

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, September 26, 2017

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

LIABILITY CLAIMS - (Government Code Section 54956.9):

Curran vs. City of Richmond

Bridgeman vs. City of Richmond

Property: Richmond Main Post Office
Negotiators: Bill Lindsay
Negotiating party: US Postal Service
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

There were no public speakers.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:05p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 7:16 p.m. by Mayor Butt.

ROLL CALL

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

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

Mayor Butt moved Item I-3 to be heard first and Item I-5 to be heard second under the Study and Action Session. At the request of Councilmember Martinez Item H-2 was continued to the October 3, 2017, City Council meeting.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

D-1. Mayor Butt presented a proclamation to Antwon Cloird and Courtney Cummings, declaring September 2017 as National Recovery Month in the City of Richmond. The following individuals gave comments: Antwon Cloird, Alamo Brown, Robert Rodgers, Pamela Price, Dewanda Stewart, Kathleen Sullivan, Ledamien Flowers, and Tanya Brown.

D-2. Mayor Butt presented a proclamation declaring October 2017 as Zero Waste Month in the City of Richmond.

D-3. Mayor Butt, Vice Mayor Beckles, and Councilmembers Martinez and Recinos presented a proclamation declaring Latino Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, 2017, in the City of Richmond. Cordell Hindler gave comments.

D-4. Mayor Butt announced recent resignations from City of Richmond Boards, Commissions and Committees; and announced vacancies on City of Richmond Boards, Commissions, and Committees as of September 26, 2017, and asked that interested individuals send applications to the City Clerk. Cordell Hindler gave comments.

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 announced that there would be a meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers on Thursday, September 28, 2017, to discuss mobility, connectivity and access to transit within Richmond and to and from Richmond. Mr. Lindsay also announced that on Wednesday, September 27, 2017, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., the scholarship fundraiser “Cheers for the Promise” would be held at East Brother Beer Company.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Cordell Hindler stated that there was a lot of blight in the city that needed attention.

Kathy Robinson stated that the City needed people in charge to have an interest in helping the homeless population and that cared for the homeless.

Shawn Dunning stated something needed to be done regarding reckless driving and speeders in the North & East neighborhood.

Richard Stollings asked for the status regarding the renovation of the Martin Luther King Center and the Richmond Police Department building lease.

Rick Perez and Patricia Perez stated they wanted an investigation into the death of Pedie Perez.

Jim Hanson gave comments regarding the importance of the work being done in the Point Molate Commission.

Mike Parker gave comments regarding public education and the need for a good public school system.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

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

***H-1.** Approved the Amended 2017/2018 North Richmond Waste and Recovery Mitigation Fee Expenditure Plan (Exhibit A), identifying the activities authorized to be funded with mitigation fee revenue and funding allocations for the period of July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018.

H-2. CONTINUED to the October 3, 2017, City Council meeting a proclamation designating October as Chess Month in Richmond, and encouraging Richmond residents to attend the Richmond Chess Festival on October 21, 2017.

STUDY AND ACTION SESSION

I-1. The City Council received a presentation from several members of the Staying Power fellowship that explores and reflects on the impacts of the housing crisis in Richmond. This item was continued from the July 25, 2017, meeting. Kathy Robinson gave comments.

I-2. The City Council received a presentation on police service delivery, leadership accountability logic, and how community policing philosophy was infused into all functions of the Richmond Police Department's approach to delivering professional, constitutional policing services. Due to the late hour, the Council only heard the presentation by Angela Jackson, U.S. Department of Justice. The following individuals gave comments: Rick Perez, Kathy Robinson, Gerald Smith, Shawn Dunning, and Richard Stollings. The item was continued to the October 17, 2017, City Council meeting.

I-3. The matter to receive a presentation from Willdan Financial Services and City and County staff, regarding the final fiscal analysis and service plan study on the feasibility of annexing the unincorporated area of North Richmond to the City of Richmond, and provide direction to staff regarding whether to initiate the annexation process with the Local Agency Formation Commission was presented by City Manager's Office, Senior Management Analyst LaShonda White, Willdan Financial Representative Carlos Dereal, , and Supervisor John Gioia's Office Representative Robert Rogers. Discussion ensued. The following individuals gave comments: Don Gosney, Mike Parker, and Dr. Henry Clark. A motion by Mayor Butt to instruct staff to move forward with the process died for lack

of a second. Mayor Butt continued the matter to the October 17, 2017, City Council meeting.

I-4. The City Council received a presentation on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Biosolids and Energy Plan by Director of Water Resource Recovery, Ryan Smith.

*(11:00 p.m. – A motion by Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Councilmember Choi, extended the meeting 30 minutes by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Choi, Martinez, Recinos, Willis, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** Councilmember Myrick and Vice Mayor Beckles. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** None.*

I-5. The matter to receive a presentation from the Youth Tobacco Advocacy & Policy Project on the impacts of flavored cigarettes being promoted to youth and provide direction to staff was presented by students from DeAnza. The following individuals gave comments: Nancy Ybarra, Philip Gardiner, Dan Peddycord, Katie Harless, Raquel Antolin, Kayla Walker, Ryan Orihood, Michael Posada, Michael Banks, Randy Uang, Jose Torres, and Daniela Guadalupe. A motion by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Vice Mayor Beckles to direct city staff to draft an ordinance that bans menthol, small packs, and flavored tobaccos in the City of Richmond. Councilmember Martinez offered a friendly amendment to raise the age limit to purchase tobacco to 21 years of age and Councilmember Recinos offered a friendly amendment to not allow new establishments to open near schools. Councilmember Willis accepted the friendly amendments. The motion passed by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

I-6. CONTINUED to the October 3, 2017, City Council meeting, the matter to review, comment, and provide direction to staff regarding updates to the City Council Expense and Expenditure Policy which relates to travel and reimbursements for the mayor and councilmembers.

I-7. CONTINUED to the October 24, 2017, City Council meeting, the matter to receive a report regarding the City's effort to implement the Fair Chance Access to Affordable Housing ordinance; determine what roadblocks, if any, are preventing implementation; and hear recommendations on how best to implement the ordinance.

I-8. The matter to discuss and approve appointments for the Mayor and Councilmembers to vacant positions on Regional Committees, Ad-Hoc Committees and Liaison Positions for the remainder of the 2017 calendar year was presented by Mayor Butt who stated the following recommended changes: Councilmember Choi would be the liaison to the Arts and Culture Commission; Councilmember Recinos would be the liaison to the Economic Development Commission; Councilmembers Martinez, Willis, and Vice Mayor Beckles would be members of the North Richmond Mitigation Fee Committee with Councilmember Recinos as the alternate; Councilmember Recinos would be the primary on the South Shoreline Citizen's Advisory Group; Mayor Butt and

Councilmembers Martinez and Recinos would be the representatives to the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee with Councilmember Choi as the alternate; Councilmember Recinos would be the liaison to the Personnel Board and the Point Molate Community Advisory Committee. Cordell Hindler gave comments. A motion by Mayor Butt, seconded by Councilmember Choi, approved the appointments 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 11:31 p.m., in memory of Texanita Bluit, to meet again on Tuesday, October 3, at 6:30 p.m.

Pamela Christian

Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Tom Butt

Mayor