

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, February 28, 2017

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Ben Choi, Eduardo Martinez, Melvin Willis, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt.
Absent: Councilmembers Gayle McLaughlin, Jael Myrick, and Vice Mayor Jovanka Beckles arrived after the roll was called.

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

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957.6):

Title: Citizens Police Review Commission
Investigative Officer

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Initiation of litigation pursuant to Subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9):

One Case

There were no public speakers.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:30 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Choi, Martinez, McLaughlin, Myrick, Willis, Vice Mayor Beckles, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** None.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

On motion of Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Myrick, added an emergency item to the agenda immediately following Open Forum.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

E-1. Mayor Butt announced the City of Richmond Boards and Commissions vacancies as of February 28, 2017, and asked that interested residents send applications to the City Clerk. Cordell Hindler gave comments.

E-2. Mayor Butt, Councilmember McLaughlin, and Vice Mayor Beckles presented a proclamation to recipients of Richmond Main Street Initiative and Oneva declaring March 2017 as Women's History Month in the City of Richmond. Cordell Hindler gave comments.

E-3. Mayor Butt presented a proclamation to the family of Reverend Emeritus John Henry Green honoring his life and legacy.

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

City Attorney Bruce Goodmiller reported on the selection progress made for the appointment of a Citizens Police Review Commission Investigative Officer.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Bill Lindsay reported on application submittal deadlines for student federal financial aid, the Richmond Promise scholarship program, and the Environmental Community Investment Agreement (ECIA) community grant program.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Cordell Hindler gave comments in support of reestablishment of the public safety and finance committees.

Mark Wassberg gave comments regarding refugees, terrorists, and the women's liberation movement.

Kathleen Robinson gave comments regarding the passing of her friend, homosexuality, and the importance of respect for others.

Richard Stollings gave comments regarding City Council meeting rules and procedures regarding consent calendar items.

Rick and Patricia Perez gave comments in support of hiring a new Citizens Police Review Commission Investigative Officer and requested an investigation of the Pedie Perez case.

Jan Mignone was seeking volunteers and donations for the Wendell Park Rebuild project to be held on March 17, 2017.

Eleanor Thompson commended the Council for allowing grassroots organizations to be considered in the ECIA grant program. Ms. Thompson requested Richmond

Promise scholarship applications for distribution to Richmond youth. Ms. Thompson invited Councilmembers Willis and Myrick to the 1st Annual Young Adult Interview Preparation Workshop to be held on March 25, 2017.

Naomi Williams gave comments regarding Richmond's Black History Month event held on February 25, 2017.

EMERGENCY ITEM ADDED TO AGENDA

The matter to adopt a resolution proclaiming the existence of a local emergency due to landslide damage on Via Verdi in Richmond was presented by Engineering and Capital Improvement Projects Director Yader Bermudez. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Vice Mayor Beckles, to adopt said resolution. Mark Wassberg gave comments. The motion passed and **Resolution No. 13-17** was adopted by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

H-1. Mayor Butt presented the annual State of the City address which included a Powerpoint presentation that highlighted the city's accomplishments over the past year and described Richmond's challenges and wish list for 2017. The Powerpoint presentation was available online at www.RichmondCaMayor.org

STUDY SESSION/STUDY AND ACTION SESSION

(At approximately 8:12 p.m., the Council recessed and reconvened at 8:28 p.m. with all councilmembers present).

I-1. The matter to review the Fiscal Year 2016-17 operating and capital improvement budgets at mid-year, and adopt a resolution approving the proposed Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget adjustments was presented by Finance Director Belinda Warner, Budget Administrator Markisha Guillory, and Revenue Manager Antonio Banuelos. The Powerpoint presentation highlighted the following: revenue and expenditures; General Fund; proposed mid-year adjustments; A87 Cost Plan Reimbursement; challenges; baseline model projection from July 2016; and the Public Employees' Retirement System rates. Discussion ensued. Cordell Hindler and Sam Casas gave comments. A motion made by Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Willis to extend the time by two minutes for speaker Sam Casas, passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmember Choi, McLaughlin, Martinez, Willis, and Vice Mayor Beckles. **Noes:** Councilmember Myrick and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** None. **Abstentions:** None. Further discussion ensued and Sam Casas gave additional comments. Another motion by Councilmember McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Myrick, adopted **Resolution No. 14-17** by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

I-2. The matter to receive a presentation on the activities of the Richmond Municipal Sewer District pursuant to the 2006 Baykeeper Settlement Agreement was presented by Water Resource Recovery Director Ryan Smith. The Powerpoint presentation highlighted the following: settlement agreement overview; successes and accomplishments; termination of agreement; sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) performance summary; problem areas during wet weather; SSOs per year; and next steps. Discussion ensued. The Council expressed concerns regarding funding for critical projects to correct problem areas.

I-3. The matter to receive a presentation on the current West County High Capacity Transit Study and provide input to West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC) and City of Richmond staff was presented by WCCTAC's Executive Director John Nemeth, Project Manager Leah Greenblat, and Consultant Project Manager Rebecca Kohlstrand. The Powerpoint presentation highlighted the following: member agencies; study sponsors, partners, and team; high-capacity transit; study process; public outreach and participation; study background, purpose, and area; remaining transportation alternatives; evaluation criteria and performance measures; and next steps. Discussion ensued. The Council recommended that alternative transportation decisions consider growth and quality of life in the communities they would serve. The Council expressed concerns regarding increased fares for public transportation and affordability.

I-4. The matter to receive a report from City of Richmond staff participating in the 2016 Government Alliance on Race and Equity (G.A.R.E.) learning cohort and review the Draft Racial Equity Action Plan was presented by City Council Staff Liaison Trina Jackson, City Manager's Office Senior Management Analyst LaShonda White, Human Resource Management Personnel Officer Donna Newton, Mayor's Office Director of Policy and Strategy Christopher Whitmore, and Community Services Executive Secretary Johann Frazier. The Powerpoint presentation highlighted the following: G.A.R.E. overview; 2016 learning cohort year; City of Richmond G.A.R.E. team; draft City of Richmond Racial Equity Action Plan goals and action items; 2017 team goals; and resources. Discussion ensued. The Council suggested an opportunity for members of the community to participate on the G.A.R.E. team.

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

Councilmember Martinez reported on his attendance to the Water Education for Latino Leaders' Human Right to Water symposium in Fresno, California on February 25, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m., in memory of retired City of Richmond Deputy Fire Marshal Randolph "Randy" Pace, to meet again on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

Pamela Christian

Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Tom Butt

Mayor