

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, March 27, 2018**

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

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Ben Choi, Eduardo Martinez, Ada Recinos, Vice Mayor Melvin Willis, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt. **Absent:** Councilmembers Jovanka Beckles and Jael Myrick arrived after the Open Session adjourned 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**

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Government Code Section 54957.6):**

Title: City Manager

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision [a] of Government Code Section 54956.9):**

Sims vs. City of Richmond

Baykeeper vs. City of Richmond

There were no public speakers.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:04 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

The Special Joint Meeting of the Richmond Housing Authority and City Council was called to order at 6:33 p.m., by Chairperson/Mayor Thomas K. Butt, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Commissioners/Councilmembers Beckles, Choi, Martinez, Myrick, Recinos, Vice Chair/Mayor Willis, Chairperson/Mayor Butt, and Tenant Commissioners Tanise Smith and Jaycine Scott. **Absent:** None.

**STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

Item E-1 was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

**JOINT HOUSING AUTHORITY/CITY COUNCIL  
CONSENT CALENDAR**

E-1. The matter to approve a Settlement Agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to satisfy outstanding findings made by the Office of Inspector General (OIG) concerning the use of proceeds from the April 2014 sale of Westridge, an apartment complex owned by a joint venture of the Richmond Housing Authority (RHA) and City of Richmond (City), whereby the Settlement Agreement requires the City to return \$2,096,527.64 to RHA, with those funds to be used solely for eligible expenses incurred on or after January 1, 2017, and that are consistent with applicable HUD cost principles and requirements, was presented by City Manager Bill Lindsay. A motion made by Commissioner/Councilmember Recinos, seconded by Commissioner/Councilmember Myrick, to allow speakers from the Richmond Human Rights and Human Relations Commission to provide comments, passed by the unanimous vote of the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners/City Council. Ylan Hunt gave comments. Discussion ensued. A motion made by Tenant Commissioner Smith, seconded by Tenant Commissioner Scott, to approve said agreement and direct staff to provide commissioners with a quarterly expenditure report, passed by the unanimous vote of the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. A motion made by Commissioner/Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Vice Chair/Mayor Willis, to approve said agreement and direct staff to provide commissioners with a quarterly expenditure report, passed by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

The Special Joint Meeting of the Richmond Housing Authority and City Council adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:55 p.m., by Mayor Butt.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

Item J-1 was moved immediately following Item J-4.

A request was made to remove Item I-2 from the Consent Calendar for discussion. The request was subsequently withdrawn prior to approval of the Consent Calendar.

**PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND  
COMMENDATIONS**

D-1. Mayor Butt acknowledged the Tibetan Association of Northern California (TANC) for its dedication to building and representing the Tibetan American community in Richmond. TANC President Tenzin Rangdol gave comments.

D-2. Mayor Butt presented a proclamation to Red Cross representatives James Lyons and Patty Nichols declaring March 2018 as Red Cross Awareness Month in the City of Richmond. Bea Roberson and Mark Wassberg gave comments.

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

City Attorney Bruce Goodmiller reported that final action was taken for the BayKeeper vs. City Richmond case that resulted in an amended settlement agreement concerning Richmond sanitary sewer overflows and infrastructure improvements. A copy of the settlement agreement was posted on the City of Richmond's Waste Water Resource Recovery website.

*(Councilmember Beckles departed for the duration of the meeting).*

### **REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Bill Lindsay announced the Second Annual Taste of Richmond event was on Sunday, May 20, 2018, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Riggers Loft Wine Company in Richmond.

### **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bea Roberson gave comments regarding issues with the City of Richmond's R-Transit system and recommended using the City of Berkeley's transit program as a model.

Naomi Williams announced that it was time to schedule Richmond's annual Juneteenth event. Ms. Williams encouraged youth age sixteen and older to register to vote.

Derrick Morris expressed concerns regarding the condition of streets and paving in Richmond. Mr. Morris inquired about an environmental fund that was set up by the Obama administration in the year 2008 for local governments. Mr. Morris proposed hosting a conference in Richmond on policing, affordable housing, gentrification, and the environment.

Mark Wassberg gave comments in opposition of Item I-2.

Anthony Caro expressed support to the City of Richmond for being a sanctuary city. Mr. Caro gave comments regarding the March for Our Lives event and how it positively increased youth voter registration. Mr. Caro stated that the Citizens Power Network organization was willing to work with the Council to pass legislation and make Richmond safer.

Kathy Robinson gave comments regarding the fees required for mayoral candidates to run in Richmond. Ms. Robinson stated there was a need for skilled and knowledgeable candidates to fill council seats in Richmond. Ms. Robinson encouraged all to take action against gun violence and homelessness.

Rick Perez and Patricia Perez gave comments regarding the March for Our Lives event, gun violence, police shootings, and the Pedie Perez case.

Mister Phillips acknowledged councilmembers for their service. Mr. Phillips announced the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Building & Construction Trades Career Fair for Youth on Saturday, April 21, 2018, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Lovonya DeJean Middle School.

Sam Casas gave comments regarding his employment with the City of Richmond R-Transit/Paratransit Division. Mr. Casas advised the Council that he received a layoff notice and his last day of employment was March 29, 2018.

Rodrigo Torres gave comments in support of Item I-2.

Richard Stollings stated that the westbound Interstate-80 Barrett Avenue exit right turning lanes were causing a safety hazard because the two lanes merged into a single lane.

### **CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR**

*(The request to remove Item I-2 from the Consent Calendar was withdrawn, and the item was placed back on the Consent Calendar).*

On motion of Vice Chair Willis, seconded by Councilmember Recinos, the items marked with an (\*) were approved by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Choi, Martinez, Myrick, Recinos, Vice Mayor Willis, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Beckles. **Abstained:** None.

\*H-1. Adopted **Resolution No. 18-18** ordering the preparation of the Engineer's Report for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 regarding improvements and costs for the Hilltop Landscape Maintenance District.

\*H-2. Adopted **Resolution No. 19-18** ordering the preparation of the Engineer's Report for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 regarding improvements and costs for the Marina Bay Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District.

### **CITY OF RICHMOND CONSENT CALENDAR** **RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO POLICY DECISIONS ON** **ISSUES THAT PERTAIN TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS**

\*I-1. Adopted **Resolution No. 20-18** calling for support of Assembly Bill (AB) 2808 (Muratsuchi) to increase Local Control Funding for California's Public Schools.

\*I-2. Adopted **Resolution No. 21-18** in support of reinstating Community Initiatives for Visiting Immigrants in Confinement (CIVIC) access to the community visitation program and its hotline at the West County Detention Facility in Richmond, California.

### **STUDY AND ACTION SESSION**

J-1. The matter to receive a presentation from the "Home Team" in the Resilient by Design Bay Area Challenge regarding its project for the North Richmond shoreline was introduced by Mayor Butt. Mithun Architect and Planner Sandy Mendler presented a Powerpoint presentation that highlighted the following: ten study areas; North Richmond area; most at-risk

flooding communities and upland to lowland complete system; North Richmond priority resilience area; community advisory board; community-driven design and local voices; Richmond inundation zones, pumps, and inland flooding; air quality issues; vacant land and existing projects; economy restoration, value capture approach, and home team wealth building approach; overview of fifty year plan concepts; environmental tree planting filters; housing small lot infill and community land trust; and prototyping.

J-2. The matter to receive a presentation from the Contra Costa Advisory Council on Aging (ACOA) regarding the Contra Costa County (CCC) Senior Policy Platform and current issues faced by seniors was introduced by Mayor Butt. ACOA Boardmember Francis Smith presented a Powerpoint presentation that highlighted the following: growth of California; shared understanding; articulation of a policy platform; and endorsement of a strategic plan.

J-3. The matter to receive a presentation on the Richmond Housing Renovation Program was introduced by Department of Infrastructure Maintenance and Operations Director Tim Higaes. Richmond Community Foundation (RCF) President and Chief Executive Officer Jim Becker presented a Powerpoint presentation that highlighted the following: RCF's partnerships, challenges, acquisitions, and priorities; target properties by Richmond neighborhoods and rehabilitation construction process; reasons for property abandonment; RCF's property renovation model, mission, and fiscal impact; and before and after photographs of Richmond renovated properties and rehabilitation projects under construction. Discussion ensued. The Council requested RCF to prioritize affordability of renovated properties for homebuyers.

J-4. The matter to receive a presentation from Urban Transformation and the Calle 23 Steering Committee and direct staff to: (1) partner with Calle 23 to receive United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Technical Assistance designation; and (2) create a culturally-specific engagement process for 23rd Street business and property owners to apply for Kiva loans or the revolving loan fund as matches for facade improvement, was introduced by Councilmember Recinos. Urban Transformation Principal Commercial Revitalization Specialist Darlene Rios Drapkin presented a Powerpoint presentation that highlighted the following: comprehensive and community-driven accomplishments made on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street from 2016 to 2018; Grant Elementary School revitalized play area; Calle 23 website; 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Streetscape project update; Center for Creative Land Recycling grant; 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Youth Ambassadors; median renovation at Brooks Avenue with St. Cornelius church; clean-ups and wish list for 23<sup>rd</sup> Street area improvements; Trick or Treat on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street merchants event; sponsors; 23<sup>rd</sup> Street business watch; mosaic trash cans and murals; social media, business retention, and attraction strategies; economic sales tax baseline data; Façade Improvement Program; and commercial signage, security cameras, and lighting. The following speakers gave comments: Oscar Garcia, Cesar Zepeda, Lucero Deleon, and Griselda Ladesma. Discussion ensued. On motion of Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Vice Mayor Willis, approved said direction to staff by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Choi, Martinez, Myrick, Recinos, Vice Mayor

Willis, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Beckles. **Abstained:** None.

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

Councilmembers Recinos and Martinez reported on a tour of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay-Delta on March 22-23, 2018, sponsored by the Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL) organization, regarding water resources. Councilmember Martinez encouraged all to apply for future WELL programs.

Mayor Butt announced that a “Mayor’s Community Fund” was created to provide grants for Richmond youth sports. The grant application submittal deadline was at 5:00 p.m. on April 3, 2018, and applications were available in the Mayor’s Office or online at [www.richmondcf.org](http://www.richmondcf.org)

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m., in memory of former Richmond Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors President Judith Morgan, to meet again on Tuesday, April 3, 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