

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, January 16, 2018**

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**A-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9):**

Upstream Pt. Molate vs. City of Richmond

San Francisco Baykeeper vs. City of Richmond

The following individuals gave comments regarding Upstream Pt. Molate: Pam Stello, Shirley Dean, Joseph Puleo, and Paul Carmon.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:09 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Successor Agency to the Richmond community Redevelopment Agency and Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:42 p.m., by Mayor Butt.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

At staff's request, Consent Calendar Items J-1, J-2, J-3, and J-4 were continued to the February 6, 2018, City Council meeting.

## **ELECTION OF THE NEW VICE MAYOR**

A motion by Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Vice Mayor Beckles, appointed Councilmember Willis as Vice Mayor, by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

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

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

## **REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Bill Lindsay reported that the grand opening of Unity Park took place Monday, January 15, 2018, and invited the community to visit the park.

## **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michael Feinstein gave comments regarding the need for bay area regional elections for state legislators.

Myrtle Braxton stated the importance of appointing members to the Commission on Aging. Ms. Braxton also stated that residents shouldn't be required to pay the \$50 alarm registration fee.

Naomi Williams thanked everyone for coming to the grand opening of Unity Park. Ms. Williams also stated that there should be more tax preparation facilities in the city for seniors.

Bea Roberson gave comments regarding the Rent Control Board personnel appointments and the excessive amount the programs implementation was costing the city.

Sharon Saunders stated that the tree located at the 1600 block of Burbeck was in danger of falling and should be cut. Ms. Saunders also stated that the homeless people in Richmond need warm articles of clothing and a safe place to stay.

Steve Paskowitz gave comments regarding gentrification and the need for affordable housing for teachers.

Don Gosney, representing Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 342, announced that apprenticeship sign-ups would be from February 5-9, 2018. More information could be obtained by calling 925-686-0730.

Arsenia Harrison and Wesley Ellis gave information regarding the tutoring program for truants, called Project Tree and One More Chance.

Mary Savoie Stephens and Carol Swift, stated that herself and 350 other people who applied for senior housing at the Miraflores Project were not placed in the housing lottery.

Norma LaRosa stated that the City of Richmond was not adequately prepared for a natural disaster.

Rick Perez stated that he had a meeting with Barry Grove at the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office, regarding the death of his son Pedie Perez.

Patricia Perez stated that the truth needed to come out regarding the death of her grandson Pedie Perez.

Tarnel Abbott requested that the City Council hold a study session regarding the Zeneca property also known as Campus Bay, regarding the proposed contamination remediation project.

**SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE RICHMOND  
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
CONSENT CALENDAR**

**I-1.** A motion by Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Councilmember Beckles, adopted **Resolution No. 18-1**, by the unanimous vote of the City Council, approving the Successor Agency to the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency's Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule and an administrative budget for the period July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019 ("ROPS 18-19") pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 34177(o) and 34171(a),(b), and 34177(j), respectively.

**CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**J-1.** CONTINUED to the February 6, 2018, City Council meeting, the matter to introduce an ordinance (first reading) establishing the wages, salary, and compensation for the new classification of Rent Program Services Analyst (Salary Range No. 043D \$5,174 - \$6,187/month).

**J-2.** CONTINUED to the February 6, 2018, City Council meeting, the matter to introduce an ordinance (first reading) establishing the wages, salary, and compensation for the new classification of Rent Program Services Analyst II (Salary Range No. 055D \$6,357 - \$7,684).

**J-3.** CONTINUED to the February 6, 2018, City Council meeting, the matter to adopt a resolution amending the City of Richmond's Position Classification Plan to add the new classification of Rent Program Services Analyst I.

**J-4.** CONTINUED to the February 6, 2018, City Council meeting, the matter to adopt a resolution amending the City of Richmond's Position Classification Plan to add the new classification of Rent Services Analyst II.

**\*J-5.** Accepted and appropriated a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$12,000 for the Library and Cultural Services Department, Library Division and APPROVE an agreement with Contra

Costa County for expansion of library services to seniors with the Words on Wheels (WOW) Library Book Van during fiscal year 2017-18.

**\*J-6.** Approved the matter to introduce an ordinance, amending Richmond Municipal Code Sections 9.20.150 and 9.20.155 to update the solid waste collection rates to reflect an annual Consumer Price Index rate adjustment of 3.25 percent and bulky item collection participation cost adjustments that will go into effect on January 1, 2018.

**\*J-7.** Adopted **Ordinance No. 01-18 N.S.**, of the City of Richmond amending Sections 3.50.030 and 3.50.040 of the Richmond Municipal Code to change the residency requirements and to extend the terms of office to four years for the Commission on Aging.

**\*J-8.** Approved actions to update the Housing Advisory Commission; appointed Anntheia Yvonne Farr, re-appointment, seat #1, term expiration date of November 1, 2019.

**\*J-9.** Approved actions to update the Workforce Development Board; appointed Xavier Abrams, reappointment, seat #1, term expiration September 22, 2021, Tony Castillo, reappointment, seat #2, term expiration September 22, 2021, Nathan Tyler, reappointment, seat #4, term expiration September 22, 2021, and Per Lorentzen, reappointment, seat #27, term expiration March 1, 2020.

**\*J-10.** Approved actions to update the Richmond-Shimada Friendship Commission; APPOINT Marilyn Alford, reappointment, seat #2, term expiration date of December 31, 2019.

**\*J-11.** Approved actions to update the Human Rights and Human Relations Commission; appointed Michael Cervantes, new appointment, seat #3, filling an unexpired term with an expiration date of March 30, 2020.

**\*J-12.** Approved actions to update the Citizens Police Review Commission; appointed David Brown, reappointment, seat #1, term expiration November 1, 2020.

**\*J-13.** Accepted and appropriated \$90,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds to renovate the Booker T. Anderson Community Center gymnasium and courtyard.

**\*J-14.** Received the City's Investment and Cash Balance Report for the month of October 2017.

**\*J-15.** Received the City's Investment and Cash Balance Report for the month of November 2017.

**\*J-16.** Approved the minutes of the November 21 and 28, 2017, regular meetings of the Richmond City Council.

\***J-17.** Adopted **Resolution No. 1-18**, submitting the initiative petition "Richmond Kids First" to the voters at the June 5, 2018, Primary Election.

\***J-18.** Received a report on the Richmond Municipal Sewer District for the month of November 2017.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**H-1.** The city clerk announced that it was time, pursuant to public notice, to hold a public hearing to adopt a resolution to vacate the Baxter Creek public access easement owned by the City of Richmond, recorded within the property address known as 11965 San Pablo Avenue in the City of El Cerrito, to facilitate development of the parcel for housing. The item was presented by Engineering Director, Yader Bermudez. Mayor Butt declared the public hearing open. Charles Oewell gave comments. Mayor Butt declared the public hearing closed. A motion by Vice Mayor Willis, seconded by Councilmember Myrick, adopted **Resolution No. 2-18**, by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

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

Mayor Butt read a letter from Rahm Emanuel, Mayor of Chicago, regarding the recent North American Climate Summit he attended in Chicago. The purpose of the meeting was to sign an agreement to continue to try to implement the Paris Accords.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m., in memory of community leaders, Mildred Davis and Richard Boyd, to meet again on Tuesday, January 23, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

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Clerk of the City of Richmond

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Approved:

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Mayor