

## **RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, November 27, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:32 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.

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

None.

### **AGENDA REVIEW**

None.

### **PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS**

D-1. 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 November 27, 2018, and asked that interested individuals send applications to the city clerk.

### **REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Carlos Martinez reported that the Moody's Investors Service upgraded the City of Richmond's bond rating from Ba1 to Baa3 (investment quality bonds).

### **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Cordell Hindler gave comments regarding item D-1. Mr. Hindler stated there was not enough time allowed for the East Bay Regional Park District's presentation regarding Measure FF at the October 23, 2018, City Council meeting.

Mark Wassberg gave comments regarding illegal immigration and the migrant caravan at the United States-Mexico border.

Ruben Reyes stated that Mexican immigrants desired a better quality of life and future for their children in the United States.

Janet Johnson expressed concerns regarding health and climate risks associated with coal and petcoke in Richmond. Ms. Johnson requested the City of Richmond's insurance requirements for Richmond businesses involved with hazardous materials. Ms. Johnson gave comments regarding Levine-Richmond Terminal Corporation and its operations.

Miguel Escorza and Edgar Santana expressed concerns regarding illegal dumping in Richmond. Mr. Santana recommended more waste bins in Richmond public areas.

Isidro Montoya announced that the Richmond High School's Creative and Performing Arts Academy was presenting "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the Richmond High School Theatre on November 29 and 30, 2018, at 7:00 pm.

Abigail Ramirez requested more stop signs and street lights in Richmond to improve pedestrian safety.

Lisette Cordova reported loitering and safety concerns at Unity Park in Richmond. Ms. Cordova requested increased security at the park.

Leslie Saechao reported speeding vehicles on Garvin Avenue between 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and San Pablo Avenue. Ms. Saechao requested speed bumps.

Aswan James thanked the Council for its services to the community.

Rick Perez commended all of the Richmond High School students that spoke under Open Forum. Mr. Perez gave comments regarding the Richmond Police Department. Mr. Perez thanked the Council for its services to the community.

Patricia Perez gave comments regarding police accountability and bill of rights.

### **STUDY AND ACTION SESSION**

G-1. The matter to receive an update from Contra Costa Animal Services (CCAS) regarding typical calls, activities, and services provided by CCAS to the City of Richmond and departmental updates was presented by CCAS Community and Media Relations Manager Steve Burdo. Mr. Burdo's Powerpoint presentation highlighted the following: CCAS overview and services provided to Richmond; policy updates; the year 2017 service statistics; opportunities and challenges; and supporting the local animal shelter. Discussion ensued. The Council expressed concerns regarding excessive time for the removal of dead animals; enforcement of the noise ordinance (barking dogs); and abandoned animals.

G-2. The matter to receive a presentation and provide direction to staff on the development of the City of Richmond Equal Access Ordinance was presented by Community and Economic Development Director Shasa Curl, City Manager's Office Management Analyst Gabino Arredondo, and Assistant City Attorney Bruce Soublet. Their Powerpoint presentation highlighted the following: Language use in Richmond; the Dymally-Alatoree Bilingual Services Act; draft Community Engagement Toolkit and inter-departmental meetings; Request for Qualifications for on-site language interpretation services; other cities ordinances; budgeting; choosing the three non-English languages; and proposed next steps. Discussion ensued. The Council suggested providing on-demand translation services at regular and special City Council meetings and highly advertised agenda packet translation services. The Council requested criteria that determined the types of other public meetings that warranted translation services; and languages spoken by City of Richmond bilingual employees. Cordell Hindler gave comments.

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

Mayor Butt gave comments regarding AB1234 ethics and sexual harassment training requirements for the Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m., in memory of one-year-old hit-and-run victim, Noah Cordier, to meet again on Tuesday, December 4, 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