

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, March 15, 2016

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

ROLL CALL

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

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

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 REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54956.8):

Property: Miraflores Housing Development
Agency negotiators: Bill Lindsay, Chad Smalley
Negotiating parties: Miraflores Community Devco, LLC
Under negotiations: Price and terms of payment

A-2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957.6):

Title: City Clerk

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:46 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Mayor Butt who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

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

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

Item H-19 was removed from the Consent Calendar.

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

City Attorney Bruce Goodmiller stated the City Council authorized the Mayor to sign a 90-day extension, regarding the Miraflores Housing Development Project, of an existing negotiating agreement in order to give staff time to complete the entire agreement regarding the for sale component of the project.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Captain Louie Tirona, Lieutenant Andre Hill, and Lieutenant Felix Tan provided a status report regarding the recent increase in violence in the city and measures that the police department is taking to curtail the violence and solve crimes. The highest priority has been given to solving the recent murders of teenagers in the city, with the involvement of the Criminal Investigations Section, Special Investigations Section, and the Youth Services Bureau. Administrative Chief, Shasa Curl, stated that the deadline to submit applications for the Richmond Promise Scholarship is March 17, 2016. There will be a Richmond Promise Application Workshop and interested persons can register at richmondpromise.eventbrite.com. Additional information can also be obtained at richmondpromise.org or by calling 510-620-6570.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Leonard Taylor spoke in support of rent control because his mother's rent went up \$70.

Larry Lewis, Richmond Police Activities League (RPAL) stated that the Richmond Young Scholars College Tour will travel to Washington, D.C. on April 1, 2016 through April 7, 2016. Additional information and to make donations call 510-621-1225 or via e-mail at llewis@rpal.org.

Antwon Cloird gave comments regarding the recent increase in violence in the city and the need to do something to stop it.

Gonzalo Rucobo stated that the candlelight vigil for one of the recent homicide victims was not attended by any councilmembers or police officers.

Karl Hardiamon stated that parents should be accountable for the actions of their children and education starts in the home.

Laura Shebrae stated that she sees the negative effects of the violence on the kids she teaches at Kennedy High School.

Ajanai Hughes stated that her good friend was recently murdered and the violence needs to stop.

JG Laroquette stated that everyone needs to come together to stop the violence.

Garice Tate asked for a moment of silence for the recent homicide victims.

Tamisha Walker named individuals who have been murdered in the City of Richmond.

Jackie Thompson stated that seniors and disabled people don't feel safe in Richmond.

Vinay Pimple stated he used to mentor youth at the Richmond Police Activities League (RPAL) center and encouraged others to become mentors.

Kathleen Sullivan stated that the leaders and adults need to listen to the youth in our community and find solutions to the violence.

Sharon Williams encouraged people to educate themselves with the current issues of youth violence.

Ben Therriault, President of the Richmond Police Officers Association, (RPOA) stated that the community should support and work with the police so that they can be more effective in reducing violence. Mr. Therriault also stated that the RPOA also helps fund and support many youth activities and organizations in the city.

Cesar Zepeda stated that the community needs to create the change necessary to help reduce the violence.

Charles Smith expressed concern regarding issues pertaining to residents of the Hacienda Public Housing and the need to stop the violence.

Rodney Alamo gave comments regarding the violence in Richmond and stated that the community needs to come together to make the violence stop.

Alejandra Escobedo stated that she wants to help make change in Richmond to help stop the violence.

Rick Perez stated that citizens should not be afraid to speak to the police when they witness a crime. Mr. Perez also stated that an independent investigation needs to be done regarding his son Pedie Perez.

Patricia Perez spoke about the need for police accountability.

Eleanor Thompson stated that the Perez family has not gotten justice for the death of their son, Pedie Perez.

Jazmine Rodiles gave comments regarding her friend Malik who was killed last week.

**JOINT SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE RICHMOND
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND
RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL CONSENT
CALENDAR**

A motion by Councilmember Pimplé, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin, adopted **Resolution No. 25-16**, of the City Council authorizing the transfer to the Successor Agency of certain properties that were conveyed to the city in 2011 and later determined to be disallowed transfers under Dissolution Law; and, **Resolution No. 16-4**, of the Successor Agency Board authorizing the Successor Agency's acceptance of

the properties that were conveyed to the city in 2011 and later determined to be disallowed transfers under Dissolution Law

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Councilmember McLaughlin, and seconded by Councilmember Beckles, all items marked with an (*) were approved by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, McLaughlin, Pimplé, Vice Mayor Martinez, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Myrick. **Abstain:** None.

H-1. Accepted and appropriated \$10,000 grant funds from Richmond Police Athletic League (RPAL), for Richmond Public Library, Literacy for Every Adult Program (LEAP), and APPROVE an agreement with the Richmond Police Activities League for the provision of literacy services for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

*H-2. Accepted and appropriated \$12,000 in Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant funds and APPROVE the purchase of laptops to support the Gale-Cengage Career Online High School Program at Richmond Public Library, Literacy for Every Adult Program (LEAP).

*H-3. Recieved a report on the Richmond Municipal Sewer District for the month of January 2016.

*H-4. Appropriated the amount of \$233,743 from available funds in the Wastewater enterprise capital improvements budget for design services for the project to replace the sewer main under 23rd Street, between Cutting Boulevard and Ohio Avenue.

*H-5. Approved a grant-funded contract with Richmond Main Street Initiative, Inc. (RMSI) to provide consulting services to support capacity building, marketing and outreach for the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) City of Richmond Revolving Loan Fund Grant in an amount not to exceed \$15,000, for a term from March 15, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

*H-6. Adopted **Resolution No. 26-16**, supporting Contra Costa County's efforts in facilitating the financing of the Twenty-One and Twenty-Three Nevin Avenue development project, located in and approved by the City

of Richmond, through the issuance of tax-exempt revenue bonds.

*H-7. Proclamation declaring March 2016 as "Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month.

*H-8. Adopted **Ordinance No. 3-16 N.S.**, revising the Richmond Police Commission enabling ordinance, Richmond Municipal Code 3.54. (*Councilmember Pimplé abstained*).

*H-9. Adopted **Ordinance No. 4-16 N.S.**, amending the City of Richmond's classification of Crime Prevention Coordinator to Crime Prevention Manager and associated wages, salary and compensation for the revised and retitled classification (Salary Range 060D: \$7,158-\$8,657/month).

*H-10. Approved actions to update the Commission on Aging: accepted the resignation of Sara Cleveland, Seat #8, term expiration date May 19, 2016, and Francis Moulton, Seat #12, term expiration date May 19, 2017; DECLARE Seat #8 and Seat #12 vacant; and directed the City Clerk to post the vacancies.

*H-11. Approved actions to update the Historic Preservation Commission: Appointed Michael Hibma, new appointment, Seat #2, term expiring July 31, 2016

*H-12. Approved actions to update the Housing Advisory Commission: Appointed Marichelle Alcantara, new appointment, seat #4, term expiring November 1, 2017.

*H-13. Approved actions to update the Recreation and Parks Commission: Appointed Maryn Hurlbut, new appointment, seat #8, term expiring October 26, 2019.

*H-14. Approved actions to update the Richmond Workforce Development Board: appointed Alex Gomez, new appointment, seat #9, term expiring March 1, 2020; Uche Uwahemu, new appointment, seat #10, term expiring March 1, 2020; Joe Serrano, new appointment, seat #11, term expiring March 1, 2020; Willie Hicks, new appointment, seat #12, term expiring March 1, 2020; Patrick Duffey, new appointment, seat #13, term expiring March 1, 2020; James Fitzgibbon, new appointment, seat #14, term expiring March 1, 2020; Len D. Turner, new

appointment, seat #15, term expiring March 1, 2020; John Troughton, new appointment, seat #16, term expiring March 1, 2020; Michael Parker, new appointment, seat #17, term expiring March 1, 2020.

