

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, November 28, 2017

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Ben Choi, Eduardo Martinez, Jael Myrick, Ada Recinos, Melvin Willis, Vice Mayor Jovanka Beckles, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt.
Absent: None.

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

There were no speakers.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:45 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL

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

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

Item H-1 was continued to the January 30, 2018, meeting by its sponsor.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

D-1. Vice Mayor Beckles and Mayor Butt presented a proclamation recognizing World AIDS Day on December 1, 2017. The following speakers gave comments: Cordell Hindler, Nava Mizrahi, Judy Weatherly, Dajenya Kafele, and Jamin Pursell.

D-2. Councilmember Choi and Mayor Butt presented a proclamation recognizing the 30th Anniversary of the Metas Program at Contra Costa College to support students as they strive for their educational goals.

D-3. Councilmember Willis and Vice Mayor Beckles presented a proclamation recognizing Robin Poindexter for her advocacy to prevent domestic violence in the Richmond community. Cordell Hindler gave comments.

D-4. Mayor Butt presented a proclamation to tribal member Courtney Cummings declaring the month of November 2017 as Native American Heritage Month in the City of Richmond.

D-5. 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 November 28, 2017, 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 decisions made.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Bill Lindsay stated that there was no report.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Cordell Hindler stated that the City of Richmond's boards and commissions have no representation or updates at their meetings from the City Manager's Office. Mr. Hindler commended the Council for starting the meeting on time. Mr. Hindler expressed the need for more young people on the City of Richmond's boards and commissions.

Naomi Williams announced that the Commission on Aging's Senior Winter Ball event was on Saturday, December 16, 2017, at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium. Tickets were on sale at the Richmond Recreation Complex by calling (510) 620-6793.

Bea Roberson gave comments regarding conduct at City Council meetings and the City Harassment Policy on page three of the agenda. Ms. Roberson also gave comments regarding a disagreement between councilmembers at the November 21, 2017, meeting.

Kathy Robinson expressed her disappointment that the proclamation for Homeless Awareness Month on the November 21, 2017, City Council agenda was not read and presented in the Council Chamber. Ms. Robinson gave comments on the Homeless Awareness event held at Nevin Park. Ms. Robinson declared herself as the spokesperson for the poor, needy, and homeless people in the City of

Richmond. Ms. Robinson criticized the Mayor for not being in attendance at the Homeless Awareness event.

Richard Stollings gave comments regarding City Council rules and barriers preventing the public from speaking on Consent Calendar items.

Rick Perez gave comments regarding the proclamations on the agenda. Mr. Perez and Patricia Perez gave comments regarding the investigation of the Pedie Perez case. Mr. Perez requested accountability and transparency from the Richmond Police Department.

Mayor Butt stated that he was chairing another meeting during the Homeless Awareness event and that one of his staff members attended on his behalf.

STUDY AND ACTION SESSION

H-1. **Continued to a the January 30, 2018, meeting**, the matter to receive a presentation concerning Assembly Bill (AB) 503, which relates to the collection of delinquent fines for parking citations, and the different policies that municipalities are implementing to comply with the new law; and consider directing staff to prepare an ordinance to bring city parking policies in line with AB 503.

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

Councilmember Willis announced a toys and clothes give-away along with a classic car show at the Hilltop Community Church at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 2, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m., in memory of Robert Bill, Hayley Flores, and Sandi Genser-Maack, to meet again on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor