



City of Richmond

Swearing-In Ceremony

When: Tuesday, January 8, 2019; 6:30 p.m.

*Where: Richmond City Council Chambers
440 Civic Center Plaza*

For Re-elected Mayor

Tom Butt

Re-elected and Newly-elected Councilmembers

Eduardo Martinez - Incumbent

Nathaniel "Nat" Bates

and

Demnlus Johnson, III

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

The following information was taken from minutes of the Board of Trustees and the Council of the City of Richmond dated August 14, 1905, and July 6, 1909, respectively.

On August 14, 1905, the first meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Richmond was called to order at 8:25 p.m. in the main office of the Critchett Building located at 224 Richmond Avenue. Trustees present were: Critchett, Babcock, Kenny, Garrard, and Curry. Trustee Garrard nominated Trustee Curry to be President of the City Board. The nomination was seconded by Trustee Kenny, and “Mr. Curry was declared elected and took the chair.”

A special election was held on February 9, 1909, and the qualified voters of the City voted in favor of and duly ratified the City Charter as proposed by the Board of Trustees. Section 1 of Article III of the Charter states that “All powers herein granted to and vested in the City of Richmond, except as herein otherwise provided, be exercised by a Council to be designated the Council of the City of Richmond . . .” As a result of the voters’ approval of the City Charter, the Board of Trustees became the Council of the City of Richmond. Section 3 of Article III of the Charter states that the Council shall be composed of nine members (At the November 2, 2004, Election and effective with the 2008 Election, the composition of the City Council was changed from nine to seven members).

An election was held on May 10, 1909, and the first Councilmen were elected. At the July 6, 1909, meeting of the Council, the City Clerk read Certificates of Election for the following Councilmen: Edward J. Garrard, John N. Hartnett, James C. Owens, Edward McDuff, Otto R. Ludewig, Homer Eugene Wyatt, John Joseph Dooling, Joseph Benjamin Willis, and Gerry Alton Follet. During the July 6, 1909, meeting the Council, by secret ballot, elected Councilman Joseph Benjamin Willis as the Presiding Officer of the Council to be known as Mayor of the City of Richmond.

PROGRAM

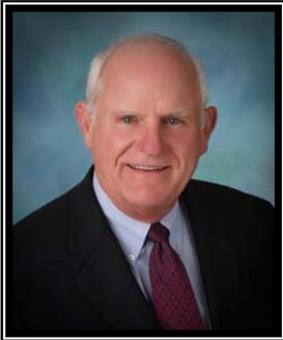
- *Welcome and Introductions by: **Mayor Tom Butt***
- *Pledge of Allegiance: **(Please Stand)***
- *Invocation: **Pastor Mark Sharpe***
Southside Church of Christ
1501 Florida Avenue
- *Best Wishes to Departing Councilmembers from: **Mayor Tom Butt, Vice Mayor Melvin Willis, Councilmembers Ben Choi, Eduardo Martinez, and Jael Myrick***
- *Presentation of Service Awards to Councilmembers Jovanka Beckles and Ada Recinos by: **Mayor Tom Butt***
- *Comments from: **Councilmembers Jovanka Beckles and Ada Recinos***
- *Administration of Oath of Office and Presentation of Certificates of Election to: Tom Butt (Incumbent), Eduardo Martinez (Incumbent), Nathaniel “Nat” Bates, and Demnlus Johnson, III by: **City Clerk Pamela Christian***
- *Comments and Expressions of Appreciation from: **Mayor Tom Butt, Councilmembers Eduardo Martinez, Nathaniel “Nat” Bates, and Demnlus Johnson, III***
- *Roll Call by: **City Clerk Pamela Christian***
- *Welcome to Re-elected Mayor and Re-elected/New Councilmembers from: **Vice Mayor Melvin Willis, Councilmembers Ben Choi, and Jael Myrick***
- *Closing Remarks from: **City Manager Carlos Martinez and Mayor Tom Butt***
- *Adjournment by: **Mayor Tom Butt***

Reception immediately following in the
Richmond Auditorium
403 Civic Center Plaza

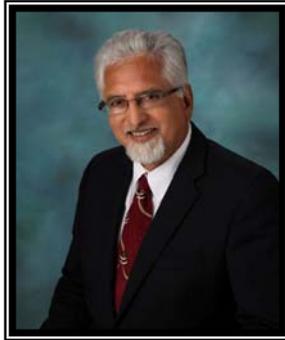
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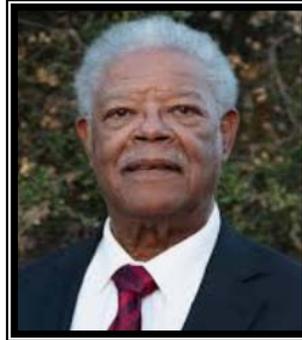
Re-elected Mayor and Re-elected/New Councilmembers



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(Incumbent)*



*Eduardo Martinez
(Incumbent)*



Nathaniel "Nat" Bates



Demnlus Johnson, III

Incumbent City Council Members



Jael Myrick



Ben Choi



Melvin Willis