

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA,

April 1, 2025, 3:30 p.m.
Community Services Building
440 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804

A. OPEN SESSION TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION

The Open Session was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Mayor Eduardo Martinez.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Jamelia Brown, Doria Robinson, Sue Wilson, Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez. **Absent:** Councilmembers Soheila Bana and Claudia Jimenez were absent for the entire meeting.

C. JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND/SURPLUS PROPERTY AUTHORITY MEETING

C.1 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)

- One case

C.2 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54957.6)

- Agency Representatives: Sharrone Taylor, Jack Hughes, Lisa Charbonneau

Employee organizations:

1. SEIU Local 1021 Full Time Unit and Part Time Unit
2. IFPTE Local 21 Mid-Level Management Unit and Executive Management Units
3. Richmond Police Officers Association RPOA
4. Richmond Police Management Association RPMA
5. IAFF Local 188
6. Richmond Fire Management Association RFMA

C.3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (paragraph (1) of Subdivision [d] of Government Code Section 54956.9)

- Winehaven Legacy LLC v. City of Richmond
- Guidiville Rancheria of California, et al. v. United States of America, et al.

SURPLUS PROPERTY AUTHORITY

C.4 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (paragraph (1) of Subdivision [d] of Government Code Section 54956.9)

- Surplus Property Authority of the City of Richmond v. Riggers Loft Wine Company

D. PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION (limited to items on the Closed Session agenda only)

Cordell Hindler gave comments regarding Riggers Loft and spoke in support of favorable union negotiations for city employees.

E. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Open Session adjourned at 3:33 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

F. REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND HOUSING AUTHORITY

The meeting was called to order at 5:24 p.m. by Chair Eduardo Martinez.

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Eduardo Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

H. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Jamelia Brown, Doria Robinson, Sue Wilson, Vice Chair Zepeda, Chair Eduardo Martinez, and Tenant Commissioner Scott. **Absent:** Commissioners Soheila Bana and Claudia Jimenez were absent for the entire meeting.

I. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

J. AGENDA REVIEW

None.

K. HOUSING AUTHORITY OPEN FORUM

Cordell Hindler stated that the City Council should approve the Housing Authority Consent Calendar.

L. HOUSING AUTHORITY CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Chair Eduardo Martinez

Seconded by Commissioner Doria Robinson

Ayes (6): Commissioners Jamelia Brown, Doria Robinson, Sue Wilson, Vice Chair Cesar Zepeda, Chair Eduardo Martinez, and Tenant Commissioner Scott

Absent (2): Commissioners Soheila Bana and Claudia Jimenez

Passed

L.1 Contract with Door and Window Guard Systems, Inc. for Installation at Nystrom Village

ADOPT a resolution authorizing a contract for \$150,000 with Door and Window Guard Systems, Inc., beginning April 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028, for installation and removal of steel door and window guards at vacant units located within Nystrom Village – Richmond Housing Authority (Gregory Palomino 510-621-1300/Antoinette Terrell 510-620-6784).

Adopted **Resolution No. 2207.**

L.2 On Call Contract with Net Electric for services at Nystrom Village

ADOPT a resolution to approve a contract with Net Electric for on-call the residential electric services in the amount not to exceed \$60,000 from April 1, 2025, to April 1, 2028, with the option to extend for up to two additional years at \$20,000 per year for a total not to exceed amount of \$100,000 to support unit

turnover activities and work orders at Nystrom Village - Richmond Housing Authority (Antoinette Terrell/Gregory Palomino 510-621-1361).

Adopted **Resolution No. 2208**.

L.3 Housing Authority Meeting Minutes

APPROVE the minutes of the December 3, 2024, regular meeting and the December 17, 2024, and January 21, 2025, special meetings - City Clerk's Office (Pamela Christian 510-620-6513).

M. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

N. REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order at 5:27 p.m. by Mayor Eduardo Martinez.

O. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

P. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Jamelia Brown, Doria Robinson, Sue Wilson, Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez. **Absent:** Councilmembers Soheila Bana and Claudia Jimenez were absent for the entire meeting.

