

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, September 25, 2018

The Richmond City Council Open Session was called to order at 5:37p.m. by Mayor Thomas K. Butt.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Ben Choi, Eduardo Martinez, Jael Myrick, Ada Recinos, Vice Mayor Melvin Willis, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt. **Absent:** Councilmember Jovanka Beckles arrived after adjourning 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 item to be discussed in Closed Session:

CITY COUNCIL

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision [a] of Government Code Section 54956.9): Richmond Development Company LLC vs. City of Richmond

There were no public speakers.

Mayor Butt recused himself from discussion during closed session.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:32 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Beckles, Choi, Martinez, Myrick, Vice Mayor Willis, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** Councilmember Recinos.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

Items H-5 and K-1 were withdrawn from the Consent Calendar. Item J-1 was moved to be discussed after approval of the Consent Calendar.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

D-1. Councilmember Beckles presented a proclamation acknowledging Soulful Softball Sunday and its organizers for the fourth annual game and their contributions to the community. Cordell Hindler and Antwon Cloird gave comments.

D-2. Mayor Butt presented a proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Richmond.

D-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 September 25, 2018, and ask that interested individuals send applications to the City Clerk. Cordell Hindler and Jackie Thompson 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

Acting City Manager Shasa Curl, thanked the City Council for the opportunity to serve as Acting City Manager. Ms. Curl also announced that the 32nd Annual Harmony Walk with Greater Richmond Interfaith Program will be on October 27, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Nichol Park.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Cordell Hindler gave comments regarding the inappropriate behavior and comments of a speaker at a previous city council meeting.

Bea Roberson announced that the Richmond Fire and Police Holiday Toy Program sign-ups would be on October 27, 2018, at the E.M. Downer Family Center.

Andres Soto, Christian Holmes, Sally Tobin, Alix Mazuet, Carol Teltschick, Shirley Dean, Glenda Rubin, Valerie Jameson, LeDemien Flores, Tania Pulido, Evan Bissel, Nava Misrahhi, Max Dashu, Charles Smith, Jeanne Kortz, Susan Waldorf, David Helvarg, Toni Hanna, Dorothy Gilbert, Diana Wear, Nina Smith, Liz Watts, Deborah Bayer, Beryl Golden, B.K. Williams, Mike Parker, Victoria Garica, Virginia Ramirez, Tarnel Abbott, Juan Reardon, Robert Cheasty, Marilyn Langlois, and Tony Sustak gave comments in opposition to the Point Molate Settlement Agreement and the development of housing at Point Molate.

Wesley Ellis gave comments regarding an employee who was discharged from employment with the City of Richmond.

Naomi Williams announced that the Commission on Aging hosted a Better Business Bureau Workshop on Scams on Tuesday, October 23, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m., at the Richmond Auditorium.

Kathy Robinson urged residents to vote in the November General Election.

Courtney Cummings stated that National Native American Day was September 28, 2018.

Rick Perez gave comments against the legalization of cannabis and the number of warehouses in Richmond that were used to grow cannabis.

Patricia Perez gave comments regarding the deaths of Kinshana Harley and Pedie Perez.

Mark Wassberg spoke in support of building housing at Point Molate.

B.K. Williams and Tarnel Abbott spoke in support of re-appointing Marilyn Langlois to the Planning Commission.

Jackie Thompson gave comments regarding vehicles parked on Cutting Boulevard that blocked driveways and lawns. Ms. Thompson also stated the illegal dumping needed to be addressed more aggressively.

Kabir Kapur stated he could not sign up for Mayor Butt's e-forum. Mr. Kapur also stated that Marilyn Langlois should have been re-appointed to the Planning Commission.

Gena Alexander gave comments regarding the dangerous and unsafe conditions at the Richmond Bart Station.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Councilmember Recinos, the items marked with an (*) were approved by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

*H-1. Accepted and appropriated a \$276,468 grant from the Department of Transportation, Caltrans; and approved a contract with Placeworks in an amount not to exceed \$276,468, for the development of a Ferry to Bridge Complete Streets and Project Prioritization plan to assist with the future implementation of planning and designing for Complete Streets.

*H-2. Adopted **Resolution No.75-18**, supporting the Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond ACT 2018.

*H-3. Adopted **Resolution No.76-18**, in support of Proposition 2: NO PLACE LIKE HOME on the November 6, 2018, Ballot to build supportive housing and treatment for people that have serious mental illness and are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

*H-4. Approved an extension of the one-year lease with the Richmond Main Street Initiative for four additional years, with the city attorney to prepare a first amendment to the lease; and authorize the city manager to solicit proposals for an operator of a Richmond-themed merchandise store in the new Downtown Richmond Visitor Center.

*H-5. WITHDREW the item to approve actions to update the Planning Commission; appoint Nancy Baer, reappointment, seat #1, term expiration date June 30, 2020, Jen Loy, reappointment, seat #2, term expiration date June 30, 2020, Andrew Butt, reappointment, seat #4, term expiration date June 30, 2020, Yu-Hsiang 'Michael' Huang, reappointment, seat #5, term expiration date June 30, 2020, Claudia Garcia, reappointment, seat

#6, term expiration date June 30, 2020, and Macy Leung, new appointment, seat #7, term expiration date June 30, 2020.

STUDY SESSION

I-1. The city council received a presentation from the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts on its activities in serving Richmond youth, and in providing a downtown venue for various arts, culture, and community activities at its landmark downtown location by Director Jordan Simmons.

I-2. The city council received a presentation on the City of Richmond, Open Data Climate Action Plan Dashboard by Adam Lenz, Environmental Services Manager, and Abigail Carlstad, Civic Spark Fellow. The Council requested that more information regarding greenhouse gas emissions are included in future presentations.

STUDY AND ACTION SESSION

J-1. The matter to receive a presentation and provide direction to staff on the proposed tenant screening process and the proposed protection from income discrimination policy; was presented by Evan Bissel, Haas Institute, LeDamien Flowers, and Niki Beasley, Executive Director of Richmond Neighborhood Housing Services. The following individuals gave comments: Diana Wear, Marilyn Langlois, Ilona Clark, Vivian Amachree, Deborah Thrope, Ann Cyrus, Tony Sustak, Cymone Goree, and Virginia Ramirez. A motion was made by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember Beckles to direct staff to start drafting a source of income anti-discrimination ordinance along with the reusable tenant screening report ordinance while working with the stakeholders including, but not limited to, Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment, Haas Institute for Fair Inclusive Society, Richmond Neighborhood Housing Services, Richmond Progressive Alliance, and the Safe Return Project, and also research and develop language about limiting how much the application fees were and what the city's regulatory authority was in order to determine a reasonable amount charged for application fees. The Council requested an update at the end of October 2018. The Council also requested that staff include the Association of Richmond Housing Providers in the process. The motion passed by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

K-1. WITHDREW the matter regarding comments to be made by the public at open session, and consider whether to publicly reaffirm the Point Molate settlement agreement between the City of Richmond, and Guidiville Rancheria of California and Upstream Point Molate, LLC.

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

None.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m., in memory of photographer and Richmond resident, Henry Wessel, Jr., to meet again on Tuesday, October 2, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor