

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, November 22, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m., by Mayor Thomas K. Butt, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

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

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

Item E-2 was moved directly after Item E-4 per the request of Mayor Butt.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

E-1. Vice Mayor Martinez and Mayor Butt presented proclamations to small business owners of Jered's Pottery, Station One Farmhouse, Bob's Cleaners, and Rich City Rides Bicycle Repair Shop declaring Saturday, November 26, 2016, as Small Business Saturday in the City of Richmond. Darlene Rios Drakin gave comments.

E-2. Mayor Butt announced the City of Richmond Boards and Commissions vacancies as of November 22, 2016, and asked that interested residents send applications to the City Clerk. Cordell Hindler gave comments.

E-3. Councilmember Pimplé and Mayor Butt presented a proclamation to members of the Olson family declaring November 30, 2016, as Ray Olson Day in the City of Richmond and encouraging all Richmond residents to avoid drinking and driving, especially during the holiday season. Cordell Hindler gave comments.

E-4. Councilmember Myrick and Mayor Butt presented a proclamation recognizing the contributions of the West County Housing Corporation, Inc. and commending the organization for thirty-two years of service to the City of Richmond. Theresa Talley-Wilkerson and James McMillian gave comments.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Bill Lindsay reported that city personnel participated in disaster response training on November 15, 2016. Mr. Lindsay acknowledged the city's Emergency Services Manager Kathryn Gerk and announced her plan to retire at the end of the year.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Cordell Hindler gave comments regarding protestors in Richmond following the November 8, 2016, Presidential Election.

Cesar Zepeda announced a Food Emporium located at the corner of Lakeside Drive and Research Drive on Friday, November 25, 2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and requested toy donations. Mr. Zepeda also announced Salute's Day of Thanksgiving lunch on November 24, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Lorenzo Avila, Claudia Jimenez, Yenny Garcia, Tenicia Matthews, Ben McBride, Tamisha Walker, Mike Parker, Nancy Ybarra, and Ben Therriault gave comments regarding a traffic stop made by Richmond police officers on November 17, 2016, at the intersection of Macdonald Avenue and Harbour Way.

Naomi Williams announced that the Commission on Aging had seven vacancies. Ms. Williams announced that Senior Winter Ball tickets were available for \$35.00 each at the Recreation Complex located at 3230 Macdonald Avenue. Ms. Williams urged residents to attend the next City Council meeting regarding the Carlson Boulevard Crosstown Connection pedestrian and bicycle improvements project.

Marcos Banales gave comments concerning Richmond policing and the city's immigrant community.

Patricia Perez gave comments regarding the Pedie Perez case and Richmond policing.

STUDY AND ACTION SESSION

H-1. The matter to hear a presentation by legal representation from Tenants Together, California's statewide renters' rights organization, on the details of the Richmond Fair Rent, Just Cause for Eviction and Homeowners Protection Ordinance Ballot Measure (otherwise known as Measure L, recently passed by Richmond voters) and, given that a relocation ordinance is required by Measure L, direct staff to explore other cities' relocation ordinances and bring back a first reading of a provisional Richmond relocation ordinance by December 6, 2016, was introduced by Councilmember McLaughlin and presented by Tenants Together Legal Director Leah Simon-Weisberg. Ms. Simon-Weisberg's PowerPoint presentation highlighted the following topics: Rent Control coverage, rent increase limitations, maximum base rent, and compliance; Just Cause for Eviction coverage, reasons for lawful eviction, additional protections, and enforcement; Rent Board members appointment process, composition, decisions, powers and duties, and rental housing fee and budget; administration and staff responsibilities; and transition period, funding, and consequences of delays. Discussion ensued. Mayor Butt requested a hardcopy of the PowerPoint presentation. Mike Parker gave comments. On motion of Councilmember McLaughlin, seconded by Vice Mayor Martinez, directed staff to prepare a Richmond relocation ordinance for first reading at the December 6, 2016, City Council meeting or a special meeting thereafter by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, McLaughlin, Myrick, Pimplé, and Vice Mayor Martinez. **Noes:** Mayor Butt. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Bates.

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

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m., to meet again on Tuesday, December 6, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor