

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, May 2, 2017

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

(At approximately 5:15 p.m., Mayor Butt recused himself and appointed Councilmember Martinez to preside over the anticipated litigation case in the absence of the Vice Mayor).

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 LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9):

One case

LIABILITY CLAIMS - (Government Code Section 54956.9):

Terry Harris vs. City of Richmond

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

Property: Ford Point at terminus of Harbor Way South

Agency negotiators: Bill Lindsay and Shasa Curl

Negotiating party: Water Emergency Transportation Authority

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

There were no public speakers.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:16 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:48 p.m., by Mayor Butt.

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

Item G-15 was removed from the Consent Calendar by the Council for discussion at the end of the agenda.

Mayor Butt proposed to continue items J-1 and K-1 for two weeks. A motion was made by Councilmember McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Willis, to keep items J-1 and K-1 on the current agenda. Discussion ensued. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

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

City Attorney Bruce Goodmiller stated that there were no final actions taken.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Bill Lindsay reported on the final presentations presented on April 26, 2017, by participants in the Youth-Plan, Learn, Act, Now program.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Bea Roberson and Jackie Thompson gave comments regarding the lack of respect for staff and their time at City Council meetings.

Julia Canãs, Amanda Elliott, and Janet Johnson announced the first annual 'Taste of Richmond' event scheduled on Saturday, May 20, 2017, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at the Riggers Loft Wine Company.

Susan Wehrle distributed letters to councilmembers from residents requesting expansion of swim center hours and aquatic exercise programs in Richmond.

Jackie Thompson reported overgrown weeds at the vacant lot on 37th Street and Stege Avenue and poor lighting at the corner of Stege Avenue and Cutting Boulevard.

Jane Perkins and Linda Kaiser expressed concerns regarding noise pollution, enforcement of noise ordinances, and zoning restrictions for the Bio-Rad facility and other businesses in the Richmond Marina Bay area near residential neighborhoods.

Rosemary Corbin acknowledged the proclamation on the Consent Calendar declaring the month of May 2017 as Historic Preservation Month.

Rick Perez and K. Harley gave comments regarding the Walter Scott police shooting case that took place in South Carolina. Mr. Perez, Ms. Harley, and Patricia Perez expressed concerns regarding the investigation of the Pedie Perez case. Ms. Harley inquired about the timeframe to conclude police investigations.

Rosa Lara announced the 12th Annual Cinco de Mayo Festival on 23rd Street scheduled for Sunday, May 7, 2017.

Don Gosney expressed concerns regarding traffic congestion on the streets of Richmond and driving safety as a result of the metering lights along Interstate 80.

Elaine Dockens gave comments regarding the Richmond library programs and Literacy for Every Adult Project's positive impact on the community. Ms. Dockens commended the Economic Development Commission for coordinating the first annual "Taste of Richmond" event.

Jovanka Beckles gave comments regarding her silent protest against "justice for all." Ms. Beckles stated that she did not disrespect staff at the April 18, 2017, City Council meeting, and that she thanked staff for their time.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Councilmember McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, the item(s) marked with an (*) were approved by the unanimous vote of the City Council:

*G-1. Received the City's Investment and Cash Balance Report for the month of March 2017.

*G-2. Adopted **Resolution No. 42-17** renewing and continuing the local emergency on Rifle Range Road due to landslide damage, which was first declared by the City Council on March 7, 2017.

*G-3. Adopted **Resolution No. 43-17** renewing and continuing the local emergency on Via Verdi due to landslide damage, which was first declared by the City Council on February 28, 2017.

*G-4. Approved the grant-funded, sole-source purchase of five (5) "Stalker DSR 2X" police radar systems manufactured by Applied Concepts Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$17,000.

*G-5. Approved contracts with: (1) Lincoln Aquatics; (2) The Pool Doctor; and (3) Knorr Systems, Inc. to provide as needed equipment, parts, supplies and services to the Richmond Swim Center and Richmond Plunge in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 per vendor over a three year period, with an option to extend an additional two-years at \$100,000 per vendor.

*G-6. Approved the purchase of repairs to police patrol vehicles #1119 and #1148 by Andy's Auto Body for an aggregate amount not to exceed \$24,000.

*G-7. Approved actions to update the Recreation and Parks Commission; Appointed Benjamin Schwartz, new appointment, seat #2, filling an unexpired term with an expiration date of October 26, 2018; and Joey Smith, new appointment, seat #4, term expiration date October 26, 2019.

*G-8. Approved actions to update the Revolving Loan Fund Board; Appointed: Brian McKeown, new appointment, seat #8.

*G-9. Approved actions to update the Economic Development Commission; Appointed Ayoka Medlock-Nurse, new appointment, seat #3, term expiration date March 30, 2020, Amanda Elliott, reappointment, seat #5, term expiration date March 30, 2020.

*G-10. Approved appointments for the Environmental and Community Investment Agreement (ECIA) Grant Review Ad Hoc Committee: Appointed Lisa Stephenson-Johnson, reappointment, seat #1, term expiration date March 31, 2018, Carol Hegstrom, reappointment, seat #2, term, expiration date March 31, 2018, Andrea Bailey, reappointment, seat #3, term expiration date March 31, 2018 Lidia Perdomo, reappointment, seat #4, term expiration date March 31, 2018, and Monica Lazo, reappointment, seat #5, term expiration date March 31, 2018.