Q. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councilmember Robinson stated a conflict of interest on *Item V.3.b - International Travel Request for TCC Project Coordinator*. Councilmember Robinson was the executive director of Urban Tilth, who was a recipient of a TCC grant. The item was voted on separate from the other items on the Consent Calendar. City Attorney Dave Aleshire advised Councilmember Robinson to leave the dais at the time the item would be voted on by the City Council.

R. AGENDA REVIEW

None.

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

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- One case

The item was discussed. No reportable action was taken.

C.2 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54957.6)

- Agency Representatives: Sharrone Taylor, Jack Hughes, Lisa Charbonneau

Employee organizations:

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3. Richmond Police Officers Association RPOA
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6. Richmond Fire Management Association RFMA

A status report was given, and direction was given to the city negotiators. No reportable action was taken.

**C.3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
(paragraph (1) of Subdivision [d] of Government Code Section 54956.9)**

- Winehaven Legacy LLC v. City of Richmond • Guidiville Rancheria of California, et al. v. United States of America, et al.

Item was not discussed.

SURPLUS PROPERTY AUTHORITY

**C.4 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
(paragraph (1) of Subdivision [d] of Government Code Section 54956.9)**

- Surplus Property Authority of the City of Richmond v. Riggers Loft Wine Company

A status report was given. Direction was given to the city negotiators. No reportable action was taken.

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

City Manager Shasa Curl presented the report.

Link to presentation: [City Manager Report](#)

T.1 NEW EMPLOYEE REPORT - 1st Tuesday

Human Resources Director, Sharrone Taylor presented the report.

Link to presentation: [New Employee Report](#)

U. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

(public comment on items that remain on the Consent Calendar or items not on the agenda - limited to 2 minutes unless otherwise specified - Back and forth dialogue with the Council is prohibited)

Cordell Hindler stated that a portion of the Chevron settlement funds should be used for fixing buildings in disrepair. Mr. Hindler also presented proclamations to the city council.

Mark Wassberg gave comments regarding transgenders.

Jamin Pursell invited everyone to the Richmond Rainbow Pride event on June 1, 2025, at Richmond Civic Center. Mr. Pursell also requested that the increase in dog-biting incidents was investigated.

Steve Price gave comments regarding multi-modal mobility and stated there was a Go Green Mobility Fair at the El Cerrito Bart Station on April 26, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

V. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

(All items placed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and noncontroversial. These items will be enacted upon together with a motion and second, without discussion, of any member of the City Council, and each item shall be deemed to have received the action recommended.)

Councilmember Robinson stated a conflict of interest on **Item V.3.b - International Travel Request for TCC Project Coordinator**. This item was voted on separate from the rest of the consent calendar and Councilmember Robinson left the dais at that time of the vote.

Motion by Councilmember Sue Wilson

Seconded by Councilmember Jamelia Brown

Ayes (5): Councilmember Jamelia Brown, Councilmember Doria Robinson, Councilmember Sue Wilson, Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez

Absent (2): Councilmember Soheila Bana, and Councilmember Claudia Jimenez

Passed

V.1 City Attorney's Office

V.1.a Legal Services Agreement with Boucher Law PC

APPROVE a legal services agreement with Boucher Law P.C. for a term of November 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, for a total amount not to exceed amount of \$125,000, for confidential personnel investigation matters – City Attorney’s Office/Human Resources Department (Dave Aleshire/Shannon Moore/Nickie Mastay/Sharrone Taylor 510-620-6600).

V.1.b Fourth Amendment to the Legal Services Agreement (“LSA”) with Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP.

APPROVE a fourth amendment to the Legal Services Agreement with Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP, in the amount of \$110,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$250,000, with a term ending on December 30, 2026, to continue representing the City in municipal law matters, including personnel matters and litigation – City Attorney’s Office (Kimberly Chin 510-620-6709/Shannon Moore 510-620-6509).

