

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, January 10,
2018**

The Special Joint Meeting of the Richmond City Council/West Contra Costa Unified School District was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Mayor Tom Butt.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Ben Choi, Eduardo Martinez, Jael Myrick, Ada Recinos, Melvin Willis, Vice Mayor Jovanka Beckles, and Mayor Tom Butt; School Boardmembers Elizabeth Block, Madeline Kronenberg, Tom Panas, Mister Phillips, and President Valerie Cuevas. **Absent:** None.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

None.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Ryan Bealer announced that there would be a healthcare enrollment event on Saturday, January 20, 2018, at the City of Richmond Recreation Facility, 3230 Macdonald Avenue, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mr. Bealer also announced that there would be a Parents and Families celebration on Saturday, January 27, 2018, at the Nevin Community Center, 598 Nevin Avenue, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Joanna Pace invited everyone to visit the website: WWW.PUBLICCORE.NET regarding the issue of charter schools.

Mike Parker stated that adult education was essential; that charter schools were destroying public education; and that it was very important to discuss how good teachers can be retained.

Michael Beer announced that the Sebastapool Union School District passed a resolution framing climate change as a children's issue. There would be a webinar regarding this matter on Thursday, January 11, 2018. Mr. Beer also announced that the school board would be discussing the Rocketship Charter School petition on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, at LaVonya DeJean Middle School. Also, the United Teachers of Richmond and the John Sweat Education Association would have a meeting regarding Make It Fair, an

initiative about Proposition 13, on January 23, 2017, at El Cerrito High School at 5:00 p.m.

Mike Peritz stated he was in agreement with the moratorium of the establishment of any more charter schools in Richmond.

STUDY SESSION

F-1. The Richmond City Council and the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) Boardmembers received a presentation regarding activities at the West Contra Costa Unified School District from WCCUSD Superintendent Matt Duffy. In 5 years the district's goal was to achieve 80% of graduating students be college ready, 80% parent and student satisfaction, and 80% employees remain employed with the district at least five years. Superintendent Duffy stated he could return at a later time regarding the process planned for 1st through 3rd grade student reclassification. Infographic report regarding each school would be provided to the city council. The school district would have future study sessions regarding its budget, enrollment/attendance issues, marketing the schools, teacher recruitment and retention, and the facilities program.

F-2. The Richmond City Council and the West Contra Costa Unified School District Boardmembers received a presentation regarding approved/planned residential development in the City of Richmond from City of Richmond Planning and Building Services Director Richard Mitchell. As of January 2018, there were 1981 new residences either under construction or going through the entitlement process. They include: Terminal I 316 Unit Residential Community; Nevin Homes 289 Unit Affordable Apartments; Bay Walk 193 Unit Mixed Use Live/Work, Hilltop Apartments 180 units; Garrity Way Apartments 98 units; Miraflores 80 unit Affordable Senior Housing; Shea Homes/Bottoms Project 60 unit condominiums; The Point 27 Townhomes; Anchorage at Marina Bay 88 Townhomes; Quarry Residential Project 193 Unit Residential Community; 12th and Macdonald up to 400 units; and Transit Village Phase II 300 to 500 units. Richmond was identified as a regional opportunity for increased housing because of its central location and access to transit.

F-3. The Richmond City Council and the West Contra Costa Unified School (WCCUSD) District Boardmembers received a status report on WCCUSD facilities upgrade program from WCCUSD Superintendent, Matt Duffy and Associate Superintendent of Facilities, Lisa Leblanc. The Facilities Master Plan was approved by the Board of Directors in 2016, which guide prioritization of construction projects using existing bond measure funds and future projects beyond current funding. Wilson Elementary School would be replaced and students will be moved to a temporary campus at the former Portola

Campus. The project should be completed by the summer of 2020. Kennedy High School was planned to be seismically retrofitted or completely replaced if bond funds could be obtained. The project would not begin until 2020. There would be a total of 15 Richmond school sites with solar panels. There will be future discussions between the school district and the city on how to alleviate the drop-off and pick-up issues at Grant Elementary School. There were numerous complaints of people running red lights in front of DeAnza High School. Michael Beer gave comments.

F-4. The Richmond City Council and the West Contra Costa Unified School District Boardmembers Received a status report on West Contra Costa Unified School District full service community schools program presented by Elizabeth Carmody, Director of Community Engagement. The purpose of the program was to increase student and family well-being. The district partners with city, county, and community based organizations to provide the services. Michael Beer, Francisco Ortiz, and Carlos Tobaoda gave comments.

F-5. The Richmond City Council and the West Contra Costa Unified School District Boardmembers received an update on the Richmond Promise program from Richmond Promise Executive Director Jessie Stewart. The program was a community-wide college scholarship fund and college success initiative. There were \$35 million allocated to the program over 10 years through the Environmental and Community Investment Agreement. The Richmond Promise Program began with the class of 2016. The funds would be used at any not-for-profit, accredited two-year or four-year college/university, or Career and Technical Education program. The award amount was determined by length of residency and positive attendance. The top five colleges for the class of 2016 and 2017 have been Contra Costa College, San Francisco State University, Berkeley City College, University of California Berkeley, and University of California Davis. The priorities were to continue to increase equitable access to the scholarship and keep the promise for generations to come.

F-6. The Richmond City Council and the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) Boardmembers discussed the concepts for City of Richmond/WCCUSD partnerships for teacher housing from WCCUSD Associate Superintendent of Facilities, Lisa Leblanc and Senior Management Analyst, LaShonda White gave an overview of the matter. Some of the details of the concept plan would be a loan at 10% of the purchase price, not to exceed \$50,000; no interest; and loan forgiveness at 20% per year after year five and total forgiveness at the end of year 10; must be a first-time home buyer; and must purchase the home in the City of Richmond. The following individuals gave comments: Mike Peritz, Mike Parker, Steven

Paskowitz, Michael Gliksohn, and Mary Flanagan.

(11:01 p.m. - A motion by Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Councilmember Willis, extended the meeting until 11:30 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Richmond City Councilmembers and WCCUSD boardmembers).

F-7. The Richmond City Council and the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) Boardmembers received a report on ACHIEVE summer camp partnership among the WCCUSD, the City of Richmond, and the West County Ed. Fund from the City of Richmond Community Services Director Rochelle Monk, Recreation Coordinator Troy Porter, and Robert Bunt. Summer learning loss increases the achievement gap. The summer camps were full day for nine weeks, which included a combination of recreation, enrichment, and academics.

F-8. The Richmond City Council and the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) Boardmembers received a report regarding how the West Contra Costa Unified School District would comply with California Assembly Bill 10 (Assemblymember Cristina Garcia), feminine hygiene products: public school restrooms. Councilmember Ada Recinos gave an overview of the matter. The feminine products were being provided free of charge through the school office and health centers to students in the school district. Dispensers would be purchased in order for the products to be available in the restrooms.

F-9. The Richmond City Council and the West Contra Costa Unified School District Boardmembers received a report on the 65th Annual Snow Ball. Ranjana Majaraj, Community Services Administration Manager with the Community Services Department, and Sharolyn Babs, gave an overview of the evenings events. The coronation of the king and queen took place at the Snow Ball. The Friends of Recreation gave a \$5,000 scholarship donation for the king and queen.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:34 p.m., in memory of Pricilla Elder,

docent for the Rosie the Riveter World War II Homefront National Historical Park, and former Office of Neighborhood Safety Senior Peacekeeper Kevin Yarborough.

City Clerk

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Approved:

Mayor