

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, March 23, 2021

The Richmond City Council Special Meeting was called to order at 7:21 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, Governor Gavin Newsom issued executive orders that allowed cities to hold public meetings via teleconferencing (Executive Order N-29-20).

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 Executive Order N-29-20, 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 live streaming online at <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/3178/KCRT-Live>.

*Written public comments were received via email to cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us. Comments received by 1:00 p.m. on March 23, 2021, were summarized at the meeting, put into the record, and considered before Council action. Comments received via email after 1:00 p.m. and up until the public comment period on the relevant agenda item closed, were put into the record. Public comments were also received via teleconference during the meeting. **Attached herewith all written public comments received.***

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Nat Bates, Claudia Jimenez, Eduardo Martinez, Gayle McLaughlin, Melvin Willis, Vice Mayor Demnlus Johnson III, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt. **Absent:** None.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

C-1. The matter to appoint three members from the Richmond City Council to serve on the emergency ad hoc committee to address the homeless situation in the City of Richmond and develop the scope of the ad hoc committee's authority was presented by Mayor Tom Butt. A motion by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, appointed Councilmembers Jimenez, McLaughlin, and Mayor Butt to the ad hoc committee, by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor