

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, November 30, 2021

The Richmond City Council Special Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor 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 City Council meeting was limited to councilmembers, 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/KCRTTV>.

*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 November 30, 2021, were put into the record and considered before council 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. **Attached herewith all written public comments received.***

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Claudia Jimenez, Eduardo Martinez, Gayle McLaughlin, Melvin Willis, Vice Mayor Demnlus Johnson III, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt. **Absent:** Councilmember Nathaniel Bates arrived after the roll was called.

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO

The Public Comment Instructional Video was shown.

CITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Government Code Section 54957.6):

Interim City Attorney and City Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION

Mark Wassberg gave comments via teleconference.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:08 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 7:51 p.m. and the council returned to the Open Session at 7:51 p.m. with all members present.

**REPORT FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY ON FINAL
DECISION MADE DURING CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney Teresa Stricker stated there were no final actions to report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m., to meet again on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor

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good evening Mayor Butt, council members and staff, I have some comments for the record

1. I am asking that the council to think about who would be the Interim city attorney
2. also for the city attorney, that the incumbent would have experience in representing the city in court hearings

Sincerely
Cordell