

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, March 22, 2016

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

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

None.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

E-1. CONTINUED to the April 5, 2016, City Council meeting, the matter to present a proclamation recognizing the anniversaries of the Galileo Club and the Women's Auxiliary.

E-2. Mayor Butt and Councilmember Myrick presented a proclamation to Bea Roberson, declaring April 2016 as Alcohol Awareness Month in Richmond. Courtney Cummings and Mark Wassberg gave comments.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Bill Lindsay reported that Interim Chief Allwyn Brown was appointed as the new City of Richmond Police Chief. Mr. Lindsay also stated that applicants are needed for the Environmental and Community Investment Agreement Committee.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Leonard Taylor stated that Governor Jerry Brown passed away.

Patty Hopson stated more needs to be done by the City to help the homeless people in the community.

Falisha Brunner stated she has mold in her home and her landlord is not assisting her.

Mark Wassberg stated that most homeless people don't want help and they should be cited for public urination and loitering around the city. Mr. Wassberg also stated that Governor Jerry Brown did not pass away.

Larry Lewis, Amiya Herrera, Jordan Ealy, Justice McKinney, Amani Skinner gave comments regarding their upcoming Young Scholars trip to Washington, D.C. and requested donations.

Matthew Clark and Clarence Robinson gave comments regarding hazards and traffic issues on Carlson Boulevard.

Tarnell Abbott stated that Michelle Seville will give a presentation on March 23, 2016, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., regarding her recent visit to Cuba at the Richmond Public Library, Whittelsey Room.

Zak Wear and Marcos Banales invited the community to help gather signatures to establish rent control in Richmond. Volunteers who wish to help can go to 1021 Macdonald Avenue every Saturday and Sunday before the June 2016 election, by calling Mr. Wear at 510-621-7566, or via e-mail at zakwear@gmail.com.

Kathy Robinson stated there is a lack of African American employees at the City of Richmond.

Therese Barquet stated that the Richmond Police Activities League (RPAL) and the RYSE Center are two organizations that are trying to make a difference with the youth in the community and urged people to donate to RPAL to help fund the Young Scholars trip to Washington, D.C.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

I-1. The matter 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 was

presented by City Manager, Bill Lindsay and Office of Neighborhood Safety Director, Devonne Boggan. Discussion ensued. Mark Wassberg and Millie Cleveland gave comments. A motion made by Councilmember Beckles, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin, to approve the contract until the end of December 2016, with the provision that a full-time manager is hired. Councilmember McLaughlin, withdrew her second to Councilmember Beckles' motion. A motion made by Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin, to approve the contact as is and to revisit the concept of a need for a full time director, and any other possible budgetary needs of the department at a later time, passed by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

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

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m., to meet again on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor