

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, February 15, 2022

Community Services Building
440 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804

A. OPEN SESSION TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Thomas K. Butt via teleconference.

B. ROLL CALL

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

C. CLOSED SESSION

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

- SPRAWLDEF et al. v. City of Richmond
- The Guidiville Rancheria of California, et al. v. The United States of America, et. al.
- North Coast Rivers Alliance et al./Point Molate Alliance et al. v. City of Richmond
- City of Richmond v. Thomas K. Butt

C.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of Subdivision (d) [as applicable] of Government Code Section 54956.9)

- **Three Cases**

In light of the California Court of Appeal's decision in Fowler v. City of Lafayette, the City Attorney's Office is attaching to this agenda four communications regarding the amended judgment and various agreements related to Point Molate. These letters provide the existing facts and circumstances for going into closed session on these items pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(3).

C.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957)

- Title: City Manager

C.4 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54956.8)

- Property: Terminal One
Agency negotiators: Shasa Curl and Lina Velasco
Negotiating parties: Terminal One Development LLC
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

C.5 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Government Code Section 54957.6)

- Title: City Attorney

D. PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION

Sally Tobin gave comments via teleconference regarding submitting eComments using the City of Richmond's new eScribe agenda management system.

Cynthia Carmichael gave comments regarding air pollution and coal dust. Ms. Carmichael expressed concerns regarding the Richmond shoreline activity, toxin cleanup attempts, and sea-level rise.

E. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:05 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

F. SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RICHMOND HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Special Meeting of the Richmond Housing Authority Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Chair Thomas K. Butt via teleconference.

G. ROLL CALL

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

H. PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO

The public comment instructional video was shown.

I. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

J. AGENDA REVIEW

None.

K. HOUSING AUTHORITY CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion made by Commissioner McLaughlin, seconded by Vice Chair Johnson III, to approve the Consent Calendar item passed by the unanimous vote of the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

K.1 Continued use of teleconference technology for meetings of the Board of Commissioners of the Richmond Housing Authority pursuant to the provisions of AB 361

ADOPT a resolution requiring the continued use of teleconferencing for the meetings of the Board of Commissioners of the Richmond Housing Authority pursuant to the provisions of AB 361 – City Clerk's Office (Pamela Christian 510-620-6513).

Adopted Resolution No. 2154

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L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

M. REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 7:42 p.m. by Mayor Thomas K. Butt via teleconference.

N. ROLL CALL

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

O. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

P. ELECTION OF THE VICE MAYOR FOR 2022

P.1 Election of Vice Mayor to serve for 2022 - Office of the Mayor (Tom Butt 510-620-6503).

Motion by Councilmember Jimenez
Seconded by Councilmember Bates

To elect Councilmember Eduardo Martinez as vice mayor of 2022.

Ayes (7): Councilmember Bates, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Johnson III, Councilmember Willis, Councilmember McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Martinez, and Mayor Butt

Passed (7 to 0)

Q. AGENDA REVIEW

Item V.8.a was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion at the end of the agenda; and was subsequently continued to the March 1, 2022, City Council meeting.

Item Y.1 was withdrawn from the agenda and subsequently placed back on the agenda for discussion.

City Clerk Pamela Christian announced there was a correction to Item V.5.a regarding the Richmond Police Activities League lease agreement adding section 2.4, "*Termination and Furtherance of Development*" to read, "*tenant understands and acknowledges that notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2 stating otherwise, landlord may seek to utilize the property as a potential housing development site and furtherance of such process, landlord may terminate this agreement during the term upon 90 days prior written notice to tenant.*"

City Clerk Pamela Christian also announced that Item V.7.a setting a public hearing was continued from the February 1, 2022, City Council meeting and the public hearing was rescheduled from February 15 to March 1, 2022.

Mayor Butt advised that he received several complaints regarding the length of City Council meetings and the length of time councilmembers discuss items. Mayor Butt stated that there was a provision in the City Council Rules of Procedure and Order that each councilmember was allowed up to five minutes. Mayor Butt requested councilmembers to limit their comments to five minutes or less or he would institute a timer on councilmembers.

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

Interim City Attorney Dave Aleshire stated that there was no reportable action taken for the three litigation matters regarding Point Molate. Mr. Aleshire reported that with regard to the City of Richmond vs. Thomas K. Butt litigation, they were trying to work out a settlement of the case. There was a motion made by Vice Mayor Johnson III, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez, that passed with a vote of 5-0, Councilmember Bates abstained, and Mayor Butt was absent, directing staff to work on a settlement agreement and return to a future open session with a contract for legal fees. The performance evaluation matter was discussed, the direction given to staff was to follow up on some matters, and no reportable action was taken. The Terminal One matter was not discussed. Mr. Aleshire reported that with regard to the city attorney appointment matter, there was a discussion of the recruitment process which was ongoing.

S. REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER (public comment allowed under Open Forum)

Interim City Manager Shasa Curl announced that the City of Richmond was awarded \$1.3 million in grant funding to support the implementation of the Cannabis Equity Program and equity applicants starting and expanding cannabis businesses. Ms. Curl provided an update on the accomplishments made by the Economic Development Division for cannabis equity. Ms. Curl announced the application deadline for the Hidden Genius Juniors Project Intensive Immersion Program was on February 18, 2022. Ms. Curl welcomed the community to call (510) 620-6512 with questions regarding the programs.

T. REPORT FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION SUB-COMMITTEE FOR REIMAGINING TASK FORCE (public comment allowed under Open Forum)

Subcommittee Member Marcus Njissang presented a PowerPoint that highlighted the following: unhoused intervention; Community Crisis Response Program; Office of Neighborhood Safety; and YouthWORKS. The council requested the subcommittee to consider holding publicly open meetings with recordings, and for the city attorney to review the Brown Act concerns, and provide a legal opinion.

U. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals gave comments via teleconference:

Maeve Bergman recommended the California Apprenticeship Initiative, High Road Training Partnerships grant, and Workforce Investment Community College grant as resources for youth workforce development.

Ms. Bergman, Terry Dunn, and Katherine Rubie expressed concerns regarding multiple fires at the Rydin Road encampment. Ms. Bergman and Ms. Rubie requested medical and management case support for the unhoused community. Ms. Rubie recommended that there be a clause that enables intervention at the encampment by police in dangerous

situations. Ms. Rubie gave comments in support of Item Y.3, regarding non-residential junior accessory dwelling units.

Mark Wassberg gave comments regarding Item P.1, concerning the election of the vice mayor. Mr. Wassberg also gave comments regarding documents signed by former Vice Mayor Johnson III on the mayor's signature line. Mr. Wassberg expressed concerns regarding the Richmond Progressive Alliance.

Deborah Small expressed concerns regarding the lack of equity for arrests concerning the Cannabis Equity Program. Ms. Small gave comments regarding the Implementation Subcommittee of the Reimagining Public Safety Community (RPSC) Task Force.

Karla Perez expressed concerns regarding the lack of parking caused by the City of Richmond at the Monterey Pine Apartments due to repairs and maintenance. Ms. Perez gave comments regarding the length of City Council meetings and late start times.

Alfredo Angulo, B.K. White, Lupe Chavez, Robert Travis, Elvira Figueroa, Brandon Wilkens, Raylynn McIntire, Tony Tamayo, and Dani Zacky gave comments in support of Item V.3.b regarding a safe and fair contract for workers at the Chevron Refinery in Richmond.

Jessi Taran reported that the fires at the Rydin Road encampment were caused by one individual. Ms. Taran expressed concerns regarding the lack of security cameras at the encampment. Ms. Taran urged the council to support Item V.3.b.

Ramon Quintana, Lea Murray, Payton Silket, and Brenda Boman expressed concerns regarding safety issues at the Rydin Road encampment and urged the council to remove the individual causing the safety concerns. Ms. Quintana also expressed concerns regarding Rydin Road encampment residents with medical conditions.

Marisol Cantu and Jamin Pursell gave comments in support of Item V.3.b and the RPSC Task Force Implementation Subcommittee update.

V. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Willis

Seconded by Councilmember Johnson III

To approve all items on the Consent Calendar except Item V.8.a and with Mayor Butt voting no on Item V.7.b.

Ayes (7): Councilmember Bates, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Johnson III, Councilmember Willis, Councilmember McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Martinez, and Mayor Butt

Passed (7 to 0)

V.1 City Attorney's Office

V.1.a Adopt a Resolution Amending the City of Richmond's Conflict of Interest Code

ADOPT a resolution amending the City of Richmond's Conflict of Interest Code to ensure that all City positions required to file Statements of Economic Interest are properly identified – City Attorney's Office (Interim City Attorney Dave Aleshire 510-620-6509).

Adopted Resolution No. 15-22

V.2 City Clerk's Office

- V.2.a Continued use of teleconferencing for the meetings of all City legislative bodies pursuant to the provisions of Assembly Bill (Ab) 361

ADOPT a resolution requiring the continued use of teleconferencing for the meetings of all City legislative bodies pursuant to the provisions of Assembly Bill 361 – City Clerk’s Office (Pamela Christian 510-620-6513).

Adopted Resolution No. 16-22

V.3 City Council

- V.3.a Rename Baseball Diamond #2 at Nicholl Park in Honor of National Hero Willie Mays

APPROVE a request to rename Baseball Diamond Field #2 at Nicholl Park to Willie Mays Baseball Field; and ADOPT a Resolution of Intent to set a public hearing for March 1, 2022 - Councilmembers Nathaniel Bates (510-620-6743) and Melvin Willis (510- 412-2050).

Adopted Resolution of Intention No. 921

- V.3.b Support of a safe and fair contract for refinery workers at Chevron, Richmond, CA

ADOPT a resolution of the Richmond City Council in support of a safe and fair contract for Refinery workers at Chevron in Richmond, California; and DIRECT staff to send a copy of the resolution and cover letter to the Chevron CEO John Watson - Councilmembers Claudia Jimenez (510-620-6565) and Eduardo Martinez (510-620-6593).

Adopted Resolution No. 17-22

V.4 Community Development

- V.4.a Contract with West Contra Costa Public Education Fund (Edfund West) to Support Richmond Residents Impacted by Covid through the Richmond Rapid Response Fund (R3F).

APPROVE a sole source contract with West Contra Costa Public Education Fund (EdFund West) to manage the distribution of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to support Richmond residents impacted by COVID through the Richmond Rapid Response Fund (R3F), in an amount not to exceed \$600,000, for a term from February 15, 2022, to December 31, 2024 – Community Development Department (Lina Velasco 620-6706).

V.5 Economic Development

- V.5.a Lease Agreement - Richmond Police Activities League

ADOPT a resolution approving the lease agreement between the City of Richmond and the Richmond Police Activities League (“RPAL”) (as lessee), for the construction and maintenance of a parking lot and an option for a community garden and supportive programs at 175 23rd Street, for a ten (10) year term with two (2) successive five (5) year option periods, at an annual rate of \$1.00 per year – City Manager’s Office (Craig Murray 510-307-8188).

Adopted Resolution No. 18-22 with amendments discussed during Agenda Review.

V.5.b Authorization to Apply for Calrecycle Grants

ADOPT a resolution authorizing the city manager or their designee to submit grant applications for any and all CalRecycle grants for which the City of Richmond is eligible; and if any grants are awarded, to ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE into the budget - City Manager's Office (Shasa Curl/Samantha Carr 510-620-5407).

Adopted Resolution No. 19-22

V.6 Human Resources

V.6.a Contract with Governmentjobs.com dba NeoGov and Governmentjobs.com Job Postings.

APPROVE a sole-source contract with Governmentjobs.com dba NeoGov for software support and a subscription for job postings to the public - Human Resources Department (Anil Comelo 510-620-6609).

V.7 Library and Community Services

V.7.a Approval of the Juneteenth Freedom Mural Project and Resolution of Intent to Rename

APPROVE the Juneteenth Freedom Mural Project at the South 37th Street Underpass; ADOPT a resolution of Intention to rename the South 37th Street Underpass to Juneteenth Freedom Underpass; and RESCHEDULE a Public Hearing previously scheduled for February 15, 2022, to March 1, 2022 – Community Services Department (LaShonda White/Ranjana Maharaj/Stephanie Ny 510-620-6563). This item was continued from the February 1, 2022, meeting.

Adopted Resolution of Intention No. 922

V.7.b Contract with HR&A Advisors, Inc. to support American Rescue Plan Act Community Needs Assessment and Strategic Investment Plan Development

APPROVE a contract with HR&A Advisors, Inc. to conduct a community needs assessment and develop and implement a strategic investment plan to provide guidance on spending the City's remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation, for a total amount not to exceed \$250,000, with a term from February 16, 2022, to June 30, 2023 – Library and Community Services (LaShonda White 510-620-6512).

Mayor Butt voted no on this item.

V.8 Public Works

V.8.a Booker T. Anderson Community Center Fire Restoration Project

APPROVE a construction contract with Angotti & Reilly Inc. for the Booker T. Anderson Community Center Fire Restoration Project, located at 960 S. 47th St., Richmond, in an amount not to exceed \$2,583,900 including \$2,349,000 low bid plus \$234,900 contingency; and APPROPRIATE the funding from the Risk Management fund balance. There will be a reimbursement from insurance for the majority of the cost – Public Works Department (Joe Leach 510-620-5478).

Continued to the March 1, 2022, City Council meeting.

W. BUDGET SESSION

W.1 Final Adjustments to Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget

RECEIVE an update on the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget – City Manager’s Office/Finance Department (Shasa Curl/Anil Comelo/Belinda Brown/Antonio Banuelos 510-620-6740). This item was continued from the February 1, 2022, meeting.

Interim City Manager Shasa Curl introduced the matter. Ms. Curl, Director of Finance Belinda Brown, and Interim Deputy City Manager Anil Comelo presented a PowerPoint that highlighted the following: Richmond Housing Authority liability; General Fund revenues vs. expenditures; original and additional adopted proposed surplus uses and final uses; and next steps including community budget meetings. Discussion ensued. The council requested clarification on the correct amount that was in the reserves. Ms. Curl clarified that staff’s intention for the item implemented the recommendations contained in the staff report because the city had to try to comply with the auditor’s recommendations.

Motion by Councilmember McLaughlin

Seconded by Councilmember Bates

To receive said budget update.

Ayes (7): Councilmember Bates, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Johnson III, Councilmember Willis, Councilmember McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Martinez, and Mayor Butt

Passed (7 to 0)

W.2 City of Richmond Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

RECEIVE a report on the City’s Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 – Finance Department (Belinda Brown/Delmy Cuellar 510-620-6740). This item was continued from the February 1, 2022, meeting.

Interim City Manager Shasa Curl introduced the matter. Director of Finance Belinda Brown and Badawi & Associates Certified Public Accountant Ahmed Badawi presented a PowerPoint that highlighted the following: engagement team; deliverables and scope of the audit; areas of primary audit emphasis; auditors report and financial statement; General Fund; pension plan and other post-employment benefits; required communications; and new accounting standards. Discussion ensued. Jessi Taran gave comments via teleconference. Further discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Johnson III

Seconded by Vice Mayor Martinez

To receive said report.

