

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, June 14, 2016

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Nathaniel Bates, Jovanka Beckles, Jael Myrick, Vinay Pimplé, Vice Mayor Eduardo Martinez, and Mayor Tom Butt. **Absent:** Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin arrived at 5:07, 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

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

Agency designated representatives: Bill Lindsay, Lisa Stephenson, Jack Hughes, Todd Simonson, Belinda Warner, Maria Blue and Bruce Soublet. 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).

There were no public speakers.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:05 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

The Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:11 p.m., by Mayor Butt, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

SPECIAL BUDGET STUDY AND ACTION SESSION

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Beckles, McLaughlin, Pimplé, Myrick, Vice Mayor Martinez, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** Councilmember Bates arrived at 6:15 p.m.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

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

None.

STUDY AND ACTION SESSION

E-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 and discuss proposed budget and provide direction to staff was presented by City Manager, Bill Lindsay. Councilmember Beckles expressed questions and concerns regarding the elimination of the Fire Marshal position, which is recommended, and that the Fire Chief also assumes the position of Fire Marshal. Both the City Manager and Fire Chief, Adrian Sheppard, stated that there is no reason or conflict in having the positions combined. The following individuals gave comments: Terry Harris, Veronica Keeton, Naomi Williams, David Rogers, and Bea Roberson. A motion was made by Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Councilmember Pimplé, to approve the staff's recommended cuts, including the elimination of the City Council meals. Councilmember McLaughlin made a friendly amendment that matching funds only be cut 6% and that Executive Management be considered to receive a pay cut. Vice Mayor Martinez made a friendly amendment to not eliminate the Fire Marshal position. Councilmember Myrick did not accept either amendment. A substitute motion by Vice Mayor Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Beckles, to approve the staff recommendations and not eliminate the Fire Marshal position, failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmember Beckles and Vice Mayor Martinez. **Noes:** Councilmembers Bates, Myrick, Pimplé, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** Councilmember McLaughlin. A second substitute motion by Councilmember McLaughlin to hold off voting for the budget until the City Manager has the opportunity to speak to Executive Management regarding potential salary cuts, failed for lack of a second. The original motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmember Bates, Myrick, Pimple, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** Councilmember Beckles. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** Vice Mayor Martinez and Councilmember McLaughlin.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m., in memory of Muhammad Ali, and the 49 persons killed in the Florida nightclub massacre, to meet again on Tuesday, June 21, 2016.

Pamela Christian

Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Tom Butt

Mayor