

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, June 26, 2018

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Mayor Thomas K. Butt.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

The assistant 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 (Subdivision [a] of Government Code Section 54956.9):

Denham vs. City of Richmond
Honrick vs. City of Richmond
Manning vs. City of Richmond

A-2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Government Code Section 54957.6):

Title: City Manager

A-3. LIABILITY CLAIMS - (Government Code Section 54956.9):

James Walker vs. City of Richmond

A-4. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54956.8):

Property: 12th and Macdonald Vacant Lots and Downtown Parking Garage
Agency negotiators: Bill Lindsay, Shasa Curl
Negotiating party: SAA-EVI Richmond Partners, LLC
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

There were no public speakers.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:02 p.m.
Closed Session adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

The Meeting of the Successor Agency to the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency and Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:35 p.m., by Mayor Butt who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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 continued to the July 10, 2018, meeting. Items I-1 through I-4 were removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion at the end of the agenda. Items K-4 and K-3 were moved respectively for discussion immediately following Open Forum.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

E-1. Councilmember Beckles and Vice Mayor Willis presented a proclamation to DeWanda Joseph recognizing Ya-Neema Healing Circle for their work to support those impacted by gun violence and announced their Commemorative Banquet on June 30, 2018. Mark Wassberg and Antwon Cloird gave comments.

E-2. Mayor Butt presented certificates of recognition to the 2018 Mayor's Community Fund youth sports grant recipients. Several youth sports representatives and Antwon Cloird gave comments.

E-3. 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 June 26, 2018, and asked that interested individuals send applications to the city clerk.

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 on the Point Molate Community Visioning meeting held on Saturday, June 23, 2018. Mr. Lindsay announced that the next community meeting was on Wednesday, July 25, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. in the Richmond Memorial Auditorium.

Mr. Lindsay stated that there was no City Council meeting on Tuesday, July 3, 2018. Mr. Lindsay announced that there was a Marina Bay Park fireworks celebration on Tuesday, July 3, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathy Robinson acknowledged the Council for its recent actions to assist the homeless community in Richmond. Ms. Robinson expressed concerns regarding gun violence in Richmond. Ms. Robinson gave comments regarding the current election year.

Antwon Cloird announced the Soulful Softball Sunday event on August 26, 2018, at Nichol Park. Mr. Cloird gave comments regarding homelessness in Richmond.

Mark Wassberg gave comments regarding illegal immigration issues surrounding Mexico and Central America.

Rick Perez commended Councilmember Recinos for her stance on government accountability and the Richmond Police Department for their efforts to resolve prostitution issues. Mr. Perez gave comments regarding the police shooting of Antwon Rose in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and the Pedie Perez case.

Patricia Perez announced that Senate Bill 1421, regarding the release of police misconduct records, was approved to move forward.

K. Harley thanked the Ya-Neema Healing Circle organization for including Pedie Perez's name on their banner of gun violence victims. Ms. Harley requested the Council to consider adopting a resolution in support of the Value Human Life bill.

Theresa Russell gave comments regarding homelessness in Richmond and the foreclosure eviction of 92-year old Lela Madison from her Richmond residence.

Eleanor Thompson and Pam Bilbo requested the Council to award Environmental Community Investment Agreement grant funds to the Social Progress Inc. and Men and Women of Valor organizations. Ms. Thompson highlighted the services both organizations provide in the community. Ms. Thompson announced the North Richmond Fourth of July festival and parade at 9:00 a.m. on Chesley Street and Fred Jackson Way.

Edward Williams shared his life experience prior to serving thirty years in prison. Mr. Williams expressed concerns regarding gun violence in Richmond. Mr. Williams requested the City of Richmond to provide transportation services and funding for a Men and Women of Valor summit event.

Carl Mason gave comments regarding the community services provided by the Men and Women of Valor. Mr. Mason announced that a media art center was being developed in the Richmond community. Mr. Mason requested funding for the Men and Women of Valor.

Darlana David acknowledged the Council for enabling the Richmond Rent Board. Ms. David urged the Council to take a stance against foreclosure fraud.

Elsa Monroe announced that the Service Employees International Union Nurse Alliance had joined in with catholic bishops to deliver an urgent message concerning undocumented

immigrants and separation from their children. Ms. Monroe urged the Council to support immigration policies that protect children.

Raymond Landry shared a prayer for the Council and the governance of the City of Richmond. Mr. Landry requested renaming a street, leading to the Independent Holiness Church, after its founder Fred Jackson. Mr. Landry offered financial assistance to evicted senior citizen Lela Madison and requested her family to call his office at (510) 235-8688.

(At approximately 7:43 p.m., Councilmember Beckles temporarily departed the meeting).

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Vice Mayor Willis, seconded by Councilmember Myrick, 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.