Ayes (5): Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Johnson III, Councilmember Willis, Councilmember McLaughlin, and Vice Mayor Martinez

Noes (1): Mayor Butt

Absent (1): Councilmember Bates

Passed (5 to 1)

X. PUBLIC HEARINGS

City Clerk Pamela Christian announced that it was time, pursuant to public notice, to hold the following public hearings:

X.1 Appeal of Planning Commission's approval of a conditional use permit and design review (PLN20-043)

ADOPT a resolution denying the appeal and affirming the Planning Commission's conditional approval of a Conditional Use Permit and Design Review, to construct a single-family residence on a vacant parcel located within the RL1 zoning district and -S, Shoreline overlay district at 357 Western Drive – Community Development Department (Lina Velasco 510-620-6706). This item was continued from the December 7, 2021, January 11, 2022, January 18, 2022, and February 1, 2022, meetings. The public hearing was closed on the item and was for council discussion and resolution only.

Director of Community Development Lina Velasco introduced the matter and provided a brief overview.

Motion by Councilmember Willis

Seconded by Councilmember Jimenez

To deny the appeal and uphold the Planning Commission's decision.

Ayes (6): Councilmember Bates, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Johnson III, Councilmember Willis, Councilmember McLaughlin, and Vice Mayor Martinez

Noes (1): Mayor Butt

Passed (6 to 1)

Substitute Motion by Mayor Butt

Substitute motion to uphold the appeal died for the lack of a second.

The main motion passed and adopted **Resolution No. 20-22** denying the appeal and upholding the Planning Commission's decision.

X.2 Approval of New Fees for the Revised Master Fee Schedule

INTRODUCE an ordinance (first reading) establishing certain fees for the proposed Master Fee Schedule - Finance Department (Belinda Brown 510-620-6740/Antonio Banuelos 510-620- 6741).

Accounting Manager Antonio Banuelos introduced the matter. Mr. Banuelos presented a PowerPoint that highlighted updated fees, new fees, and next steps. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Johnson III

Seconded by Vice Mayor Martinez

To introduce the ordinance for first reading passed and said ordinance received first reading and was laid over for two weeks for second reading.

Ayes (6): Councilmember Bates, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Johnson III, Councilmember McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Martinez, and Mayor Butt

Absent (1): Councilmember Willis

Passed (6 to 0)

Y. NEW BUSINESS

Y.1 Cease Expending Funds of Litigation Against the Mayor.

CEASE expending funds to litigate the mayor – Councilmember Nathaniel Bates (510-620-6743).

Councilmember Bates introduced the matter and discussion ensued. Mark Wassberg and Deborah Small gave comments via teleconference.

Motion by Councilmember Bates

To table the matter.

Amended Motion by Councilmember Bates

To withdraw the item from the agenda.

Died for lack of second

Substitute Motion by Mayor Butt

Substitute motion to approve the matter.

Died for lack of second

No further action was taken on Item Y.1.

Y.2 Prioritization and Control of City Council Meeting Agenda Items and Discussion

APPROVE a procedure to expedite City business by establishing a time limit on City Council discussions and allow the mayor, city clerk, and city manager to prioritize the City Council agendas – Councilmember Nathaniel Bates (510-620-6743).

Councilmember Bates introduced the matter and discussion ensued. *(At 11:00 p.m. – a motion made by Councilmember Johnson III, seconded by Councilmember Bates, to extend the meeting to complete the last item on the agenda passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Bates, Jimenez, Johnson III, McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Martinez, and Mayor Butt. Noes: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Councilmember Willis).* The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Sally Tobin, Mark Wassberg, and Deborah Small.

Motion by Councilmember Bates

Seconded by Mayor Butt

To allow the city manager, mayor, and city clerk to prioritize City Council agenda items.

Ayes (2): Councilmember Bates and Mayor Butt

Noes (3): Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember McLaughlin, and Vice Mayor Martinez

Abstentions (1): Councilmember Johnson III

Absent (1): Councilmember Willis

Failed (2 to 3)

Y.3 Amend the Richmond Municipal Code to add new section 9.40.019 Non-residential Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit JADU Pilot Program

INTRODUCE an ordinance amending the Richmond Municipal Code to add new section 9.40.019 to allow Junior Accessory Dwelling Units in non-residential buildings during a Shelter Crisis – Mayor Tom Butt (510-620-6503).

Mayor Butt introduced the matter and provided a summary overview. Discussion ensued. Mayor Butt agreed to modify the amendment to include language that as long as the housing emergency was in effect, the occupant could remain in the unit and continue to occupy the unit after the housing emergency, but may not rent any new units after that. Councilmember McLaughlin requested verification if the emergency shelter ordinance was just for unhoused individuals or not and confirmation of rent control applicability with a shared bathroom. *(At 11:30 p.m. – a motion made by Councilmember McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Johnson III, to suspend the rules and extend the meeting to complete Item Y.3, passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Bates, Jimenez, Johnson III, McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Martinez, and Mayor Butt. Noes: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Councilmember Willis).* Mark Wassberg and Leticia Chavez gave comments via teleconference.

Motion by Vice Mayor Martinez

Seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin

To return the matter back to staff to study more and bring back a more flushed out ordinance amendment for the council's consideration.

Substitute Motion by Mayor Butt

Seconded by Councilmember Bates

A substitution motion to pass said ordinance amendment on the first reading with the addition that once an individual was occupying a unit, they could remain in the unit past the end of the shelter crisis but no new units could be created after the shelter crisis.

Ayes (5): Councilmember Bates, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Johnson III, Councilmember McLaughlin, and Mayor Butt

Noes (1): Vice Mayor Martinez

Absent (1): Councilmember Willis

Passed (5 to 1)

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

None.

AA. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:38 p.m., to meet again on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

Mayor

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good Evening Mayor Butt, Council Members and staff, I have a couple of comments for the Record

1. Shasa has done a wonderful job as the Interim City Manager
2. Also She follows the direction of the City Council as well as Department Heads

Sincerely
Cordell

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good Evening Mayor Butt, Council Members and Staff,

I have a couple of comments for the Record

1. for a Future Agenda,

The Council would Invite the Folks from the Northern California Promise Coalition to talk about Their Programs

2. Also to Have DR Hurst to Provide an Update on the School District

Sincerely
Cordell

From: [Katherine Rubie](#)
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Dear Honorable Mayor Butt and Richmond City Council Members Bates, Martinez, Jimenez, McLaughlin, Johnson, and Willis:

My name is Katherine Rubie, and I live in Newark. I'm also a leader in Faith In Action East Bay (FIAEB). My interest in Richmond specifically is because my family have been long time residents there, as well as the fact that I spent some time in Richmond while I was homeless in 2019 during a temporary job opportunity I was able to take advantage of which enabled me to be sheltered at that time. Because of my experience of being homeless, I have become committed to ending homelessness through various means.

My concern tonight is specifically centered around my support of the people residing at the homeless encampment at Rydin Road. I've recently become aware there is a resident of this encampment who is starting fires, which I need not mention is a hazard to the residents and property of the encampment as well as the surrounding community. I would like to suggest an eviction clause, which allows the eviction of people who are a danger to themselves and/or others, rather than a blanket non-eviction decision. However, I do not feel it is helpful to simply evict such people, because they will simply move to another area in which those behaviors can continue. I would like to suggest that such people be presented with available and viable options in receiving the help they need while being strongly encouraged to take advantage of one of those choices (and I want to emphasize there should be more than one option presented because choice is vital), and then given the support needed in connecting with that resource (such as, making a phone call on their behalf to make an appointment, arrange for a ride, or even directly provide a ride for this person). And if a given behavior is illegal, I would also like to suggest the offending person be apprehended, placed in a situation that is safe, while such people are evaluated for mental illness versus someone who is willfully engaging in illegal behavior, then appropriate action taken.

In addition, I would hope that immediate action is taken to medically support the

gravely ill and injured persons residing there. It is inappropriate to leave such people in such conditions that will only lead to worse health and potential death, and could potentially lead to additional health concerns for other people living in proximity to such persons.

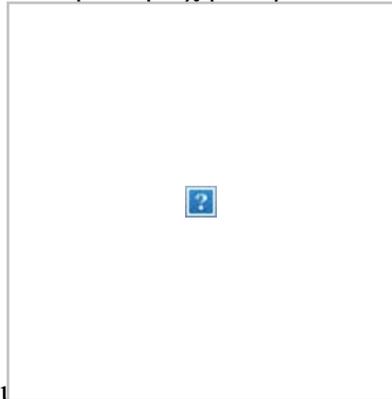
And finally, I want to go on record for supporting Y.3, which supports non-residential buildings be utilized to shelter the unhoused and V. 4a to support Richmond residents in need, and specifically some of that money be used for a Universal Basic Income for the unhoused at Rydin Rd.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration on these important matters for making Richmond a safer and more welcoming community for all of its residents (housed and unhoused) as well as its employees and visitors.

Sincerely,

Katherine Rubie
Resident of Newark
Leader in Faith In Action East Bay (FIAEB)

The difference between success and failure is continuing to try or giving up.
Είθε η καλή τύχη να έρθει στο δρόμο μου για πάντα περσιότερο - είθε να είνα



From: [Theresa](#)
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Dear City Council Members,

Re: May Valley Traffic Issues/Sideshow

During the October 26th, 2021 meeting the council unanimously voted to have the May Valley Neighborhood Council take the lead in making recommendations for an engineering solution to the May/Santa Rita Road intersection with the intent of the Public Works installing whatever the recommendation might be. Acting Police Chief, Louie Tirona presented [slides](#) that provided an overview of some options. In addition, the MVNC invited the Public Works Director, Joe Leach, Patrick Phelan and Ryan McLain to a meeting on February 10th and they also presented several suggestion that would greatly improve the safety of this intersection. As a resident in this community for over 30 years I would like a definitive answer to the following-

- **What is the estimated timeline and the proposed budget for this project?**
- **How can we get this implemented as soon as possible?**

The issue is getting progressively worse and something needs to be done in a timely manner. The Road Diet with extended curbs and a Traffic Circle seems to make the most sense for this extremely wide street in a residential area.

Best regards,

Theresa Short

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Good evening,

Please find my written commentary on letterhead signed by my staff in support of the item **#V.4.a on the consent calendar**. (Contract with West Contra Costa Public Education Fund (Edfund West) to Support Richmond Residents Impacted by Covid through the Richmond Rapid Response Fund (R3F).

The comment is here as well.

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R3F is enthusiastic to continue to serve Richmond residents in our community vision for stabilization.

Sincerely, Jasmine Jones, Executive Director
Jessica Travenia R3F Program Officer

Best regards,

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Good Evening Mayor Butt, Council Members and staff,

I do Appreciate the Hard Work that the City Manager's Office and the Finance Department put together for this Report

Sincerely
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I Must Commend the Finance Department for the work on the Comprehensive Report

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From: [Jeannette Kortz](#)
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Y.2. Prioritization and Control of City Council Meeting Agenda Items and Discussion

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APPROVE a procedure to expedite City business by establishing a time limit on City Council discussions and allow the mayor, city clerk, and city manager to prioritize the City Council agendas – Councilmember Nathaniel Bates (510-620-6743).

Dear Members of the Richmond City Council,

I am writing in opposition to agenda Item Y-2. At the prior City Council meeting dated February 1, 2021, specifically Agenda **Item Q-1 - Potential Formation of a Community Facilities District for Point Molate**, Mr. Bates apparently did not like the questions being asked by Claudia Jimenez, nor the responses given to those questions. He interrupted Council Member Jimenez during her questioning, and did so out of turn. I believe agenda item Y-2 is being put forth to silence city council members from asking pertinent questions so they can intelligently inform themselves, and make the right decision on how to vote on an agenda item. I find this agenda item highly undemocratic.

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Again, council members should be allowed to ask questions and not be interrupted by other council members during questioning, nor should there be a time limit on their questioning. Asking questions and getting answers makes for an informed council member, which equals an informed vote.

Thank you for your time.

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Richmond Resident

Council member McLaughlin had some questions and was not allowed to ask them

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