

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, April 25, 2017

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

**CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY
NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54956.8):**

Property: 3506 Cutting Boulevard (Former Fire Training Center)

Agency negotiators: Bill Lindsay and Shasa Curl

Negotiating party: Integral Development, LLC

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

There were no public speakers.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 6:01 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:40 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 6:46 p.m.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

None.

**PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND
COMMENDATIONS**

E-1. Councilmember McLaughlin presented a proclamation celebrating and honoring Oscar López Rivera and proclaiming May 31, 2017, as Oscar López Rivera Day in the City of Richmond.

E-2. Mayor Butt presented a proclamation to Dwayne Chapman declaring May 2017 as Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of Richmond.

E-3. Mayor Butt presented a proclamation declaring April 2017 as National Donate Life Month in the City of Richmond. Bea Roberson gave comments.

E-4. Mayor Butt presented a proclamation to Nikki Beasley declaring Thursday May 11 to Sunday May 21, 2017, as Affordable Housing Week "Together for Housing Justice" in the City of Richmond.

E-5. Mayor Butt announced recent resignations from City of Richmond Boards, Commissions and Committees; announced vacancies on City of Richmond Boards, and Commissions as of April 25, 2017, and asked that interested individuals send applications to the City Clerk.

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

City Attorney Bruce Goodmiller stated that there was nothing to report.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Bill Lindsay, presented a PowerPoint regarding the National Park Week Celebration that took place on Sunday, April 23, 2017, at John F. Kennedy Park.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Naomi Williams requested an update regarding a portion of the Richmond Greenway Trail being named after Lillie Mae Jones. Ms. Williams also thanked Infrastructure Maintenance and Operations Director Tim Higare for cleaning up weeds on the medians. Ms. Williams invited everyone to Senior Night Out on May 20, 2017. Tickets may be purchased at the Richmond Recreation Center.

Eleanor Thompson asked what was the next step if someone wanted to remove an item from the agenda and the staff person refused to sign the speaker card.

Rick Perez stated that he spoke to many residents that have had bad experiences with the Richmond Police Department.

Patricia Perez gave comments regarding the death of her grandson, Pedie Perez and requested further investigation.

Kathy Robinson thanked the City Council for approving the formation of a homeless taskforce.

Brian Donohue announced that there would be a Community Health Empowerment Workshop on May 15-19, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Richmond.

Roberta Spieckerman gave comments against the false alarm ordinance, which allowed a third-party company to have access and monitor personal information.

Cesar Zepeda announced that the Hilltop Food Emporium would be held every last Sunday of the month until the end of October. Mr. Zepeda also stated that the Cinco de Mayo parade and celebration would be on May 6-7, 2017; and also that the 3rd Annual Richmond Rainbow Pride Event would be on Sunday, June 4, 2017,

STUDY AND ACTION SESSION

I-1. Brenda Williams and Marilyn Langlois made a presentation regarding the 2017 Sisters in Solidarity Planning Committee in recognition of International Women's Day and Women's History Month. This item was continued from the March 28, 2017, meeting. Vice Mayor Beckles gave comments.

I-2. The City Council received a presentation from Ranjana Majaraj, Myrtle Braxton, Naomi Williams, and Valerie Robinson, regarding the Commission on Aging highlighting the 2016-2017 senior activities and events for the seniors living in Richmond and the neighboring cities.

I-3. The City Council received a presentation from Oscar Garcia, David Brown, and Bea Roberson, regarding the Citizens Police Review Commission regarding the ongoing operations of that commission and its continued challenges. Discussion ensued. Rick Perez and Jeanine Ball gave comments.

I-4. The City Council received a presentation from Richmond Promise Executive Director Jessie Stewart regarding the current status of that program, its recent successes, challenges and strategies to increase participation and support student persistence. Discussion ensued. Don Gosney gave comments.

I-5. The city council received a presentation from Lina Velasco, Kieron Slaughter, and Rosie the Riveter Park Ranger, Tom Leatherman, regarding the Richmond Wellness Trail Vision plan, and to adopt a resolution adding the Richmond Wellness Trail Vision plan as an appendix to the Richmond Pedestrian Plan. Discussion ensued. The following individuals gave comments: Jim Zahradka, Claudia Garcia, Cynthia Armour, and Sequoia Erasmus. A motion by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin, adopted **Resolution No.41-17**, by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

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

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m., to meet again on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

Pamela Christian

Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Tom Butt

Mayor