*G-11. Proclamation declaring the month of May 2017 as Historic Preservation Month.

*G-12. Proclamation declaring May 2017 as Bike Month in the City of Richmond.

*G-13. Authorized the City Manager to execute the First Amendment to the Exclusive Right to Negotiate Agreement with the Integral Development Group for the development of the city-owned former Fire Training Center site located at 3506 Cutting Boulevard.

*G-14. Appropriated into the Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget a \$259,730 Sustainable Transportation Planning Program grant received from the Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and a local match of \$33,651 from Environmental and Community Investment Agreement (ECIA) funds, for the development of a First Mile / Last Mile Transportation Strategic plan.

G-15. The matter to approve the sole-source purchase of Globe firefighter personal protective equipment through L.N. Curtis & Sons, the exclusive distributor of Globe Manufacturing protective clothing, for a cost of \$162,000 over a three-year period ending June 30, 2019, was presented by Fire Chief Adrian Sheppard. Discussion ensued. On motion of Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Myrick approved said sole-source purchase by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

*G-16. Approved the purchases of a thermal imaging camera for the Hazardous Materials Unit and ten Scott face masks and voice amplifiers for new firefighters from Industrial Safety Supply, Corp. in the amount of \$12,419.07.

BUDGET SESSION

H-1. The matter to acknowledge receipt of the first drafts of the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Annual Operating Budget and Fiscal Years 2017-22 Five-Year Capital Improvement Budget, and establish the review process and schedule for their review and adoption was presented by Finance Director Belinda Warner, Budget Administrator Markisha Guillory, and Revenue Manager Antonio Banuelos. The Powerpoint presentation highlighted the following: City Council budget sessions schedule; proposed order of departmental presentations; General Fund revenue and expenditures; benefits costs; and staffing levels summary. Discussion ensued. A motion by Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin, acknowledged receipt of the draft budgets and accepted staff's recommendations by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

I-1. **Continued to June 6, 2017**, the matter to approve a resolution regarding the City's intent to grant to SFPP, L.P. a 10 year franchise agreement to use or lay and use oil pipes and appurtenances for the purpose of transmitting and distributing oil and oil products within the City's rights-of-way for a period of ten years.

RESOLUTIONS

J-1. The matter to adopt a resolution in support of the Saffron Strand's 8th Annual Homeless Workforce Conference to be held on June 12-13, 2017, in the Richmond Memorial Auditorium and continue to support this conference by waiving the cost of the Richmond Memorial Auditorium for the next five years was presented by Councilmember McLaughlin. The Saffron Strand 2017 conference budget was distributed to councilmembers. Discussion ensued. The Council requested clarification on the auditorium rental cost for the conference and the discount rate for non-profit organizations. The following speakers gave comments: Bob Lucas, Calvin Williams, Byron Baptiste, Lenora Brown, Vann Ferber, McKinley Williams, Chysandra Nair, Yvonne Nair, Shamar Shanker, Michael Parker, Tony Sustak, and Margaret Browne. A motion was made by Councilmember McLaughlin to support said resolution and waive the auditorium rental fee for two years, seconded by Councilmember Myrick. A substitute motion was made by Vice Mayor Beckles to approve the auditorium rental fee waiver for one year and work with Saffron Strand to reduce the cost, seconded by Mayor Butt. Further discussion ensued. The Council recommended that waivers of auditorium rental fees for future Saffron Strand conferences be reviewed with the upcoming budget setting process and the actual cost of such waiver to the City of Richmond be identified. The Council

also suggested that Saffron Strand continue to work with the Director of Community Services Rochelle Monk to reduce the cost of the auditorium as much as possible. The substitute motion failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmember Choi, Vice Mayor Beckles and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** Councilmember Martinez. **Absent:** None. **Abstentions:** Councilmembers McLaughlin, Myrick, and Willis. The original motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Choi, Martinez, McLaughlin, Myrick, and Willis. **Noes:** Mayor Butt. **Absent:** None. **Abstentions:** Vice Mayor Beckles.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

K-1. The matter to approve sponsorship by the City of Richmond of the 2017 Soil Not Oil "Building a Climate for a Livable Climate and Environmental Justice" Conference to be held on September 7-8, 2017, at the Richmond Memorial Convention Center was presented by Councilmember McLaughlin. Discussion ensued. Tony Sustak and Ben Therriault gave comments. A motion made by Mayor Butt to approve said sponsorship with the provision that the City of Richmond's subsidy amount of \$2,770.50 be paid by the Mayor's Office, seconded by Vice Mayor Beckles passed by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

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

Councilmember McLaughlin reported that she was a panelist at the 'Othering & Belonging Conference' held in Oakland, California on May 2, 2017, regarding racial justice and equity.

Mayor Butt reported that he attended the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors meeting on May 2, 2017, where boardmembers voted in favor of Marin Clean Energy for the county's Community Choice Energy program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m., to meet again on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

Pamela Christian

Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Tom Butt

Mayor