

## **RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, February 27, 2018**

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Tom Butt.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Ben Choi, Ada Recinos, Vice Mayor Melvin Willis, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt. **Absent:** Councilmember Eduardo Martinez arrived after the roll was called. Councilmember Jael Myrick arrived after the Open Session adjourned to Closed Session. Councilmember Jovanka Beckles was absent for the entire 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**

#### **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957.6):**

Title: City Clerk

#### **LIABILITY CLAIMS - (Government Code Section 54956.9):**

Samuel Valdez vs. City of Richmond

Oscar Jones vs. City of Richmond

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

One Case

Cordell Hindler gave comments regarding the performance evaluation of the city clerk.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:32 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:33 p.m., by Mayor Butt.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Choi, Martinez, Myrick, Recinos, Vice Mayor Willis, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** Councilmember Beckles arrived at 8:42 p.m.

### **STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

## **AGENDA REVIEW**

Item D-1 would be presented immediately following the arrival of Councilmember Beckles.

## **PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS**

D-1. Councilmembers Recinos, Beckles, and Mayor Butt presented a proclamation declaring March 2018 as Women's History Month in the City of Richmond. Cordell Hindler gave comments.

D-2. Mayor Butt announced recent resignations from City of Richmond Boards, Commissions and Committees; announced vacancies on City of Richmond Boards, Commissions, and Committees as of February 27, 2018, and ask 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 there were no final actions taken.

## **REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Bill Lindsay reported that the Finance Department received the Operating and Capital Budget Excellence Awards, Distinguished Presentation Award, and Certificate of Achievement of Excellence Financial Reporting.

## **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Cordell Hindler gave comments in support of the City reestablishing the Finance and Public Safety Committees. He also stated that the City of Richmond needed to hire more Police Officers.

Kathy Robinson requested City staff check the quality of programs within the City of Richmond that are meant to support the homeless.

Rick and Patricia Perez gave comments regarding the Pedie Perez case.

## **CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR**

On motion of Vice Mayor Willis, seconded by Councilmember Recinos, the items marked with an (\*) were approved by the unanimous vote of the City Council:

H-1. \*Adopted **Resolution No. 9-18** submitting a complementary ballot measure to the "Kids First" initiative to the voters at the June 5, 2018, State Primary Election.

H-2. \*Adopted **Ordinance No. 6-18 N.S.** amending the Zoning Map to rezone the Quarry Residential Project site from Parks and Recreation (PR) to Open Space (OS) and Planned Area (PA) District.

H-3. \*Approved the minutes of the January 30 and February 6, 2018, regular Richmond City Council meetings, and the January 10, 2018, Special Joint Meeting of the City Council and the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

### **STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS**

I-1. Mayor Tom Butt gave the annual State of the City address. Cordell Hindler gave comments. Visit <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/3539/State-of-the-City> for the 2018 State of the City Address as well as previous State of the City Addresses.

### **STUDY AND ACTION SESSION**

J-1. The matter to receive a presentation from city staff and consultants on the process for completing the update to the city's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance (RMC Section 15.04.603), and provide staff with direction regarding affordable housing policy options was presented by Planning and Building Services Director Richard Mitchell, Planning Manager Lina Velasco, Attorney Eric Phillips with Goldfarb and Lipman, and Principal David Doezema with Keyser Marston Associates, Inc. The presentation included a draft financial feasibility report; draft residential nexus report, and draft non-residential nexus report. Staff requested the Council's directions for the following: commercial linkage fee; on-site units vs. in-lieu fees; inclusionary percentage and affordability level; phasing; how to treat projects in the pipeline or have entitlements; location and size of projects subject to requirements; term of restrictions; developer incentives; and alternatives. Ms. Velasco clarified staff's recommendation. Discussion ensued. Council directed staff to prepare an update of the feasibility analysis, host a stakeholder's meeting within six and eight weeks, and bring information back to the Council.

J-2. The matter to receive an update on the status of Richmond's paratransit service, review service options, and provide direction to staff, was introduced by City Manager Bill Lindsay and Transportation Manager Lori Reese-Brown. Discussion ensued. The Council recommended staff to seek technical assistance funds, community partnerships, use of Lyft after 5:00 p.m. only, and an evaluation plan with a contingency for the City to fully take over the program within two years. The following speakers gave comments: Millie Cleveland, Sean Stalbaum, Joanne Pallock, and Fred Khan. The Council requested more information on capital expenditures. A motion was made by Councilmember Reccinos, seconded by Council Myrick to direct staff to choose option 2, (*Provide service for non-ambulatory passengers only, and seek a contract with a ride-sharing service to provide services to ambulatory passengers*), collaborate with unions, conduct an evaluation plan for every six months of the program, staff look into technical assistance funding, and a one-year plan for the City to fully take over providing transportation service. A substitute motion made by Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Vice Mayor Willis to continue the item until the March 20, 2018, meeting, to allow staff and unions to meet failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Martinez, and Vice Mayor Willis. **Noe:** Mayor Butt. **Abstentions:** Councilmembers Choi, Myrick, and Recinos. **Absent:** None. The initial motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Choi, Myrick, Recinos, and Mayor Butt. **Noe:** Councilmember Martinez. **Abstentions:** Vice Mayor Willis. **Absent:** None.

*(At 10:21 swapped the order of Items J-3 and J-4).*

J-3. **CONTINUED TO** May 6, 2018, the matter to receive a presentation on the Richmond wastewater system, including sanitary sewer and wastewater treatment plant capital improvement planning and projects.

J-4. The matter to receive a presentation concerning policies to promote electric vehicle (EV) readiness; and provide direction to staff regarding expanding allowable installation of EV charging stations, and developing an EV plan that supports changes in transportation technologies, was presented by the Transportation Manager Lori Reese-Brown and Transportation Services Representative Denée Evans. Ms. Evans' Powerpoint presentation highlighted the following: zero emissions executive order 2018; legislation and local support for transportation electrification; industry recommendations for EV readiness; demonstration partnerships; anticipated benefits of policy adoption; and public EV charging stations. Discussion ensued. The Council requested a plan for people not cars, placement of chargers, more info on partnerships, and tying in affordability. The following speakers gave comments: Jose Lopez, Cesar Zepeda, and Adam Taylor. On motion of Councilmember Beckles, seconded by Vice Mayor Willis approved expanding allowable installation of EV charging stations including City of Richmond recreational (public) parks, and developing an EV plan that supports changes in transportation technologies by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

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

Councilmember Recinos reported that she attended the 3 Revolutions Policy Conference February 26-27, 2018, at the University of California Davis. The conference hosted transportation experts and leaders to explore how to steer shared, electric, and automated technologies and services to a better future.

Councilmember Martinez reported that he attended the Hong Kong Economy and Trade Office Spring Reception on February 26, 2018. He also attended the East Bay Plain Subbasin Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Stakeholders Meeting at Hayward City Hall on Tuesday, February 27, 2018.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:02 p.m., in memory of Maxine Miles-Hismith, mother of Reverend Alvin C. Bernstine, and Buetta O'Dear to meet again on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, 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