*H-15. Appointed Annie King-Meredith to the North Richmond Resident, Incorporated Area Seat on the North Richmond Mitigation Fund Committee; appointed Marena Brown to serve as the Alternate for the North Richmond Resident, Incorporated Area Seat on the North Richmond Mitigation Fund Committee.

*H-16. Adopted **Resolution No. 27-16**, approving the revision of authorized signatures for the transfer of funds from the Local Agency Investment Fund, deleting old account signers and designating current authorized signers in the Finance Department.

*H-17. Approved the minutes of the regular City Council meetings held Tuesday, February 16 and 23, 2016.

*H-18. Adopted **Resolution No. 28-16**, designating the Employment & Training Department as the America's Job Center of Californias (AJCC) operator and career services provider for the Richmond Workforce Development Board pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014, and adopting the Richmond Workforce Development Board Recertification Request for Program Years 2016-18.

*H-19. CONTINUED to the March 22, 2016, City Council meeting to approve a contract with Advance Peace (fiscal agent Safe Passages) to provide consulting services to assist the City with Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS) core operating, programming, evaluation, communications, resource development and quality control functions in an amount not to exceed \$95,000 for a term from April 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

I-1. The matter to receive a presentation on the implementation of the Integrated Pest Management Ordinance, Richmond Municipal Code Section 9.48, and on implementation of the City Council policy adopted February 24, 2015, to ban the use of pesticides in weed abatement activities was presented by Public Works Director, Yader Bermudez, and Greg Hardesty, Parks Superintendent. The policy to ban the use of pesticide

will continue. Mayor Butt stated that he will conduct a symposium to talk about best practices, methods of weed control, and types of plants and planting strategies.

I-2. The matter to direct city staff to prepare reports for the City Council regarding the following two initiative measures: the Right to Vote on Development Subsidies and Public Debt Charter Amendment; and the Richmond District Elections Act (a charter amendment) was presented by Mayor Butt. A motion by Councilmember Pimplé, seconded by Mayor Butt to direct staff to prepare the reports, failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmember Pimplé and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, McLaughlin, and Vice Mayor Martinez. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** Councilmember Myrick.

I-3. The matter to discuss and direct staff to prepare ballot measures for the November 2016 general election for a Sugary Beverage Tax; discuss and direct staff to prepare ballot measures for the November 2016 general election for a Litter Tax; and discuss and direct staff to prepare ballot measures for the November 2016 general election to increase the Real Estate Documentary Transfer Tax was presented by Mayor Butt. Bea Roberson and Don Gosney gave comments. Discussion ensued. A motion by Councilmember Beckles, seconded by Councilmember Myrick, to direct staff to prepare ballot measures for the Litter Tax and the Real Estate Documentary Transfer Tax, passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, McLaughlin, Myrick, Vice Mayor Martinez, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** Councilmembers Bates, and Pimplé. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** None. A motion was made by Councilmember Pimplé, seconded by Mayor Butt, to direct staff to prepare a ballot measure for the soda tax. A motion to table the soda tax measure was made by Councilmember Bates, seconded by Councilmember Beckles, and passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, McLaughlin and Myrick. **Noes:** Councilmember Pimplé and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** Vice Mayor Martinez.

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

Councilmember Pimplé stated that he attended the

League of California Cities Conference in Washington, D.C.

Councilmember Bates stated he completed his on-line ethics training.

Vice Mayor Martinez stated that he attended the NALEO Conference on water rights, and also attended the Blueprint for Democracy Conference in Washington D.C.

Councilmember McLaughlin expressed her condolences for the recent murder victims.

Councilmember Myrick stated that he attended a meeting today with youth at the RYSE Center regarding violence.

Mayor Butt stated that he attended the Yosemite Conference for Local Elected Leaders.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m., in memory of Xavier McClanahan, William Malik Barnes, and Joshmael Russell, to meet again on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor