

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, April 28, 2015

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Jovanka Beckles, Eduardo Martinez, Gayle McLaughlin, Vinay Pimplé, and Mayor Tom Butt. **Absent:** Councilmember Bates and Vice Mayor Myrick. Vice Mayor Myrick 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

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

Turnage vs. City of Richmond et al

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:31 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Butt who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Jovanka Beckles, Eduardo Martinez, Gayle McLaughlin, Vinay Pimplé, Vice Mayor Jael Myrick, and Mayor Tom Butt. **Absent:** Councilmember Nathaniel Bates was absent for the entire meeting.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

Continued Item I-1 to May 5, 2015, City Council Meeting, the matter to receive a presentation regarding the Iron Triangle Yellow Brick Road Walkable Neighborhood Plan being undertaken by the City of Richmond to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, access, and comfort throughout the Iron Triangle Neighborhood and with a focus on access to schools and parks; and adopt the Iron Triangle Yellow Brick Road Walkable Neighborhood Plan as an appendix to the City of Richmond's Pedestrian Plan.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

Mayor Butt presented a proclamation to Chairperson of the Historic Preservation Commission Sandy Genser-Maack proclaiming May as National Historic Preservation Month in Richmond. Ms. Genser-Maack gave comments.

Councilmember Martinez presented a proclamation declaring May 2015 as Senior Awareness Month in Richmond to representatives of Elders Learning Community Paula Birch and Susan Schneider.

Mayor Butt presented a proclamation declaring May 8, 2015, to May 17, 2015, as Affordable Housing Week in Richmond to BRIDGE Housing Representative Ann Silverberg. Ms. Silverberg and Leonard Taylor gave comments.

Councilmember McLaughlin presented a proclamation in honor of the Richmond Ride of Silence 2015 to representatives from the Richmond Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Commission and Richmond City Ride. Leonard Taylor and Marilyn Langlois gave comments.

Vice Mayor Myrick presented a proclamation to Terry Mock declaring May 2015 as Stroke Awareness Month in Richmond. Eric Govan gave comments.

Mayor Butt presented a proclamation declaring May 2015 as CalFresh Awareness Month in Richmond to representatives of the Contra Costa County Employment and Human Services and Building Blocks for Kids, and introduced the 7-7-7 Campaign. Representative from Employment and Human Services and Building Blocks for Kids gave comments.

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

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

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Vice Mayor Myrick, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin approved the Consent Calendar by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, McLaughlin, Pimplé, Vice Mayor Myrick, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Bates.

Approved the following appointments and re-appointments: Arts & Culture Commission: Ben Steinberg, re-appointment, term expiring April 28, 2019; Amahra Hicks, re-appointment, term expiring April 28, 2019; Denise Chandhoke, re-appointment, term expiring

April 28, 2019; Commission on Aging: Joan R. Dill, new appointment, term expiring April 28, 2017; Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging: Janelle S. Williams, Richmond representative; Economic Development Commission: Brian McKeown, new appointment, term expiring April 28, 2018; Recreation and Parks Commission: Steven Parker, new appointment, term expiring April 28, 2018; Planning Commission: Jen Loy, filling the unexpired term of Roberto Reyes who resigned, term expiring June 30, 2016; Urban Forest Advisory Committee: Jan Mignone, Teri Katz and; Kaci Smith, new appointments; Lee Micheaux, new appointment.

STUDY SESSION

The City Council received a presentation from Contra Costa Times Columnist and Editorial Writer Daniel Borenstein regarding the City's pension and health plan for City employees and retirees. Mr. Borenstein's presentation included a PowerPoint presentation which highlighted the City's retirement debt total unfunded liability \$446 million, average \$4,150 per resident; largest debts include: CalPers at \$297,455,939 and OPEB at \$125,461,000. Mr. Borenstein stated that the entire unfunded debt was for past labor costs. Mike Parker, Tarnell Abbott, and Mille Cleveland gave comments. The matter will return to Council at the May 26, 2015, City Council Meeting.

The matter to review the Richmond Industrial Safety Ordinance (RISO) Annual Performance Evaluation Report for 2014 submitted by Contra Costa County Health Services was presented by Fire Marshall, Terry Harris and Chief Environmental and Health and Hazardous Material Specialist Randy Sawyer. The presentation included a PowerPoint Presentation which discussed: RISO written reports, background, accident history, public participation, updates to RISO/ISO, California Accident Release Prevention Program and Cal/OSHA Process Safety Management Regulations, work with other agencies, and 2016 CalARP Regulations. Following the report Mayor Butt directed staff to look into incorporating language into the ISO that would give the City of Richmond the right to invoke control of the loading of back and crude in the City of Richmond. He suggested staff speak with Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia for specific information.

The matter to receive an update from the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts on the growth and impact of its community programs was introduced by City Manager Bill Lindsay who turned the presentation over to the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts Director Jordan Simmons. Students from East Bay Center for the Performing Arts gave comments.

In the matter to review information about the Richmond Police Department's policies and training related to officers' use of force (including deadly force) in dealing with individuals who may pose a higher risk

to themselves and the police as a result of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs, mental illness, engaging in violent crime, possessing weapons, or other factors; information will include the process for investigating, evaluating, and following-up on use of force incidents, including complaint processes available to members of the public Councilmember McLaughlin gave an overview. Police Chief Chris Magnus and the following police staff took part in the presentation which included a PowerPoint Presentation: Lieutenant Arnold Threets, Lieutenant Louie Tirona, Lieutenant Al Walle, Captain Manjit Sappal, and Captain Bisa French. The following individuals gave comments: Amy Anderson, Eugene Ruyle, Mark Wassberg, Rick Perez, Gerald Smith, Robin Townsend, Gerald Smith, Robin Townsend, Tracy, Carole Johnson, Lawrence Zendejas, Frank Runninghorse, Juan Reardon, Patricia Perez, Mike Parker, Adel Samaha, Tarnel Abbott, Marilyn Langlois, Richard Stolling, and Bea Roberson.

STUDY AND ACTION SESSION

Continued to May 19, 2015, the matter to receive a presentation regarding the iron Triangle Yellow Brick Road Walkable Neighborhood Plan being undertaken by the City of Richmond to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, access, and comfort throughout the Iron Triangle Neighborhood and with a focus on access to schools and parks; and ADOPT the Iron Triangle Yellow Brick Road Walkable Neighborhood Plan as an appendix to the City of Richmond's Pedestrian Plan.

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

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:21 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

City Clerk

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor