

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, November 13, 2018

The Special Meeting of the Richmond Housing Authority was called to order at 6:27 p.m., by Chairperson Thomas K. Butt, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Jovanka Beckles, Ben Choi, Eduardo Martinez, Jael Myrick, Vice Chair Melvin Willis, Chairperson Thomas K. Butt, and Tenant Commissioner Tanise Smith. **Absent:** Commissioner Ada Recinos and Tenant Commissioner Jaycine Scott were absent for the entire meeting.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

None.

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Economic Development Director Shasa Curl and Acting Richmond Housing Authority (RHA) Executive Director Gabino Arredondo presented a Powerpoint presentation that highlighted updates on RHA staffing changes, internal-departmental support, health and safety improvements made at Nevin Plaza and Nystrom Village, and Nevin Plaza Resident Council engagement.

HOUSING AUTHORITY CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Tenant Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Myrick, the items marked with an (*) were approved by the unanimous vote of the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners:

*F-1. Approved the minutes of the September 25 and October 16, 2018, special Richmond Housing Authority meetings.

*F-2. Adopted **Resolution No. 2074** removing former City of Richmond Accounting Manager, Stacie Plummer, and former City of Richmond City Manager, Bill Lindsay, and adding City of Richmond Budget Administrator, Markisha Guillory, and Richmond Housing Authority Acting Executive Director, Gabino Arredondo, as authorizing signatories on Mechanics Bank depository and checking accounts.

HOUSING AUTHORITY STUDY SESSION

G-1. The matter to receive a presentation on the Public Housing Authority Recovery and Sustainability (PHARS) agreement between the Richmond Housing Authority (RHA) and Department of Housing and Urban Development was presented by Administrative Chief Lashonda White and Acting RHA Executive Director Gabino Arredondo. Ms. White presented a Powerpoint

presentation that highlighted the purpose of the PHARS agreement; RHA overview including public housing assets, Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8), and budget challenges; Housing Authority Board of Commissioners responsibilities; Physical Housing Assessment System scoring; PHARS agreement status, short-term items, and long-term outcomes; policy options; and the proposed timeline and goal. Discussion ensued. The Commission requested the following: an explanation for the low PHARS score and what was required for improvement; PHARS score for the year 2017; resident engagement; proposed plans to close the RHA budget deficit; one member of the Richmond Rent Program served as a staff liaison to the RHA Executive Director to share data and ensure communication between the two entities; detailed information on the proposed policy options prior to the December 4, 2018, City Council meeting; additional information and engagement for the potential transition of Section 8 participants; and the proposed policy decisions be made for the benefit of the RHA residents.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Chairperson