

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, October 2, 2018

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Thomas K. 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 council 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

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

Flowers vs. City of Richmond et al.

SPRAWLDEF vs. City of Richmond

There were no public speakers.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m., by Mayor Butt.

ROLL CALL

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

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

Item H-10 was removed from the consent calendar, and Mayor Butt stated Macy Leung was removed from approval to the Planning Commission. Items H-4, H-5, H-9, and H-10 were also removed from the consent calendar.

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 Kinshasa Curl, provided an update on the Richmond Housing Authority operations.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Cordell Hindler urged residents to apply to serve on the city's various boards and commissions. Mr. Hindler also expressed support to reappoint Marilyn Langlois to the Planning Commission.

Mitchell Jamerson gave comments regarding real estate fraud.

David Helvarg read an excerpt from his book, "The Golden Shore."

Naomi Williams announced that the Commission on Aging hosted a Better Business Bureau Workshop on October 23, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Mrs. Williams also announced that the Senior Winter Ball was on December 15, 2018, at the Richmond Auditorium.

Mark Wassberg gave comments regarding the relationship between members of the Richmond Progressive Alliance (RPA) and SEIU Local 1021.

Rick Perez stated that he was told to remove the memorial posted on the door of the liquor store where his son was shot and requested the matter be looked into.

Patricia Perez gave comments in support of SB 1421 – Peace Officer Release of Records.

Kathy Robinson stated that Richmond would be a better community if people were more involved.

Russell Stith stated that Eddie Orton had an unfair advantage in the proposed Point Molate development.

Carla Mendoza, Audy Oregon, and Gonzalo Ochoa, gave comments regarding prostitution and criminal activity along 23rd Street.

Deborah Bayer gave comments regarding the request for proposals process regarding the development of Point Molate.

Dave Schoenthal stated that, at a recent event, over 125 people who were formally incarcerated and had convictions on their record had those charges removed and had a better opportunity for housing and jobs.

Aswan James, invited everyone to the Richmond High School CAPA VAPA Gala, on October 25, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

Mike Parker stated the definition of the word "nimby" was misused in reference to the Point Molate development project because it is not in anyone's backyard and be protected for all to use and enjoy.

Bill Pinkham requested a resolution in support of Christine Blasey Ford.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Councilmember Martinez, 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. **Abstain:** None.

*H-1. Approved contracts for the Harbor 8 project with POGO Park for project management and construction services in an amount not to exceed \$490,000, and mack5 for project advisory services in an amount not to exceed \$31,500.

*H-2. Received a report on the updated implementation timeline of Assembly Bill 262 and the California Buy Clean Act - Engineering and Capital Improvement Projects Department.

*H-3. Approved a three-year contract with GovInvest Inc. for licenses to use its pension and other post-employment benefits forecasting model, with a limit not to exceed an aggregate of \$118,000, for a term beginning October 2, 2018, through October 2, 2021.

H-4. The matter to adopt a resolution approving the City of Richmond Investment Policy was presented. Councilmember asked if divestment of fossil fuels was included in the resolution, which was added to the restrictions section of the resolution. A motion by Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Myrick, adopted **Resolution No. 77-18**, with the inclusion of divestment from fossil fuels as stated in Resolution No. 38-13, passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Choi, Martinez, Myrick, Recinos, Vice Mayor Willis, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Beckles. **Abstain:** None.

H-5. The matter to adopt a resolution approving the Debt Policy and Swap Policy for Fiscal Year 2018-19 was presented. Councilmembers requested a study session to further discuss these policies. A motion by Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Vice Mayor Willis, adopted **Resolution No. 78-18**, by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Choi, Martinez, Myrick, Recinos, Vice Mayor Willis, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Beckles. **Abstain:** None.

*H-6. Approved a contract amendment with BLD Consulting to continue to provide data management planning, configuration, customization and reporting services for Fire Department's Records Management System, increasing the contract by \$42,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$84,000, and extending the term of the contract through October 31, 2021.

*H-7. Introduced an ordinance amending Richmond Municipal Code Article VI, Building Regulations by adding a new Chapter 6.49 Permit Process for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations; to implement AB 1236 setting forth procedures for an expedited permitting process for electric vehicle charging stations.

*H-8. Approved an amendment to the contract with Socrata, Inc. for maintenance of the Richmond Open Data portal,

increasing the contract by \$21,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$91,400, and extending the term through October 31, 2019.

H-9. The matter to adopt a resolution declaring a shelter crisis in order to receive emergency funding support to expand and improve homelessness services both within Richmond and for individuals and families across the county was presented. The member of the public who removed the item from the consent calendar was not present. A motion by Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Vice Mayor Willis, adopted **Resolution No. 79-18**, by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Choi, Martinez, Myrick, Recinos, Vice Mayor Willis, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Beckles. **Abstain:** None.

*H-10. The matter to approve actions to update the Planning Commission; appointed 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, was presented. **This item was continued from the September 18 and 25, 2018, meetings.** Mayor Butt removed Macy Leung from approval to the Planning Commission. The following individuals gave comments: Kabir Kapur, Tony Sustak, Deborah Bayer, Mike Parker, and Cordell Hindler. The item was not approved.

*H-11. Approved the minutes of the September 11 and 18, 2018, regular Richmond City Council meetings.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

I-1. The matter to hold a public hearing to adopt an order of vacation to abandon and vacate a portion of South 47th Street public easement north of Florida Avenue and south of Ohio Avenue, at the request of the developer/owner Miralflores Community Devco., LLC., was presented. Mayor Butt opened the public hearing. There were no public speakers. Mayor Butt closed the public hearing. A motion by Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Councilmember Recinos, adopted **Order of Vacation No. 916**, by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Choi, Martinez, Myrick, Recinos, Vice Mayor Willis, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Beckles. **Abstain:** None.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

The matter to approve the shortlist of qualified developers for Point Molate; provide comments to staff on the draft Request for Proposals (RFP) for development of Point Molate; and call a special meeting on December 11, 2018, for Point Molate Development Proposals was presented by Planning Manager, Lina Velasco, Planning Director, Richard Mitchell, and Joseph Dieges, Cosmont Companies. Discussion ensued. Councilmembers requested that more information be provided by the respondents to the RFP about sustainability for the ecology at the site, experience building and working with communities like Richmond that had economic needs, and provide a list of communities they specifically worked with similar to Richmond. The following individuals gave comments: David Helvarg, Sally Tobin, Deborah Bayer, Carol Teltschick, Paul Carman, Shirley Dean, Kabir Kapur,

Tony Sustak, Robert Cheasty, Scott Littlehale, Jim Hanson, Charles Smith, Valerie Jameson, and Mike Parker. Discussion ensued. Councilmembers requested that the names of the committee members who performed the developer ranking be made public and Director of Employment and Training, Sal Vaca was consulted with regarding employment, and requested moving forward with all six developers and that the developers were responsible for all infrastructure issues and costs. Councilmembers requested the scores for all eight developers who responded be made public. Councilmembers requested that the RFP encourage collaboration with other developers with expertise with smaller commercial or residential projects and that the RFP include developers who had expertise in the area. A motion by Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Councilmember Recinos, moved forward with all six developers, by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Choi, Myrick, Recinos, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** Councilmember Martinez and Vice Mayor Willis. **Absent:** Councilmember Beckles. **Abstain:** None.

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

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m., in memory of Amber Brandi and Mariah Davis, to meet again on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor