will be utilized to implement car share services at the Civic Center; and Approved a contract with Trans Metro, Inc. to provide car share service management and operations to residents located at Atchison Village.

*-Adopted **Ordinance No. 04-15 N.S.** 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.

*- Adopted **Ordinance No. 05-15 N.S.** 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.

*- Approved a contract with Unisource Solutions to deliver, install, assemble, and build new furniture on site for the Family Justice Center project in an amount not to exceed

\$110,000 for a term from December 2014 to November 2015.

*-Approved the minutes of the December 2, 2014, January 20 and 27, 2015, City Council Meetings.

*-Approved the First Amendment to the Remediation and Abatement agreement with Cal Inc. to finalize the cleanup of spilled oil containing polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) and removal of contaminated debris as required by the Toxic Control Substance Act, increasing the amount by \$275,000 to a total not to exceed amount of \$775,000 and appropriating this amount into the Port budget.

*-Approved a contract with NEMA Construction to provide and install 200 Christy traffic rated boxes and to re-wire the Richmond Parkway traffic signal interconnect system from San Pablo Avenue to Interstate I-580 in an amount not to exceed \$300,00.

*-Adopted a **Resolution of Intention No. 9-15** to establish the Richmond Tourism Marketing District (RTMD), and set the public meeting date on March 17, 2015, and the public hearing date on the establishment of the RTMD for April 7, 2015.

ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- Continued Ordinances

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RESOLUTIONS

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prior to their meeting on February 11th was presented by Vice Mayor Myrick. Following discussion, on motion of Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Vice Mayor Myrick directed staff to prepare a letter in support of the Valley View Campus Project and deliver the letter to WCCUSD Board prior to its meeting on February 11, 2015, 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 requested to close the meeting in memory of Chaplain Willie Cobb. Councilmember Bates announced that the quiet hour will be Friday, February 6, 2015, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Rose Manor Funeral Home and his funeral will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Luke's, South 7th Street and Florida Avenue.

Mayor Butt reported that he attended the New Partner for Smart Growth Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, January 29 through 31, 2015, and he also met with Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Washington D.C. February 2, 2015,

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m. in memory of Chapman Willie Cobbs to meet again on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

City Clerk

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Approved:

Mayor