

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, March 28, 2017**

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Ben Choi, Gayle McLaughlin, Jael Myrick, Melvin Willis, and Vice Mayor Jovanka Beckles, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt. **Absent:** Councilmember Eduardo Martinez arrived 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**

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957.6):**

Title: Citizens Police Review Commission  
Investigative Officer

There were no public speakers.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:31 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:15 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, Willis, Vice Mayor Beckles, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** Councilmember Myrick arrived at 6:32 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

Councilmember McLaughlin stated that she was withdrawing Item E-3 to a future meeting when City Council Liaison, Trina Jackson was able to attend.

**PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS**

E-1. Mayor Butt and Bill Lindsay, City Manager, presented a proclamation honoring the retirement of Kathryn Gerck from the Richmond Fire Department as the Emergency Services Manager. Bea Roberson gave comments.

E-2. Councilmember McLaughlin and Mayor Butt presented a proclamation recognizing Meals on Wheels of Contra Costa County and proclaiming March as March for Meals Month.

E-3. WITHDREW and CONTINUED to the April 25, 2017, City Council meeting, a presentation from the 2017 Sisters in Solidarity Planning Committee in recognition of International Women's Day and Women's History Month.

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

City Attorney Bruce Goodmiller reported that Lucky Nurain was unanimously appointed by the City Council as the new Citizens Police Review Commission Investigative Officer.

### **REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

No report.

### **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mark Wassberg gave comments regarding proposed federal funding cuts to sanctuary cities.

Rick Perez and Pat Perez gave comments regarding the recent appointment of the Citizens Police Review Commission Investigative Officer and hope that the death of Pedie Perez was thoroughly investigated.

Kathy Robinson stated that the homeless population needs help.

Joseph Puleo requested that an update be provided regarding the tugboats at Terminal 1. Mr. Puleo also requested that available city land be dedicated for a homeless encampment.

### **STUDY AND ACTION SESSION**

**I-1.** The matter to receive an annual presentation from the Richmond Convention Visitor's Bureau was presented by Executive Director, Matt Lewis who gave a PowerPoint and announced that the bureau's name was changed to Visit Richmond, CA.

**I-2.** Executive Director, Deborah Dyer, from NIAD presented an update and video from Nurturing Independence through Artistic Development (NIAD) on the impact of community programs resulting from the Fiscal Year 2016-17 financial allocation from the Fiscal Year 2016-17 financial allocation from the City of Richmond.

**I-3.** City Manager, Bill Lindsay, gave an overview and Deputy Director of Programs, Ruthie Dineen, presented a PowerPoint presentation and video from the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts on its activities in serving Richmond youth, and in providing a downtown

venue for various arts, culture, and community activities at its landmark downtown location.

**I-4.** Recreation and Community Services Director, Rochelle Monk, and Henry Gardner of The Gardner Group LLC, presented the findings from his organization and management review of the City of Richmond Community Services Department. Discussion ensued. City Manager, Bill Lindsay, stated that current staffing levels and issues related to the need for additional employees, deferred maintenance scheduling, and capital improvement projects could be researched. The Council suggested that an experienced grant writer be hired to help obtain grants for programs and projects and emphasized the need for marketing of the Richmond Auditorium.

**I-5.** The City Council received a presentation from Park Superintendent Tom Leatherman regarding the state of the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park.

**I-6.** Finance Director, Belinda Warner and Amy Myers, from the city's auditing firm, Maze and Associates, made a presentation on the City's Fiscal Year 2015-16 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Discussion ensued. Joseph Puleo made comments.

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

Councilmember Martinez attended a conference March 23-24, 2017, in San Diego focused on water rights and the potability of sewer water. Councilmember Martinez also attended a free all-day workshop on March 25, 2017, focused on educating early entrepreneurs.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m., to meet again on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

Pamela Christian  
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Clerk of the City of Richmond

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Approved:

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Tom Butt  
Mayor