

## **RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, February 23, 2016**

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Nat Bates, Gayle McLaughlin, Vinay Pimplé, Vice Mayor Eduardo Martinez, and Mayor Tom Butt. **Absent:** Councilmember Jael Myrick arrived at 5:31 p.m. and Councilmember Jovanka Beckles 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**

#### **A-1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54957.6):**

Agency designated representatives: Bill Lindsay and Lisa Stephenson  
Employee organizations: Service Employees International Union (SEIU, Local 1021); International Federation of Professional and Technical Employees (Local 21); Richmond Police Officers Association (RPOA); Richmond Police Management Association (RPMA); Richmond International Association of Firefighters (IAFF, Local 188); and Richmond Fire Management Association (RFMA).

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:32 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Mayor Tom Butt who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Nat Bates, Jovanka Beckles, Gayle McLaughlin, Jael Myrick, Vinay Pimplé, Vice Mayor Eduardo Martinez, and Mayor Tom Butt. **Absent:** None.

### **STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

### **AGENDA REVIEW**

Councilmember Pimplé continued items I-3 and I-4 to the March 15, 2016, City Council meeting.

## **PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS**

E-1. David Gray, Mayor's Chief of Staff introduced the matter regarding the Black History Month regarding the Dormitory O Fire in Richmond, which claimed the lives of eight African-American home front workers in Richmond during World War II. Betty Reid-Soskin presented a PowerPoint covering the event.

E-2. Mayor Butt presented the 2016 Dr. Martin Luther King Richmond Community Leadership and Service Award to Betty Reid Soskin, Billy X Jennings, and Eli Williams. Each recipient gave comments.

E-3. Councilmember Beckles presented a proclamation recognizing Deputy Fire Marshal Robin Poindexter for her accomplishments during her 29 years of service to the City of Richmond. Deputy Fire Marshal Poindexter gave comments. The following individuals also gave comments: Jacqueline McBride, Anthony Woodards, Jackie Thompson, Antwon Cloird, Bea Roberson, and Terry Harris.

E-4. Councilmember Beckles presented an acknowledgement to Carol Johnson for the new Richmond Chapter of Mothers in Charge, a grassroots organization whose mission is violence prevention through education.

## **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 reported on the following item(s): The Police Department's Code Enforcement Team managed by Tim Higaes was recognized nationally as a unique one-stop shop for blight abatement. Mr. Lindsay also reported that Richmond was one of nine cities across three states and the District of Columbia that was selected to attend the 2016 Community Progress Leadership Institute, a program that equips practitioners with the leadership and technical skills to address significant blight and vacancy challenges. The Leadership Institute, a program of the national Center for Community Progress (Community Progress), will be held on the campus of Harvard Law School on March 15-18, 2016. The City of Richmond's Delegation are represented by members of the Police Departments Code Enforcement Unit, The Office of the Mayor, The City Manager's Office, County Supervisor John Gioia's Office, the Office of the County Tax Collectors, and the Richmond Community Foundation. The costs associated with the leadership institute are covered by the Center for Community Progress.

## **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Leonard Taylor gave comments regarding the funeral of Gus Vegas. He also reported that there was a bad accident in Pinole.

Naomi Williams gave comments regarding the Pullman Porters.

Don Gosney gave comments regarding the Richmond Promise Program. Go to [Richmondpromise.org](http://Richmondpromise.org) for more information.

Jackie Thompson gave comments regarding issues with the Richmond Housing Authority and housing developments.

Patricia Perez and Rick Perez gave comments regarding their efforts to have the death of Padi Perez investigated.

Marilyn Langlois invited everyone to the Sisters in Solidarity on March 5, 2016, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Richmond Auditorium.

Texanita Bluitt stated that it has taken too long to complete Nystrom Elementary School.

Mike Peritz stated that subsidized housing should be provided to school teachers.

AJ Jelani gave comments regarding Black History and presented coffee mugs he designed to the City Council and staff.

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

I-1. The matter to receive a presentation from representatives of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) introducing Plan Bay Area 2040, a regional planning effort that addresses transportation and housing needs in the nine county San Francisco Bay Area was presented by Planning Director Richard Mitchell and ABAG Regional Planner Christy Leffall.

I-2. Contra Costa College President Mojdeh Mehdizadeh made a presentation on the status of the college and upcoming opportunities. Ms. Mehdizadeh's presentation included a PowerPoint.

I-3. **CONTINUED to the March 15, 2016**, City Council meeting, the matter to discuss and consider methods to increase student participation in Building Trades following the completion of their primary education.

I-4. **CONTINUED to the March 15, 2016**, City Council meeting the matter to discuss and consider recommending that the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) heighten its use of technology to support parental engagement in enhancing student attendance.

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

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m., in memory of Dr. Joseph Hanscome Stokes and Enrique Alvarado to meet again on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

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Pamela Christian  
Clerk of the City of Richmond

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Approved:

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Tom Butt  
Mayor