

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, May 28, 2019

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Thomas K. Butt who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Nat Bates, Demnlus Johnson III, Eduardo Martinez, Melvin Willis, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt. **Absent:** Councilmember Jael Myrick and Vice Mayor Choi were absent the entire meeting.

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

A-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (paragraph (1) of Subdivision [d] of Government Code Section 54956.9):

Hill vs. City of Richmond

Naomi Williams and Bea Roberson gave comments regarding the Hill litigation.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 6:04 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:36 p.m., by Mayor Butt.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Bates, Johnson III, Martinez, Willis, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** Councilmember Myrick and Vice Mayor Choi were absent the entire meeting.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

Items I-1 and K-2 were continued to the June 4, 2019, City Council Meeting. Item K-4 was continued to July 2, 2019, City Council Meeting. Item I-2 was heard after Item E-3. Item J-2 was heard before Item J-1.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

E-1. Mayor Butt and Felicia Taylor, Program Coordinator for the Richmond Crime Prevention TECHS Club, presented certificates to the Richmond Crime Prevention TECHS All-Stars Reading Is Fun Book Club students. Antwon Cloird gave comments.

E-2. Mayor Butt and Councilmember Johnson III, presented a proclamation declaring June 2019 as Diversity Celebration Month in the City of Richmond in celebration of Juneteenth, LGBT Pride, and Immigrant Heritage Month. The following individuals gave comments: Cordell Hindler, Nava Mizrahi, Mark Wassburg, Sue Wilson, Marilyn Langlois, Kabir Kapur, Cesar Zepeda, Carolyn Wysinger, Deborah Bayer, Pam Stello, Ben Therriault, Antwon Cloird, and Ruscal Cayangyang.

E-3. Mayor Butt and Councilmembers Martinez and Johnson III, presented a proclamation declaring May 2019, as Historic Preservation Month in the City of Richmond. The following individuals gave comments: Cordell Hindler, Joe Puleo, and Deborah Bayer.

E-4. Mayor Butt and Councilmember Bates presented a proclamation in recognition of Peace Officers' Memorial Day and National Police Week from May 12th through May 18th, 2019. Rick Perez gave comments.

E-5. Mayor Butt announced recent resignations from City of Richmond boards, commissions, and committees; and announced vacancies as of May 22, 2019, and asked that interested individuals send applications to the City Clerk. The following individuals gave comments: Cordell Hindler, Joe Puleo, and Deborah Bayer gave comments.

REPORT FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY OF FINAL DECISIONS MADE DURING CLOSED SESSION

Assistant City Attorney Rachel Somovilla stated that there were no reportable actions.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Carlos Martinez announced that he and staff had a conference call meeting with rating agency Standard & Poor's representatives, related to the issuance of bonds for major upcoming capital improvement projects.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Cordell Hindler stated that the City Council should conduct themselves in a more professional and reasonable manner.

Antwon Cloird invited everyone to attend the upcoming Soulful Softball Sunday event.

Elsa Stevens stated that the City Council needed to vote on the Community Police Review Commission appointments agenda item.

Mark Wassberg spoke in support of litigation concerning Andre Hill.

Audrey Jenkins spoke against the appointment of Alana Grice Conner to the Richmond Rent Board.

Jim Hanson and Dorothy Gilbert gave comments regarding the inactive Point Molate Community Advisory Committee.

Naomi Williams announced that the Commission on Aging had a bus trip to Thunder Valley Casino on July 9, 2019. Ms. Williams also announced that the Zydeco Dance was on August 24, 2019. Tickets were \$15 and could be purchased at the Richmond Recreation Complex.

Sue Wilson gave comments regarding the need to appoint individuals to the Community Police Review Commission, Rent Board, and Planning Commissions.

David Drisdale gave comments regarding overgrown grass and garbage throughout the City.

Rick Perez gave comments regarding Mayor Butt and possible conflicts of interest regarding the possible cannabis growing business in Richmond.

Patricia Perez gave comments regarding redacted records about her grandson, Pedie Perez's death.

Deborah Bayer gave comments regarding Rosenberg's Rules of Order and the motions that took place at the May 21, 2019, City Council meeting.

Joseph Puleo gave comments regarding the report submitted regarding the state of the police department.

Pam Stello gave comments regarding the Point Molate Advisory Committee.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

I-1. Continued to the June 4, 2019, City Council meeting, the matter to approve the following appointments and re-appointments: Richmond Rent Board: Alana Grice Conner, new appointment, seat #1, term expiration date March 21, 2021, Virginia Finlay, re-appointment, seat #2, term expiration date March 21, 2021, Emma Gerould, re-appointment, seat #3, term expiration date March 21, 2021, David Gray, re-appointment, seat #4, term expiration date March 21, 2021, Lauren Maddock, re-appointment, seat #5, term expiration date March 21, 2021; and Community Police Review Commission: Porschea Brown, new appointment, seat #2, filling an unexpired term with an expiration date of November 1, 2020, Christopher Whitmore, new appointment, seat #5, term expiration date November 1, 2021, Randy Joseph, new appointment, seat #6, term expiration date November 1, 2021, Steven Lacy, new appointment, seat #7, term expiration date November 1, 2021; and Planning Commission: Nancy Baer, re-appointment, seat #1, term expiration date June 30, 2020, Jen Loy, re-appointment, seat #2, term expiration date June 30, 2020, David Tucker, re-appointment, seat #3, term expiration date June 30, 2021, Andrew Butt, re-appointment, seat #4, term expiration date June 30, 2020, Michael Huang, re-appointment, seat #5, term expiration date June 30, 2020, Claudia Garcia, re-appointment, seat #6, term expiration date June 30, 2020, and Brandon Evans, new appointment, seat #7, term expiration date June 30, 2020.

BUDGET SESSION

J-1. The City Council received an update on the draft operating budget for fiscal year 2019-20 and the Capital

Improvement Plan budget for fiscal years 2019-24, by City Manager, Carlos Martinez. The following departments gave presentations: Police Department, Fire Department, Department of Infrastructure Maintenance Operations, Engineering Department, Water Resource Recovery, Port Department, Planning and Building Department, Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency, Housing Authority, Environmental Community Investment Agreement (ECIA) The following individuals gave comments: Sean Stalbaum, Ben Therriault, and Bea Roberson.

J-2. The City Council received a presentation from Russ Branson of Public Financial Management (PFM) Group Consulting, LLC on the five year budget forecast model. Discussion ensued. The following individuals gave comments: Ben Therriault, Luis Padilla, Sean Stalbaum, Bea Roberson, and Naomi Williams. Discussion ensued. The City Council directed the city manager to conduct meetings with department heads and union representatives, prior to approval of the budget, in order to identify budget saving measures.

STUDY AND ACTION SESSION

K-1. Continued to the June 25, 2019, City Council Meeting the matter to receive an informational presentation from the Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS) regarding the Department's mission, program, work, role in eliminating gun violence in the City of Richmond, to achieve the Council's stated goal of No homicides for a year. This item was continued from the April 23, 2019, agenda.

K-2. Continued to the June 4, 2019, City Council Meeting the matter to receive a presentation from Richmond Police Department regarding homicides in Richmond, historic realities, and current trends, to inform the Council on the complexities associated to this difficult social issue, and ways the Police Department intends to address root-cause issues aimed at prevention.

K-3. Continued to the June 4, 2019, City Council Meeting the matter to receive a report and introduce an ordinance (first reading) to amend Richmond Municipal Code 2.34 entitled "Schedule of Fees and Service Charges" to charge fees to members of the public seeking electronic records under the Public Records Act to review, extract and redact audio and video files. The immediate parties to a police encounter involving a use of force that results in great bodily injury or death, an immediate family member or next of kin are exempt from said fee. This item was continued from the May 21, 2019, meeting.

K-4. Continued to the July 2, 2019, City Council Meeting the matter to receive a presentation providing an update on transportation services and programs

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

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:03 p.m., to meet again on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor