

## **RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, May 31, 2016**

The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 5:07 p.m., by Mayor Tom Butt, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

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

None.

### **BUDGET STATUS UPDATE**

D-1. The matter to receive a status update of the draft Fiscal Year 2016-17 Annual Operating Budget and the draft Fiscal Years 2016-21 Five-Year Capital Improvement Budget, was introduced by City Manager Bill Lindsay and presented by Finance Director Belinda Warner. Ms. Warner's PowerPoint Presentation highlighted the following: budget calendar; General Fund budget summary showing a reduced \$4.7 million net surplus/deficit to-date; General Fund revenue; General Fund expenditures; and a list of departmental budget presentations to follow. Ms. Warner informed the City Council that each departmental budget presentation would include the following topics: mission; fiscal year 2016-17 goals; staffing levels; fiscal year 2015-16 adopted and fiscal year 2016-17 proposed budgets; and 6% budget reduction options. Discussion ensued. The City Council requested a timeframe for when the Environmental Community Investment Agreement (ECIA) Community Grant proposals would be selected. The City Council requested staff to reserve June 14, 2016, for a special city council budget update meeting. The City Council made the following recommendations to staff: (1) provide a comprehensive list of suggested 6% budget reduction options, with impacts, sorted by department; (2) provide data on how much savings would be provided by a graduated salary reduction of 2% at \$90,000 with an additional 2% reduction for each \$10,000 in base wages, and what would be the process for proposal to bargaining units; (3) provide data on savings from capping overtime to eight hours per week with no overtime payment over a certain salary threshold; and (4) as a long-term solution, direct the city's state lobbyist to advance a campaign for ending the commercial loophole in Proposition 13 and promote a new millionaires tax. In response to the City Council's previous request, City Manager Bill Lindsay announced that the ECIA Community Grant recommendations would be presented to the City Council at its June 28, 2016, meeting. The City Council requested its vote that approved the committee for the ECIA Community Grant program. Community Services (Recreation) Director Rochelle Monk presented a departmental budget. Discussion ensued. The City Council recommended that staff seek a promotor to generate revenue from the

Richmond Memorial Auditorium. The City Council suggested that the city's annual Fourth of July fireworks event be funded by the Chevron ECIA. Mayor's Office Chief of Staff David Gray presented a revised departmental budget. Discussion ensued. The City Council requested the proposed 6% budget reduction options for the Mayor's Office. Senior Administrative Analyst to the City Council Trina Jackson presented a departmental budget. Discussion ensued. City Clerk Pamela Christian presented a departmental budget. Discussion ensued. The City Council made the following recommendations regarding the city's matching funds provided to city council candidates: limit funds to the first four or five qualified candidates; reduce matching funds by 50% per candidate; and/or set threshold limits. The City Council suggested a reclassification to management for one of the Assistant City Clerks to reduce overtime pay. City Manager Bill Lindsay and Senior Management Analyst LaShonda White presented a departmental budget. Discussion ensued. The City Council expressed the city's need to retain a lobbyist, which was proposed for elimination as a budget reduction option. City Attorney Bruce Goodmiller and Supervising Office Assistant Patrick Seals presented a departmental budget. Discussion ensued. The City Council requested the City Manager to consult with the City Attorney and City Clerk and return to the City Council with recommendations for budget reduction options. Finance Director Belinda Warner presented a departmental budget. Discussion ensued. Human Resources Management Director Lisa Stephenson presented a departmental budget. Risk Manager Kim Greer gave a brief overview of the Risk Management budget. Discussion ensued. The City Council requested a summary of approved claims against the city for the previous year. Information Technology (IT) Director Sue Hartman presented a departmental budget. Discussion ensued. The City Council suggested that IT staff contact the Chamber of Commerce for new businesses sponsorship and donations with regard to the city's television network. Water Resource Recovery Manager Ryan Smith presented a departmental budget. Discussion ensued. Richmond Housing Authority (RHA) Director Tim Jones presented a departmental budget. Discussion ensued. The City Council requested the detailed salaries for three RHA full-time employees eliminated. The City Council requested an overview of the city's Pro Forma Balance Sheet at the next City Council meeting. Capital Improvements Director Yader Bermudez presented a departmental budget. Discussion ensued. Successor Agency to the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency (RCRA) Manager Tim Jones, Senior Accountant Stacie Plummer, and Capital Improvements Director Yader Bermudez presented a departmental budget for the RCRA. Al Nero gave comments. Discussion ensued. The City Council requested the utilities cost savings for the city's year-end holiday closure. The City Council requested the list of all 6% proposed budget reduction options for all departments, as soon as possible via email.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m., in memory of Commission on Aging Volunteer and Richmond Sanitary Service Employee Lionel Glenn Johnson and with condolences to City Attorney Bruce Goodmiller for the loss of his son, to meet again on Tuesday, June 7, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

Pamela Christian  
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Clerk of the City of Richmond

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Approved:

Tom Butt  
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Mayor