I-1. The matter to adopt resolutions approving: (1) Fiscal Year 2018-19 Annual Operating Budget and (2) Fiscal Years 2018-23 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, was introduced by City Manager Bill Lindsay. Steven Paskowitz gave comments. On motion of Vice Mayor Willis, seconded by Councilmember Recinos, adopted **Resolution No. 51-18 and 52-18**, by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

*I-2. Reviewed the Cash Reserves Policy and adopted **Resolution No. 53-18** approving the revised policy.

*I-3. Adopted **Resolution No. 54-18** approving the fiscal year 2018-19 Appropriations Limit for the City of Richmond pursuant to Article XIII B, as amended, of the Constitution of the State of California.

*I-4. Adopted **Ordinance No. 16-18 N.S.** (second reading) establishing certain fees for the proposed Master Fee Schedule and after the second reading of the ordinance, adopted **Resolution No. 55-18** a resolution setting the dollar amount for the new fees and adjusting the dollar amount for current fees.

PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE RICHMOND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

J-1. **CONTINUED to the July 10, 2018, meeting** the matter to hold a public hearing regarding approval of a Disposition and Development Agreement with SAA-EVI Richmond Partners, LLC for the development of the Successor Agency and city-owned property located along Macdonald Avenue between 11th Street and 13th Street.

STUDY AND ACTION SESSION

(At approximately 8:39 p.m., Councilmember Beckles rejoined the meeting).

K-1. The matter to receive a presentation on the Community Warning System (CWS), review options, and provide direction to staff was introduced by Fire Chief Adrian Sheppard. This item was continued from the April 24, 2018, meeting. Emergency Operations Manager Genevieve Pastor-Cohen presented a Powerpoint presentation proposing the following three options: (1) continue using the existing Contra Costa CWS with social media and the community notification system “Nixle”; (2) acquire and operate an independent CWS for Richmond; or (3) obtain the ability for Richmond to activate the existing Contra Costa CWS. Discussion ensued. The Council requested a flowchart with the various types of emergencies and related notifications. The Council urged staff to consider emergency notification solutions that would reach community members with limited or no access to technology. A motion made by Councilmember Recinos, seconded by Councilmember Myrick, directed staff to examine the ability for Richmond to activate or streamline activation of the existing Contra Costa CWS within affected area(s), passed by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

K-2. The matter to receive a presentation regarding the Richmond Fire Department Prevention Services Division was introduced by Fire Chief Adrian Sheppard. Fire Marshal Eric Govan presented a Powerpoint presentation highlighting the division’s mission, budget, staffing, and responsibilities. Discussion ensued. The Council requested staff to provide a list of Richmond commercial buildings that required state-mandated fire inspections and the number of inspections past due. The Council also requested a status update on issues related to fire inspections with the city’s permitting and inspections database (e-TRAKiT).

K-3. The matter to receive the annual report from the Economic Development Commission (EDC) was introduced by Economic Development Manager Janet Johnson. The EDC Chair Demnlus Johnson and Vice Chair Brandon Evans presented a Powerpoint presentation highlighting the Richmond Downtown Mainstreet District, Shops at Hilltop, and the Taste of Richmond event. Mayor Butt presented a proclamation to the 2017 EDC Peoples’s Choice award winners. Amanda Elliott gave comments.

K-4. The matter to receive a presentation from the Alcohol, Marijuana, and Prescription Drugs (AMPD) Coalition regarding single serve alcoholic beverages and their impact on crime and youth consumption; and direct staff to develop a policy banning the sale of single serve alcoholic beverages in the City of Richmond was introduced by Mayor Butt. AMPD Coalition representatives Nabila Sher, Philip Ellingberg, Jason (*last name not stated*), and Armand Lee presented a Powerpoint presentation entitled, “Protecting Richmond from Underage Binge Drinking: Single Sale Alcoholic Beverages”. Discussion ensued. The following speakers gave comments: Mark Wassberg, Jocelyn Perez, and Sam Mann. Further discussion ensued. The Council requested staff to: (1) verify if the five alcohol retailers mentioned in the presentation with the highest police service calls were in compliance with a conditional use permit (CUP); (2) determine if a CUP would regulate the sale of single serve alcoholic beverages and require merchant training; and (3) verify if the state was

sending notifications for alcoholic beverage licenses to the City Council as required. On motion of Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Vice Mayor Willis, approved said direction to staff including the consideration of the recommendations outlined in the presentation and imposing CUPs with the ability to compel or impose merchant training, passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Choi, Martinez, Myrick, Recinos, Vice Mayor Willis, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Beckles. **Abstained:** None.

K-5. The matter to receive a report from staff about the current process for Skelly Hearings and appeals to employee terminations was introduced by Councilmember Myrick. Human Resources Management Director Lisa Stephenson presented a Powerpoint presentation highlighting Skelly rights and the processes for meetings and grievance of discipline. Discussion ensued. Ben Therriault gave comments.

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

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:36 p.m., in memory of 21-year old aspiring rap artist Richard Doss III, to meet again on Tuesday, July 10, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor