

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, September 27, 2016

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was cancelled.

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:31 p.m., by Mayor Butt, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Nathaniel Bates, Jovanka Beckles, Jael Myrick, Vinay Pimplé, Vice Mayor Eduardo Martinez, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt. **Absent:** Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

Item I-2 was continued to the October 4, 2016, City Council meeting at the request of Mayor Butt.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

E-1. Mayor Butt presented a proclamation acknowledging Fire Prevention Week, October 9-15, 2016. Recipient Fire Chief Adrian Sheppard gave comments.

E-2. Councilmember Myrick and Mayor Butt presented a proclamation recognizing Soulful Softball Sunday organizers for the success of the annual game and their contributions to the community. Recipient Rodney Alamo Brown and Mark Wassberg gave comments.

E-3. Councilmember Bates and Mayor Butt presented a proclamation recognizing LeChat Nail Care Products for receiving the Presidential "E" Award for Export Achievements. Recipient LeChat President Newton Luu and Jael Myrick gave comments.

E-4. Councilmember Bates and Mayor Butt presented a proclamation recognizing Bob and Patrick Eames for 42 years of successfully owning and operating ACE Hardware in Richmond. The Eames brothers, Don Gosney, and Jovanka Beckles gave comments.

E-5. Councilmember Bates and Mayor Butt presented a proclamation commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program (GRIP) on October 1, 2016. Recipients GRIP Executive Director Arthur Hatchett and City of Richmond Employee/GRIP Boardmember Tracey Angelo, Naomi Williams, Mark Wassberg, and Jovanka Beckles gave comments. Mrs. Angelo announced the 30th Annual Harmony Walk on October 29, 2016, at Nicholl Park.

E-6. Councilmember Bates, Vice Mayor Martinez, and Mayor Butt presented a proclamation declaring October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in the City of Richmond. Recipient Director of STAND for Families Free of Violence Gloria Sandoval, recipient Executive Director of the Family Justice Center Susun Kim, and Mark Wassberg gave comments.

E-7. Mayor Butt announced a proclamation commemorating October 15, 2016, as the City of Richmond's Official Arbor Day. There were no public speakers.

E-8. Mayor Butt presented a proclamation declaring the first week of October 2016 as Mental Illness Awareness Week and October 4, 2016, as National Day of Prayer for Mental Health Illness and Recovery and Understanding. Recipient Contra Costa Mental Health Commission Chair Duane Chapman and Mark Wassberg gave comments.

E-9. Mayor Butt announced the City of Richmond Boards and Commissions vacancies as of September 27, 2016, and asked that interested residents send applications to the City Clerk.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Bill Lindsay was absent. Acting City Manager / Director of Planning and Building Services Richard Mitchell stated that there were no items to report.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Naomi Williams announced National Voter Registration Day and encouraged community members to vote for the November 8, 2016, General Election. Ms. Williams also announced that the Commission on Aging was hosting a Zydeco Dance on October 22, 2016. Admission tickets cost \$15 at the Richmond Recreation Complex located at 3230 Macdonald Avenue. Food was not included with admission.

Richmond Neighborhood Housing Services Executive Director Nikki Beasley clarified that the Kennedy High School gun violence incident mentioned at the City Council meeting on September 13, 2016, was not related to Kennedy High School, its students, or faculty. Ms. Beasley shared replies from youth regarding their future outlook after graduation from high school. Ms. Beasley advocated for affordable housing and safety in the neighborhoods.

Mark Wassberg gave comments regarding the Richmond Progressive Alliance.

Rick Perez, Jenine Ball, and Patricia Perez gave comments regarding the Richmond Police Department, gun violence, the Pedie Perez investigation, integrity, and a report from the Contra Costa County District Attorney.

Rodney Alamo Brown, Diana Bernal-Dimas, and Tonette Mendoza gave comments regarding recent Richmond homicides. Mr. Brown expressed concern regarding post-traumatic stress disorder, mental illness, and the systemic issues plaguing the community. Ms. Bernal-Dimas expressed concern regarding the lack of councilmembers presence in the community supporting family members of the homicide victims. Ms. Mendoza pleaded for councilmember's help to stop gun violence.

Melvin Willis gave comments regarding his childhood experience living in poverty in Richmond. Mr. Willis encouraged councilmembers to invest in and provide opportunities for all people of Richmond to build peace for a safer community.

K. Harley expressed concerns regarding policing laws and youth gun control.

Veronica Keeton gave comments regarding a statement read by Councilmember Beckles at the City Council meeting held on September 20, 2016.

Vinay Pimplé clarified that the statements he made about events that occurred at the September 20, 2016, City Council meeting were not false. Mr. Pimplé announced the Speed Chess Tournament held on October 8, 2016, at J.C. Penny in Hilltop Mall.

STUDY SESSION/STUDY AND ACTION SESSION

I-1. The matter to receive a report on proposed parking management strategies to address parking demands within impacted areas of the city; and direct staff to prepare an ordinance and Neighborhood Permit Parking (NPP) program for consideration with the proposed key areas of the City designated as NPP zones was presented by Deneé Evans of the City Manager's Office Transportation Parking Services Division. Ms. Evans' Parking Management Strategies PowerPoint presentation highlighted the following topics: Map of development projects that would directly impact parking; Parking Management Plan; tools used to manage parking; action plan at a glance; Neighborhood Permit Parking Program (NPP) overview; proposed pre-approved permit zones; the purpose of paid parking pilots; and an example of a parking pilot for Point Richmond. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Myrick requested information from staff to re-open the northeast parking lot at the Richmond Bay Area Rapid Transit station to alleviate overflow parking in surrounding residential areas. Councilmember Pimplé requested staff to provide the anticipated parking fees and the minimum number of neighborhood blocks that must opt-in to the NPP program to cover the initial fixed costs. Councilmember Beckles requested a future meeting with Ms. Evans to discuss parking issues and suggested that the City Council consider removal of timed parking zones in areas not needed. Councilmember Beckles also requested staff consider incorporating community members feedback in the draft ordinance. Atchison Village Parking Committee Member Gretchen Blais gave comments regarding parking issues around Atchison Village and expressed interest in a NPP program. On motion of Councilmember Beckles, seconded by Councilmember Myrick, directed staff to draft an ordinance and NPP program, with consideration of community feedback, passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Myrick, Vice Mayor Martinez, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** Councilmember Pimplé. **Absent:** Councilmember McLaughlin.

I-2. **Continued to October 4, 2016**, the matter to receive a presentation of the Mayor's Housing Strategy.

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

Vice Mayor Martinez reported on his trip to sister-city Zhoushan, China for the International Islands Tourism Conference, September 21-23, 2016.

Vice Mayor Martinez announced the Hilltop Community Candidates Forum at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 29, 2016, at the Hilltop Community Church located at 3118 Shane Drive.

Councilmember Bates announced that Lillie Mae Jones' funeral service was scheduled at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 28, 2016, at the Church of Christ located at 1501 Florida Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m., in memory of long-time Richmond resident Winters Calvin; Parks and Landscaping employee James Prothro's son, Javonte Prothro; and Councilmember McLaughlin's sister, Sharon McLaughlin Dumrauf, to meet again on Tuesday, October 4, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

Pamela Christian

Clerk of the City of Richmond

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Approved:

Tom Butt

Mayor