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AGENDA
Tuesday, March 24, 2015

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Thomas K. Butt

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Jael Myrick

Councilmembers
Nathaniel Bates
Jovanka Beckles
Eduardo Martinez
Gayle McLaughlin
Vinay Pimplé

Housing Authority Tenant Commissioners
Two Vacancies

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Housing Authority
Joint Powers Financing Authority
Surplus Property Authority
Local Reuse Authority

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SPEAKERS ARE REQUESTED TO OCCUPY THE RESERVED SEATS IN THE FRONT ROW BEHIND THE SPEAKER'S PODIUM AS THEIR NAME IS ANNOUNCED BY THE CITY CLERK.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be enacted, approved or adopted by one motion unless a request for removal for discussion or explanation is received from the audience or the City Council. A member of the audience requesting to remove an item from the Consent Calendar must first complete a speaker's card and discuss the item with a City staff person who has knowledge of the subject material, prior to filing the card with the City Clerk and **prior to the City Council's consideration of Agenda Review.** An item removed from the Consent Calendar may be placed anywhere on the agenda following the City Council's agenda review.

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

6:30 p.m.

A. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

B. **ROLL CALL**

C. **STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

D. **AGENDA REVIEW**

E. **PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS**

E-1. DECLARE Saturday, March 28, 2015, as Dr. Emma Jean Clark Day in the City of Richmond - Mayor Tom Butt (620-6503).

E-2. PROCLAMATION declaring April 2015 as Alcohol Awareness Month in the City of Richmond - Mayor Tom Butt (620-6503) and Vice Mayor Jael Myrick (620-6636).

F. **CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR**

F-1. APPROVE the following appointments and re-appointments: Arts and Culture Commission: Rosalle Fay Barnes, new appointment, term expiring January 31, 2019; Design Review Board: Michael Woldemar, re-appointment, term expiring March 17, 2017; Jonathan Livingston, new appointment, term expiring March 17, 2017; Eileen Whitty, re-appointment, term expiring March 17, 2017; Brant Fetter, re-appointment, term expiring March 17, 2017; Housing Advisory Commission: Barbara Sutton, new appointment, term expiring November 1, 2016; Dolores Johnson, re-appointment, term expiring November 1, 2016; John M Thorp Jr., new appointment, term expiring November 1, 2016; Police Commission: David A Brown, new appointment, term expiring November 1, 2017; Therese Barquet, re-appointment, term expiring November 1, 2017; Public Art Advisory Committee: Fletcher Oakes, re-appointment, term expiring January 31, 2017; Dayna Holz, re-appointment, term expiring January 31, 2017; Recreation and Parks Commission: Christa 'Sequoia' Erasmus, new appointment term expiring October 26, 2017; Otheree Christian, new appointment, term expiring October 26, 2017 - Mayor's Office (Mayor Tom Butt 620-6503). **This item was continued from the March 17, 2015, meeting.**

G. **STUDY SESSION**

G-1. RECEIVE a presentation summarizing the status of crude-by-rail shipment activity in Richmond and providing policy recommendations for Council consideration - Fire Department (Chief Adrian Sheppard 307-8041).

H. STUDY AND ACTION SESSION

- H-1.** RECEIVE a status report and provide direction to staff regarding the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center - Councilmembers Jovanka Beckles (620-6568) and Eduardo Martinez (620-6593).
- H-2.** RECEIVE a presentation and direct staff to continue to research available federal and state funding sources that supports the development and infrastructure of an ultra-light rail transportation system - Councilmember Jovanka Beckles (620-6568).
- H-3.** DISCUSS and consider directing staff to research the feasibility of district-based elections - Vice Mayor Jael Myrick (620-6636).

I. ADJOURNMENT

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