

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, June 28, 2016

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Nathaniel Bates, Jovanka Beckles, Gayle McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Eduardo Martinez, and Mayor Tom Butt. **Absent:** Councilmember Jael Myrick arrived at 5:12 p.m. and Councilmember Vinay Pimplé arrived at 5:03 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL

A-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision [a] of Government Code Section 54956.9):

Upstream Point Molate vs. City of Richmond
Serkes vs. City of Richmond

A-2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Government Code Section 54957.6): Citizen's Police Review Commission Investigative Officer

A-3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54957.6):

Agency designated representatives: Bill Lindsay, Lisa Stephenson, Jack Hughes, Todd Simonson, Belinda Warner, 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).

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals gave comments on **Item A-1:** Cordell Hindler, Paul Carman, David Helvarg, Margot Cunningham, Dave Drummond, Malcolm Gilmour, Pam Stello, and Shirley Dean.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:15 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:57 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

None.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

D-1. Mayor Butt announced the City of Richmond Board and Commission vacancies as of June 28, 2016, and asked that interested residents send applications to the City Clerk.

D-2. Richmond Public Library Librarian, Angela Cox, presented the Richmond Public Library Scholarships Are Terrific!(S.A.T) awards to essay contest winners Nancy Ng, a graduate of Kennedy High School and Lulu Brien, a graduate of Middle College High School. Cordell Hindler gave comments.

D-3. Councilmember Beckles presented Certificates of Recognition to the recent graduates of the LifeLong Health Promoters Program for their dedication towards promoting healthier communities.

D-4. Mayor Butt and Councilmembers Bates, Martinez, and McLaughlin presented a proclamation declaring July 15, 2016, as Sister Cities International Day in the City of Richmond. Cordell Hindler and Liz Watts gave comments.

D-5. Mayor Butt and Councilmember Bates and Vice Mayor Martinez welcomed students and teachers from Shanghai, China, who are attending a summer school program at De Anza High School as part of a

student/teacher/cultural exchange between Richmond and China. Cordell Hindler gave comments.

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

City Attorney, Bruce Goodmiller stated there was no report.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager, Bill Lindsay, presented a video of an episode of Business Bytes, produced by KCRT television.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Cordell Hindler stated the city needs more supermarkets. Mr. Hindler also stated that the city parks are looking much better.

Dean Vigil stated that the Recreation Department is very short staffed. Mr. Vigil also thanked the City Manager for appointing Rochelle Monk as the new Recreation Department director.

Mark Wassberg spoke in opposition of allowing Syrian refugees into the United States.

Ben Steinberg gave comments regarding the article titled 'Richmond's Compensation Drives Budget Deficit' regarding the City's fiscal mismanagement.

Ben Therriault stated that a well-qualified police officer applicant decided to leave because he was discouraged after watching the City Council meeting last week.

Naomi Williams thanked the City Manager for continuing the neighborhood clean-ups and also stated that there still is a lot of dumping in her area.

Patricia Perez, Rick Perez, and Jenine Ball gave comments about the Pedie Perez case and stated that they are waiting for the investigation of the death of Pedie Perez to begin.

AJ Jelani stated they are looking for candidates to serve on the Belding Woods Neighborhood Council.

Al Nero stated that the city needs to conduct a full audit on city departments and services.

James Gonzales stated he is against any cuts in the police force.

STUDY SESSION

H-1. The matter to adopt resolutions approving: (1) the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Operating Budget and (2) the Fiscal Years 2016-21 Capital Improvement Plan was presented by City Manager, Bill Lindsay. The following individuals gave comments: Millie Cleveland, David Martinez, Scott Olson, James Walker, Naomi Williams, Rosanne Ryker, Mike Parker, Al Nero, and Stacey Agnitsch. A motion was made by Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Councilmember Pimplé, to adopt the budget. A substitute motion was made by Councilmember McLaughlin, seconded by Vice Mayor Martinez, to pass the budget as proposed and to schedule a discussion on the next closed session to consider the concept of a progressive and temporary salary cut. Vice Mayor Martinez added a friendly amendment that the Finance Committee be reinstated also. A second substitute motion was made by Councilmember Beckles, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin, to adopt the budget as is and consider cutting department head positions, failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, McLaughlin, and Vice Mayor Martinez. **Noes:** Councilmembers Bates, Myrick, Pimplé, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** None. The first substitute motion failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, McLaughlin, and Vice Mayor Martinez. **Noes:** Councilmembers Bates, Myrick, Pimplé, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** None. Councilmember McLaughlin asked that the following statement be added to the record: *“Because my motion is not being supported, at least by way of this council making a commitment at this time to discuss the temporary, progressive salary cuts going forward, as a way to restore services and avoid layoffs, and because we have the rating agencies breathing down our necks, I will reluctantly support this motion.”* Councilmember Bates and Vice Mayor Martinez stated they will also reluctantly vote for the budget and hope that the City Council reestablishes the Finance Committee. Mayor Butt stated he will place the consideration of the reinstatement of the standing committees on the agenda in September. Councilmember Bates also requested that a thorough city audit be

performed. City Manager, Bill Lindsay, stated that a scope of work can be prepared and ready to be considered by the City Council during the mid-year review. Councilmember McLaughlin requested that the discussion regarding the temporary, progressive salary cuts be placed on the next closed session agenda. The original motion passed and **Resolution No's 57-16, and 58-16**, were adopted by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

H-2. The matter to adopt a resolution approving the 2016-17 Appropriations Limit for the City of Richmond pursuant to Article XIII B, as amended, of the Constitution of the State of California was presented. A motion by Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Councilmember Pimplé, adopted **Resolution No. 59-16**, by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

STUDY SESSION

The matter to receive a presentation regarding the city's obligations under the Municipal Regional Permit (MRP), re-issued in November 2015 by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, to prepare and adopt a Green Infrastructure Plan by June 2017, and to implement the Green Infrastructure Plan to address pollutants of concern (polychlorinated biphenyls [PCBs], mercury, oils, metals, etc.) in urban stormwater run-off was presented by Stormwater Manager, Ryan Smith, who gave a PowerPoint presentation.

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

Vice Mayor Martinez stated he attended a League of Cities Conference in Monterey, CA, regarding the current marijuana legislation and also attended a breakfast with the Indonesian Consulate.

Mayor Butt thanked the City Council for passing the budget tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m., to meet again on Tuesday, July 5, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.

Pamela Christian
Clerk of the City of Richmond

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Approved:

Tom Butt
Mayor
