

## **RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, August 7, 2018**

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Mayor Thomas K. Butt.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Jovanka Beckles, Ben Choi, Eduardo Martinez, Jael Myrick, Ada Recinos, Vice Mayor Melvin Willis, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt. **Absent:** None.

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

Title: City Manager

Cordell Hindler gave comments.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 6:03 p.m.  
Closed Session adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:37 p.m., by Mayor Butt who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Choi, Myrick, Recinos, Vice Mayor Willis, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** Councilmembers Beckles and Martinez arrived after the roll was called.

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

None.

### **AGENDA REVIEW**

Items H-1 and H-3 were removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

### **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 announced that it was most likely his last City Council meeting before retiring. Mr. Lindsay thanked community members and the Council for their support over his thirteen-year tenure.

## OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Cordell Hindler expressed concerns regarding a public speaker that used profanity and insulted councilmembers at a previous Richmond City Council meeting where minors were present.

Kathy Robinson reminded everyone that it was an election year and to vote. Ms. Robinson gave comments concerning the natural disasters across America, non-retaliation, and restraint.

Rick Perez, Gerald Smith, and Patricia Perez requested a response from the City of Richmond to their requests for the Pedie Perez investigation records.

Stan Woods and Patricia Perez gave comments in memory of murdered Richmond resident and community activist Kishana Harley. Mr. Woods requested a fully transparent investigation of Ms. Harley's death. Ms. Perez expressed concerns that there were no media updates on Ms. Harley's homicide case.

Don Gosney expressed concerns that the City Council meeting was scheduled on National Night Out during the Council's recess.

Steven Paskowitz thanked City Manager Bill Lindsay for his years of service and congratulated the city manager candidate, Carlos Martinez. Mr. Paskowitz gave comments regarding the City of Richmond's operating budget and limited staff.

Luis Amurio requested stop signs at unsafe intersections on Barrett Avenue from 1<sup>st</sup> Street to 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

## CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

H-1. The matter to adopt a resolution to submit to the voters at the next general municipal election to be held on November 6, 2018, a measure for changing the City's Real Estate Documentary Transfer Tax so that the tax rate for properties valued below \$1 million does not increase, the tax rate for properties valued between \$1 million dollars to \$3 million increases from .7% to 1.25%; the tax rate for properties valued between \$3 million dollars to \$10 million increases from .7% to 2.5%; and the tax rate for properties valued in excess of \$10 million increases from .7% to 3.0%, was introduced by Councilmember Myrick and Vice Mayor Willis. Don Gosney and Torm Nompraseurt gave comments. Discussion ensued. On motion of Vice Mayor Willis, seconded by Councilmember Myrick, adopted **Resolution No. 71-18** by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

H-2. On motion of Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, approved an employment agreement with Carlos Martinez as Richmond City Manager, providing for a five-year term commencing November 1, 2018, at an initial base salary of \$260,000.00 annually (approximately \$358,000 total compensation), with subsequent salary increases subject to a satisfactory performance evaluation, and other specified employment by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Choi, Martinez, Myrick, Recinos, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** Councilmember Beckles and Vice Mayor Willis. **Absent:** None. **Abstained:** None.

H-3. The matter to adopt a resolution submitting to voters at the next general election to be held November 6, 2018, a measure to establish a Special Parcel Tax on Vacant Properties at the rate of \$3,000 annually per vacant developed parcel and \$6,000 annually per undeveloped parcel, raising about \$5.4 million annually for 20 years to fund homelessness services and housing, blight and dumping elimination, and specified programs, was introduced by Mayor Butt and Councilmember Martinez. Joan Underwood gave comments. Discussion ensued. On motion of Vice Mayor Willis, seconded by Councilmember Recinos, adopted **Resolution No. 72-18** by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

H-4. On motion of Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, approved the minutes of the July 10, 17, 20, 24, and 28, 2018, Richmond City Council meetings, by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

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

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m., to meet again on Tuesday, September 11, 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