

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, October 5, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond Housing Authority Board of Commissioners was called to order at 6:47 p.m., by Chairperson Thomas K. Butt via teleconference.

Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Contra Costa County and Governor Gavin Newsom issued multiple orders requiring sheltering in place, social distancing, and reduction of person-to-person contact. Accordingly, on September 15, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Assembly Bill 361 that allowed cities to continue to hold public meetings via teleconferencing.

DUE TO THE SHELTER IN PLACE ORDERS, attendance at the City of Richmond Housing Authority Board of Commissioners meeting was limited to commissioners, essential City of Richmond staff, and members of the news media. Public comment was confined to items appearing on the agenda and was limited to the methods provided below. Consistent with Assembly Bill 361, this meeting utilized teleconferencing only. The following provides information on how the public participated in the meeting.

The public was able to view the meeting from home on KCRT Comcast Channel 28 or AT&T Uverse Channel 99 and livestream online at <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/3178/KCRT-Live> and <http://www.youtube.com/user/KCRRTV>.

*The methods to submit public comment were via mail, email to cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us, teleconference, and telephone during the meeting. Written comments received by 1:00 p.m. on October 5, 2021, were put into the record and considered before board action. Written comments received after 1:00 p.m. and up until the public comment period on the relevant agenda item closed, were also put into the record. **There were no written public comments received.***

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Nathaniel Bates, Claudia Jimenez, Eduardo Martinez, Gayle McLaughlin, Melvin Willis, Vice Chairperson Demnlus Johnson III, and Chairperson Thomas K. Butt. **Absent:** Tenant Commissioner Jaycine Scott arrived after the roll was called.

PUBLIC HEARING INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO

The Public Hearing Instructional Video was shown.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Richmond Housing Authority (RHA) Executive Director Nannette Beacham announced that the RHA and EAH Housing were co-hosting a series of community engagement meetings starting on October 18, 2021, to provide an update on Nevin Plaza. More information regarding the community meetings was available by

visiting: <https://www.eahhousing.org/nevinplaza/>. Ms. Beacham provided an update on the RHA's staffing challenges and provided contact information for work order requests, rent collection, and after-hour emergencies. Discussion ensued regarding staffing challenges. The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Naomi Williams, Michael Parker, Norma (last name not stated), and Amanda Bruun.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public speakers via teleconference.

AGENDA REVIEW

Item G-1 was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

HOUSING AUTHORITY CONSENT CALENDAR

G-1. The matter to adopt a resolution authorizing a contract amendment for as-needed temporary staffing services with Renoir Staffing in an amount of \$180,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$330,000 was introduced by Interim Human Resources Director Marc Fox. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Commissioner Jimenez, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, authorizing said contract amendment in the amount of \$90,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$200,000. The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Hulan Barnett, Joey Schlemmer, and Deborah Bayer. Further discussion ensued. A substitute motion made by Commissioner Bates, seconded by Commissioner Willis, authorized the full \$180,000 contract amendment amount for a total amount not to exceed \$330,000, by the unanimous vote of the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. The Council requested staff to provide an update at a future meeting on the RHA's permanent hiring process.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond

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Approved:

Thomas K. Butt, Chairperson