

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, October 27,  
2015**

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Martinez, Pimplé, Vice Mayor Myrick and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** Councilmember McLaughlin. Councilmembers Bates and Beckles arrived after adjourning 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):**

Luque vs. City of Richmond

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957.6):**

Title: City Manager

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:46 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Mayor Butt who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

Vice Mayor Myrick continued Item I-5 to the November 3, 2015, City Council meeting.

**PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS**

E-1. Mayor Butt presented a proclamation recognizing November as Native American Heritage Month and honoring Richmond resident Isabella Zizi's

role in the 2015 first-ever White House Tribal Youth Gathering. Courtney Cummings gave comments.

E-2. and E-3. Mayor Butt stated that the recognition for the retirement of Eleanor Loynd as a neighborhood activist and planning and zoning advocate and the proclamation recognizing Jay Leonhardy for dedicated service to the City of Richmond will be presented at a future event.

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

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

### **REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager, Bill Lindsay, stated that John F. Kennedy Park build was a huge success, with approximately 600 volunteers participating, and acknowledged The Trust For Public Land, Chevron, Richmond Trees, Groundwork Richmond, Richmond Art Center, National Park Service, Public Allies, City Manager's Office, Parks and Landscaping, Public Works, Arts & Culture, Police and Fire, Office of the Mayor, and Councilmembers. Mr. Lindsay also stated that the re-opening of the Richmond Swim Center took place this past Saturday and Mr. Lindsay complimented the Recreation Department and Public Works staff for coordinating the event.

### **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Leonard Taylor stated that Hilltop Drive is being repaved and needs to be completed as soon as possible.

Naomi Williams thanked Rochelle Monk from the City Manager's Office for all of her work regarding for the John F. Kennedy Park rebuild.

Antwon Cloird announced that Men and Women of Purpose will be opening their office on 3029 Macdonald Avenue to assist all re-entry people who have been released from prison and county jail, with hours on Tuesday nights from 5-6:30 p.m. Mr. Cloird also stated that Chief Magnus has been successful in lowering the crime rate in Richmond and needs to stay here.

Donna Powers stated she has been focusing comments towards Mayor Butt due to issues of bullying she has experienced with him and his son.

Texanita Bluitt suggested that the councilmembers should be comprised of nine members again. Ms. Bluitt also stated that members of the community should also be able to provide input in performance evaluations of city employees.

Rick Perez thanked Councilmembers Beckles and McLaughlin for participating in a recent anti-police brutality march. Mr. Perez also stated that there needs to be an FBI investigation into the death of his son Pedie Perez.

Herk Schusteff gave comments regarding totalitarian capitalism.

Bea Roberson invited everyone to the Annual Richmond Fire and Police Holiday Toy Program Fundraising breakfast on Friday, November 6, 2015, at 6:30 a.m. at the Courtyard by Marriot at Hilltop.

### **STUDY SESSION/STUDY AND ACTION SESSION**

I-1. Mayor Butt announced City of Richmond Board, Commission and Committee vacancies as of October 27, 2015. Cordell Hindler and Jackie Thompson gave comments.

I-2. The matter to discuss specific policy options pertaining to the Richmond Promise with respect to school eligibility and award amounts and provide direction to staff was presented by City Manager, Bill Lindsay, Administrative Chief, Kinshasa Curl, City Manager Staff Mike Uberti, and Gabino Arredondo. Janet L. Johnson, Cordell Hindler, Don Gosney, Al Nero, Shawn Benjamin, Maria Fajardo, Lisseth Ruiz, Mayra Padilla, Nakari Syon, Nicholas Stoffel, Tom Panas, Michael Barragan, Teresa Adame, Mike Peritz, Brian Buttacavoli, Yolanda Lopez, Mister Phillips, Jackie Morgan, Michele Jackson, Mike Parker, Donna Powers, and Olaniyi Solebo gave comments. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Councilmember McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Beckles, to holdover the item so that staff could do an analysis of parity in the amounts of \$1,500, \$2,000, and \$2,500 and what the longevity would be for the \$35 million, with the requirement that charter schools include a contribution so that funding could be extended beyond the four years. Mr. Lindsay suggested that council recess from this item and staff return later tonight with the requested information or it could return to the City Council at the next meeting. A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Bates, seconded by Vice Mayor Myrick, to determine eligibility and come back to a subsequent meeting to determine the award amount. Councilmember McLaughlin modified her motion to select Option B, also to include school eligibility. A second substitute motion was made by Councilmember Pimple, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin that this matter be recessed for one hour and direct staff to return with an analysis of what the amount of money needed would be for the program to last 10 years for Options A, B, and C. Councilmember Bates amended his substitute motion to vote on eligibility and direct staff to return within one hour with the costs associated. The second substitute motion by Councilmember Pimplé passed by the unanimous vote of the City Council. After a brief discussion, Councilmembers Bates and Beckles

rescinded their vote and stated they were changing their vote to 'noe'. The second substitute motion made by Councilmember Pimplé was voted on again and failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers McLaughlin, Pimplé, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Martinez, and Vice Mayor Myrick. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** None. Councilmember Bates' substitute motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, McLaughlin, Pimplé, and Vice Mayor Myrick. **Noes:** Mayor Butt. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** Councilmember Martinez. The council voted as follows: **Option A:** **Ayes:** None. **Noes:** Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Martinez, McLaughlin, Pimplé, Vice Mayor Myrick, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Option B:** **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, McLaughlin, and Vice Mayor Myrick. **Noes:** Councilmembers Bates, Martinez, Pimplé, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Option C:** **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates, Martinez, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** Councilmembers Beckles, McLaughlin, Pimplé and Vice Mayor Myrick. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** None. (*The City Council recessed from 9:50 p.m. to 9:54 p.m.*). This item was not concluded and was continued to the November 17, 2015, City Council meeting.

I-3. The matter to receive a presentation of the Draft Richmond Bay Specific Plan (formerly referred to as the South Shoreline Specific Plan) was presented by Planning Director, Richard Mitchell, Senior Planner, Lina Velasco, and Stefan Peligrini from Opticos Design. The following individuals gave comments: Cordell Hindler, Paul Minadjt, Katrinka Ruk, Stan Teaderman, Tarnel Abbott, Val Nunes, Melvin Willis, and Garland Ellis. Discussion ensued. Deadline for comments regarding the plan is Monday, November 16, 2015. Councilmember Bates requested that staff contact all of the business people that will be affected by the plan.

*(11:00 p.m. - A motion by Vice Mayor Myrick, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin, to extend the meeting to 11:30 p.m., passed by the unanimous vote of the City Council).*

I-4. The matter to receive a presentation from the Office of the Mayor and Richmond Police Department on the Richmond Police Commission and direct staff to explore possible revisions to the Police Commission enabling ordinance and administrative procedures was presented by Alex Knox, Mayor's Office and Police Chief, Chris Magnus. Discussion ensued.

*(11:28 p.m. - A motion by Vice Mayor Myrick, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin, to suspend the rules and listen to the speakers for this item and discuss the Richmond Promise item, failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, McLaughlin, and Vice Mayor Myrick. **Noes:** Councilmembers Bates, Martinez, Pimplé, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** None. This matter was continued to the November 24, 2015, City Council meeting.*

I-5. CONTINUED to the November 3, 2015, City Council meeting to receive a presentation from John F. Kennedy High School students and teachers regarding the Information Technology Academy and how the city and community members can support their overall success.

I-6. CONTINUED to the November 3, 2015, City Council meeting to direct staff to prepare a presentation that: (1) lays out the additional debt servicing costs to the city if S&P further downgrades the city's bond rating; (2) gives an overview of the measures the city needs to take to avoid further downgrade; and (3) provides a timeline for undertaking the measures so that the measures are taken in a timely manner to avoid the downgrade.

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

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Approved:

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Mayor