

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, February 19, 2019**

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 Nat Bates, Ben Choi, Demnlus Johnson III, Vice Mayor Melvin Willis, and Mayor Tom Butt.

**Absent:** Councilmember Eduardo Martinez arrived after the roll was called. Councilmember 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 (paragraph (1) of Subdivision [d] of  
Government Code Section 54956.9):**

De Dios vs. City of Richmond

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Government  
Code Section 54957.6):**

Title: Citizens Police Review Commission Investigative  
Officer

**CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR  
(Government Code Section 54956.8):**

Agency Negotiators: Carlos Martinez and Shasa Curl  
Property: Hacienda Housing Complex, 1300 Roosevelt Avenue  
Negotiating Party: Mercy Housing California and Community  
Housing Development Corporation of North Richmond  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

**CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government  
Code Section 54957.6):**

Agency representatives: Carlos Martinez, Lisa Stephenson,  
Belinda Warner, Bruce Soublet, and Jack Hughes  
Employee organization: Service Employees International Union  
(SEIU Local 1021)

There were no public speakers.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:01 p.m.  
Closed Session adjourned at 6:45p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:50 p.m., by Mayor Butt.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Bates, Choi, Johnson III, Martinez, Myrick, Willis, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** None.

## **STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

## **AGENDA REVIEW**

Items H-8, H-9, H-10, and H-11, were removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion at the end of the agenda. The requester who removed the agenda items left the meeting and the previously removed agenda items were added back to 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**

City Manager Carlos Martinez announced that Standard & Poor's increased the Richmond Redevelopment Agency's credit rating from A+ to AA-. Mr. Martinez also congratulated City Attorney, Bruce Goodmiller, for having been awarded the 2018 Public Lawyer of the year by the California Lawyer's Association.

## **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Antwon Cloird announced that on Saturday, February 23, 2019, the Soulful Softball Sunday group took 56 Richmond families and kids to the snow.

Mark Wassberg gave comments regarding President Trump declaring a national emergency to build a border wall.

Rick Perez and Patricia Perez gave comments about Senate Bill 1421 and the appeal by several police departments regarding the disclosure of police records.

Millie Cleveland stated that a harassment charge might be filed regarding the demeaning comments made tonight by Mark Wassburg. Ms. Cleveland also gave comments regarding labor negotiations with SEIU Local 1021.

Jan Gilbrecht gave comments regarding the need for better waste management solutions for the homeless and her participation in the distribution of waste bags.

Deborah Bayer gave comments regarding the erosion of the Point Molate beach park.

## **CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**\*H-1.** Adopted **Resolution No. 5-19**, approving the City's application for the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and if funds are awarded, accept and appropriate the funds.

**\*H-2.** Approved a contract with Silicon Valley Paving, Inc. for the construction of a new basketball court at Unity Park at Greenway and 16th Street in Richmond, in an amount not to exceed \$190,000, and appropriated \$22,489 from the Parks Impact Fee to supplement State Grant to award contract.

**\*H-3.** Adopted **Resolution No. 6-19**, of local support for a \$1,000,000 grant as required by the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways for the construction of a riprap revetment to stop the shoreline erosion at Point Molate Beach Park and if awarded, accepted and appropriated the grant funds and the City required local match of 50%, or about \$500,000 from the Impact Fee Park/Open Space Fund.

**\*H-4.** Approved a contract with Saviano Co. Inc. for the construction of a new basketball court at John F. Kennedy Park in Richmond, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, and appropriated \$17,260 from the Parks Impact Fee to supplement State Grant to award contract.

**\*H-5.** Adopted **Resolution No. 7-19**, authorizing the execution of a Construction Agreement with St. Francis Electric, Inc., for the 23rd Street Traffic Signal Interconnect Project in the amount of \$1,298,980, per the base bid documents.

**\*H-6.** Adopted **Resolution No. 8-19**, to include a conflict of interest policy consistent with the Richmond Municipal Code Chapter 2.52 for the Design-Build method of project delivery for Wastewater and Stormwater facilities.

**\*H-7.** Accepted and appropriated a Family Literacy Grant from California Library Literacy Services, a program of the California State Library, in the amount of \$45,000 for the Library and Cultural Services Department, Literacy for Every Adult Program (LEAP) Division to support family literacy programming for low-literate adults and their families.

**\*H-8.** Approved an appointment to the Shimada Friendship Commission: appointed Robyn Rickansrud, new appointment, seat #3, term expiration date December 31, 2022.

**\*H-9.** Approved appointments to the Richmond-Zhoushan Sister City Commission; appointed Sara Min Zhao, re-appointment, seat #6, term expiration date December 31, 2021.

**\*H-10.** Approved appointments to the Urban Forest Advisory Committee: appointed Liz Bittner, re-appointment, seat #2, term expiration date November 17, 2021; Marlen Cifuentes, new appointment, seat #4, term expiration date November 17, 2021; Paula Urtecho, new appointment, seat #5, term expiration date November 17, 2021; Ellen Seskin, new appointment, seat #7, term expiration date November 17, 2021; Sherman Dean, re-appointment, seat #9, term expiration date November 17, 2021; and April Kennedy, re-appointment, seat #11, term expiration date November 17, 2021.

**\*H-11.** Approved appointments to the Commission on Aging: appointed Kiran Agarwal, new appointment, seat #5, filing an unexpired term with an expiration date of May 19, 2022; Dr. Joyce Whitfield, new appointment, seat #7, filing an unexpired

term with an expiration date of May 19, 2022; and Michelle Hayes, new appointment, seat #13, term expiration date May 19, 2022.

\***H-12.** Approved a contract with Bailey Fence Company, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$11,650 for the installation of an iron fence at the Richmond Swim Center. The contract term will be from February 20, 2019, to June 30, 2019.

\***H-13.** Approved the minutes of the January 8, 2019, Special Swearing-In Meeting, January 15, 22, and February 5, 2019, Regular Richmond City Council meetings.

\***H-14.** Approved a fourth amendment to the contract with Van Iwaarden Associates for actuarial services necessary for retiree healthcare plan, three pension funds and other post-employment benefits (OPEB) management, increasing the contract amount by \$69,500 for a new contract total of \$193,866, and extending the contract term to June 30, 2020.

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

Councilmember Martinez stated he attended the Bay Area Regional Collaborative meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Myrick stated that he attended the My Brother's Keeper Alliance Summit today.

Mayor Butt stated he attended the My Brother's Keeper Summit today and met former President Barack Obama. Mayor Butt also stated he met with Housing & Urban Development Officials in Washington, DC, on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m., in memory of Mrs. Geneva Rothschild, mother of City Clerk, Pamela Christian, to meet again on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, 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