V.2 City Clerk's Office

V.2.a Meeting Minutes

APPROVE the minutes of the February 18, 2025, and February 25, 2025, regular City Council meetings - City Clerk's Office (Pamela Christian 510-620-6513).

V.3 Community Development

V.3.a Contract Amendment No. 2 with Civica Law Group, APC

APPROVE second amendment to the Legal Services Agreement with Civica Law Group, APC to increase the contract amount by \$650,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,135,600.44, for a term through June 30, 2027, to provide legal representation, advice, and assistance to the City of Richmond regarding code enforcement matters and to continue the City’s Health and Safety Receivership Program - Community Development Department (Lina Velasco/Eva Mann 510-620-6841).

V.3.b International Travel Request for TCC Project Coordinator

APPROVE international travel for Transformative Climate Communities Project Coordinator Ms. Beatriz Guerrero Auna to attend the 2025 Urban Land Institute (ULI) Health Leaders Network Convening in the

Netherlands not to exceed \$2,250 in funding - Community Development Department (Lina Velasco/Beatriz Guerrero 510-620-5450).

Councilmember Robinson recused herself from voting on this item due to conflict of interest and left the dais during the council's vote on the item.

Motion by Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda

Seconded by Councilmember Sue Wilson

Ayes (4): Councilmember Jamelia Brown, Councilmember Sue Wilson, Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez

Absent (3): Councilmember Soheila Bana, Councilmember Claudia Jimenez, and Councilmember Doria Robinson

Passed

V.3.c Contract Amendment No.1 with Contra Costa County Health for ERF-2R Program Project Management

APPROVE a contract amendment No.1 with Contra Costa Health's Health, Housing, and Human Services (H3) Department to increase the contract amount by \$2,875,440, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,306,079, for a term extending through June 30, 2026, to provide project management, rapid rehousing services, and shelter bed services for the City's Encampment Resolution Funding Round 2 project – Community Development Department (Lina Velasco/Jesus M. Morales 510-620-6649).

V.4 Library and Community Services

V.4.a Richmond Workforce Development Board Application as a Adult and Dislocated Worker Career Services Provider

APPROVE the submittal of the application to the Governor of the State of California for the Richmond Workforce Development Board to serve as a Adult and Dislocated Worker Career Services Provider – Community Service Department, Employment and Training Division (Tamara Walker 510-307-8006).

V.4.b Richmond Workforce Development Board Recertification Application

APPROVE the submission of the California Workforce Development Board Local Area Subsequent Designation and Local Board Recertification Application for the Richmond Workforce Development Board for Program Year 2025-27 – Community Services Department, Employment and Training Division (Tamara Walker 510-307-8006).

V.5 Mayor's Office

V.5.a Reappointment of Tomasa Espinoza to the Richmond Rent Board

REAPPOINT Tomasa Espinoza to the Richmond Rent Board, term expires March 31, 2027 – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

V.5.b Reappointment of Elena Velazquez to the Richmond Youth Council

REAPPOINT Elena Velazquez to the Richmond Youth Council, term expires October 1, 2025 – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

- V.5.c Amend Ordinance No. 08-21 N.S. to Establish a Biannual Report from the Richmond Arts and Culture Division Manager

DIRECT the City Attorney's Office to draft an amendment to Ordinance No. 08-21 N.S. requiring the arts and culture division manager to provide a biannual written report and deliver an in-person presentation to the Richmond City Council, with the proposed amendment to be prepared within 45 days - Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-621-1275), Councilmember Claudia Jimenez (510-620-6565), and Councilmember Doria Robinson (510-620-6565).

- V.5.d Declaring April 2025 as Alcohol Awareness Month

PROCLAMATION Declaring April 2025 as Alcohol Awareness Month – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

V.6 Public Works

- V.6.a Accept and Appropriate One Bay Area Grant 3 Funds and Contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc..

ADOPT a resolution to ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE One Bay Area Grant 3 funds in the amount of \$1,674,702.81 to the Bayview to BART Improvement Project; and AUTHORIZE the city manager or her designee to execute a contract in an amount not to exceed \$565,116.36, with a term beginning March 25, 2025, through December 31, 2026, with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for engineering design services for the Bayview to BART Project – Public Works Department (Hillal Hamdan 510-621-1612/Robert Armijo 510-620-5477/Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478).

Adopted **Resolution No. 29-25.**

- V.6.b Appropriate Measure J Funds for Blue Curb Policy Development

ADOPT a resolution to ALLOCATE and APPROPRIATE funds in the amount of \$120,000 from Measure J Fund 2002 to develop a comprehensive policy for providing on-street blue curb parking spaces - Public Works Department (Janney Lockman 510-307-8097/Robert Armijo 510-620-5477/Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478).

Adopted **Resolution No. 30-25.**

- V.6.c Preparation of the Engineer's Report for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for the Marina Bay Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District

ADOPT a resolution ordering the preparation of the annual engineer's report for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 regarding improvements and costs for the Marina Bay Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District – Public Works Department (Jason Lacey 510-620-6920).

Adopted **Resolution No. 31-25.**

W. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NOT BEFORE 5:00 P.M.

W.1 Extension of Moratorium on New Tobacco Retailers

City Clerk Pamela Christian announced that it was time set pursuant to public notice to hold a public hearing to ADOPT an urgency ordinance, pursuant to Government Code Section 65858, extending the temporary moratorium on the issuance of new permit, license, or entitlement for any new tobacco retailer in the City of Richmond for an additional 12 months, until April 15, 2026. This

ordinance is intended to preserve the status quo, and it will not cause a direct physical change in the environment, nor a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. The enactment of this ordinance, therefore, does not constitute the approval of a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), and it is exempt from CEQA. (Pub. Res. Code § 21065, CEQA Guidelines §§ 15060(c)(2)(3); 15061(b)(3); 15064(d)(3); 15378(a)) - Community Development Department (Lina Velasco/Eva Mann 510-621-1220).

Planning Director Lina Velasco and Acting Planning Manager Avery Stark presented a PowerPoint.

Link to presentation: [Tobacco Moratorium](#)

Mayor Martinez opened the public hearing. Cordell Hindler, Mark Wassberg, Aslum, Oscar Garcia, Ahmad Anderson, Kathleen Sullivan, Monica Marquez, Arto Rinteela, and Ali Wohlgemuth gave comments.

Mayor Martinez closed the public hearing. Discussion ensued.

There were currently 83 smoke shops operating in Richmond and of those, 51 did not have a valid tobacco retailer license.

A public workshop regarding tobacco retailers would be held virtually and in the City Council Chambers on April 9, 2025.

The city council requested the following: that staff develop additional regulations; determine the definition of tobacco retailer and of new retailers; ensure compliance with proximity of businesses to each other and schools; educate vendors on new tobacco laws; look into how the city can enforce the closure of businesses who are out of compliance; develop a reasonable staffing plan to perform enforcement in house; return with a list of businesses with lapsed licenses to decide if they could be given the opportunity to come into compliance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robinson, seconded by Councilmember Wilson to adopt the urgency ordinance to extend the moratorium with the following conditions: that any business that had a previous tobacco license between 2018-2024 would have an opportunity to renew that license even if a renewal period was missed, but the business must have a valid business license to be eligible for that condition and; must be the same owner and was not transferable; extend the moratorium for all others; and that staff return with a list of retailers that could be granted conditional permits who were not selling illicit products and support the effort to protect the health and wellness of the community; legacy tobacco vendors with a valid business license would be allowed to sell during the moratorium; any business that was discovered selling illegal goods would not be offered the same opportunity.

Mayor Martinez offered a friendly amendment that staff look into the billing process so that businesses would have an opportunity to pay their license fee in a timely manner.

Councilmember Robinson and Wilson accepted the friendly amendment.

Adopted **Ordinance No. 09-25 N.S.**

Motion by Councilmember Doria Robinson

Seconded by Councilmember Sue Wilson

Ayes (5): Councilmember Jamelia Brown, Councilmember Doria Robinson, Councilmember Sue Wilson, Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez

Absent (2): Councilmember Soheila Bana, and Councilmember Claudia Jimenez

Passed

W.2 Extension of the Keller Beach Sanitary Sewer Moratorium (2025-2027) – Adoption of Urgency Ordinance

City Clerk Pamela Christian announced that it was time set pursuant to public notice to hold a public hearing to ADOPT an ordinance, pursuant to Government Code Section 65858, extending the existing moratorium (22 months and 15 days) on the issuance of building permits requiring a new sewer connection to the Keller Beach Sanitary Sewer (KBSS) and declaring the urgency thereof pursuant to Government Code Section 65858. The ordinance is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as it maintains the existing physical environment and prevents changes in the environment, thereby having no potential for direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(a)). It is also exempt under Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(2), as the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. There is no possibility that adoption of this ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment because it maintains the existing condition of the environment Section 15061(b)(3) - Public Works Department (Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478/ Robert Armijo 510-620-5477/Mary Phelps 510-621-1269).

Deputy Public Works Director/City Engineer Robert Armijo and Water Resource Division Manager Mary Phelps presented a PowerPoint.

Link to presentation: [Keller Beach Sanitary Sewer Moratorium](#)

Mayor Martinez opened the public hearing open.

Joseph John, Norm Hantzsche, and Don Mill gave comments.

Mayor Martinez closed the public hearing. Discussion ensued.

A correction would be made to the second whereas of the ordinance to correct: **WHEREAS**, on February 18, 2025, to February 18, 2025.

A motion was made Mayor Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Wilson to drop the urgency clause and return with a second reading and approve the item as is. Discussion ensued and Mayor Martinez withdrew his motion.

Motion by Councilmember Sue Wilson

Seconded by Mayor Eduardo Martinez

A motion was made to adopt the ordinance. The motion failed because a two-thirds vote was required to adopt an urgency ordinance. Further discussion ensued.

Ayes (4): Councilmember Jamelia Brown, Councilmember Doria Robinson, Councilmember Sue Wilson, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez

Noes (1): Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda

Absent (2): Councilmember Soheila Bana, and Councilmember Claudia Jimenez

Passed

Motion by Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda
Seconded by Councilmember Jamelia Brown

A motion was made to reconsider the failed vote. Further discussion ensued.

Ayes (5): Councilmember Jamelia Brown, Councilmember Doria Robinson, Councilmember Sue Wilson, Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez

Absent (2): Councilmember Soheila Bana, and Councilmember Claudia Jimenez

Passed

Motion by Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda
Seconded by Councilmember Jamelia Brown

A motion was made by Councilmember Zepeda, seconded by Councilmember Brown to adopt the urgency ordinance and direct that the vendor prioritize a feasibility analysis of re-routing sewer lines as a mitigation option.

Adopted **Ordinance No. 10-25 N.S.**

Ayes (5): Councilmember Jamelia Brown, Councilmember Doria Robinson, Councilmember Sue Wilson, Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez

Absent (2): Councilmember Soheila Bana, and Councilmember Claudia Jimenez

Passed

X. NEW BUSINESS

X.1 AB 481 “Military Equipment Use” Annual Report

ADOPT a resolution (1) accepting the 2024 Annual Military Equipment Report; (2) determining that the Police Department’s use of military equipment in 2024 complied with the Department’s Military Equipment Policy No. 707 and state law; and (3) to renew the authorizing Ordinance No. 12-22 N.S. / Military Equipment Use Policy - Police Department (Bisa French 510-621-1802). **THIS ITEM WAS CONTINUED FROM THE MARCH 25, 2025, MEETING AND WILL BE CONTINUED TO THE APRIL 22, 2025, MEETING.**

X.2 Update on Street Sweeping Sign Installation & Data Collection

RECEIVE a presentation on the status of the installation of street sweeping signs citywide; and ADOPT a resolution and APPROPRIATE \$564,131.17 from the fund balance in the SB1 fund for citywide sign, streetlight, and traffic signal pole data collection – Public Works Department (Daniel Chavarria/Tawfic Halaby/Robert Chelemedos 510-231-3008).

Deputy Director of Public Works Tawfic Halaby, Deputy Director of Public Works Robert Armijo presented a PowerPoint.

Link to presentation: [Street Sweeping](#)

The city council requested the following: that text alerts were sent to remind residents about street sweeping days; hire more staff, if needed, for future sign installation and maintenance; make lettering for the hours on the signs larger than the other words and that the signs were red rather than white for better visibility.

Cordell Hindler, Mark Harper, Mark Wassberg, David Wee, Jonas Juhlin, Clarita Griffin, Sandy Jackson, Lori Hart, Shawn Dunning, Emily Ross, and Arto Rentilla.

A motion was made to approve the recommended action, adopt the resolution, and directed staff to investigate the feasibility of starting a text alert program to remind residents of street sweeping days.

Adopted **Resolution No. 32-25**.

Motion by Councilmember Doria Robinson

Seconded by Councilmember Jamelia Brown

Ayes (5): Councilmember Jamelia Brown, Councilmember Doria Robinson, Councilmember Sue Wilson, Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez

Absent (2): Councilmember Soheila Bana, and Councilmember Claudia Jimenez

Passed

X.3 Receive Direction from City Council on Healthy Options at Point of Sale (HOPS).

DISCUSS and PROVIDE DIRECTION to City staff on the draft Healthy Options at Point-of-Sale (HOPS) ordinance in collaboration with HOPS youth advocates - City Attorney's Office/Economic Development Department (James Atencio 510-620-6509/Samantha Carr 510-620-5407/Yahna Williamson 510-620-6574).

Environmental Manager, Samantha Carr and Management Analyst Yahna Williamson presented a PowerPoint.

Link to presentation: [HOPS Presentation](#)

Jamin Pursell, Cordell Hindler, Elvira Martin Bautista, and Monique Blodgett gave comments.

The city council requested the following: that the list of items containing banned food dyes was taken into account per The California School Food Safety Act signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom; partner with Contra Costa County for enforcement efforts; and add HOPS enforcement to existing business inspections; clarify the definition of retailers; provide outreach and education to business owners; and hire more code enforcement staff.

X.4 Incorporate Tree Wells for Sidewalk Development to Increase Tree Canopies

DIRECT staff to immediately include tree wells for all CIP projects that include sidewalks and have not yet completed their design, or where a non-cost prohibitive change order could be used to adjust the design to include tree wells where it is feasible. Feasibility should be based on our new sidewalk standards and policy once they are completed. DIRECT staff to create a clear definition of what feasibility is as it relates to ADA accessibility, legal, and safety constraints. DIRECT staff to work with local non-profits, community groups, and residents, to

plant trees in these new and old tree wells and create and implement a regular tree maintenance plan to take care of the trees once they are planted - Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda (510-620-6593) and Councilmember Doria Robinson (510-620-6568).

Vice Mayor Zepeda gave an overview.

Discussion ensued. The city council directed staff to look at the Urban Forestry Committee's guide to the city for reference.

Jamin Pursell gave comments.

Motion by Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda

Seconded by Councilmember Doria Robinson

Ayes (5): Councilmember Jamelia Brown, Councilmember Doria Robinson, Councilmember Sue Wilson, Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez

Absent (2): Councilmember Soheila Bana, and Councilmember Claudia Jimenez

Passed

Y. REPORTS OF OFFICERS: REFERRALS TO STAFF, AND GENERAL REPORTS (INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS)(limited to two minutes per Councilmember)

Councilmember Robinson reported that she attended a task force meeting to discuss the future vision for the development of Macdonald Avenue.

Councilmember Brown reported that she presented a proclamation at the unveiling of a mural at the Richmond Police Activity League building in memory of "OJ" Officer Orlando Brown Councilmember Robinson stated that she also attended the Richmond Fire Department badge pinning ceremony.

Vice Mayor Zepeda reported the following: attended the farewell event for the youth visiting from Japan; conducted the 3rd annual District 3 meeting; attended the CAL Cities Policy Committee meeting in Burbank, CA.

Councilmember Wilson reported that she attended the Personnel Board meeting where a Code Enforcement position for enforcement of sidewalk vendors was not approved.

Mayor Martinez reported the following: attended the Richmond Fire Department badge pinning ceremony; went to the Farmers Market and mobile vendor location on Macdonald Avenue; and attended the last day of Dahli Lama's 90th Birthday celebration at the Richmond Auditorium.

Z. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m., to meet again on April 15, 2025.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

Mayor

From: [Lary Hanshaw](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: Public comments - Agenda Item - Keller Beach Sewer Moratorium
Date: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 3:13:29 PM

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I own a property in the Keller Beach Sanitary Sewer moratorium area. I recently built an ADU, which was just completed; I have received the final approval from the building department on the permit.

Right now the water/sewer for the ADU is connected to the water/sewer of the main building on the property. My plan is to submit plans to the city to connect the water/sewer system for the ADU directly to the city water/sewer.

Given that this proposed change wouldn't add additional capacity to the city sewer system, would this submittal be exempt from the moratorium?

Thanks,

Lary Hanshaw

From: [Simon Winer](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Cc: [ICE Claire Arbour WIFE](#)
Subject: public comments -Agenda Item # April 1, 2025 Keller Beach Sanitary Sewer
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Dear City of Richmond,

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on this important topic.

I have a Point of Order: The link that was provided to access the map of the affected properties has an error.

The correct link is:

<https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/4219/Keller-Beach>

My wife and I live on Western Dr. and are long term residents of this fine city. We reside in the affected sewer collection area.

The findings made at the time of the January 18, 2022 Ordinance (below) have not changed to date and the sewer problems have not been mitigated. As a result, it follows that the urgency ordinance should continue until such time as the City can assure that the current and immediate threat to public health, safety and welfare has been resolved.

San Francisco Baykeeper brought this matter of the failed sewer line to the attention of the City and they will pursue this matter until it is resolved.

We fully support the timely and responsible resolution of this matter prior to allowing additional connections to this failed sewer line.

Best,

Simon Winer and Claire Arbour
360 Western Dr.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-22 N.S.

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65858, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS REQUIRING SEWER CONNECTIONS TO THE KELLER BEACH SANITARY SEWER; AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEROF

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond has recently received an increasing number of applications for development requiring a sewer connection to KBSS; and

WHEREAS, specifically the City has 13 approved projects, six with issued permits, and 2 with permits currently under review; and

WHEREAS, these issues constitute a current and immediate threat to the public health, safety, and welfare, within the meaning of Government Code Section 65858; and

WHEREAS, the approval of any building permits which would require a new sewer connection to KBSS, which are not authorized by this Ordinance, would result in these threats to the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 65858 authorizes the City Council to adopt an urgency ordinance by a four fifths vote to temporarily prevent development and/or construction that threatens the public health, safety, and welfare of citizens residing in the Sewer Moratorium Area; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 66300 authorizes a moratorium impacting housing development only where such a moratorium would protect against an imminent threat to the health and safety of person residing in, or within the immediate vicinity of, the area subject to the moratorium and after the Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed said moratorium; and

From: [Janet Daly](#)
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Dear City Council,

I have lived and owned a home in the Richmond Annex on Van Fleet Avenue for the last 31 years.

Ever since the city implemented street sweeping my side of the street has been on the 4th Thursday of each month.

Your new signs have now switched the sides of the street to be swept today (so I'm now Friday) - who's brilliant idea was this to do a switcheroo on everyone anyway?

HOWEVER, the street sweeper company doesn't seem to know this. They swept my side of the street and now that is supposed to be tomorrow too. Who's running the show here?

Your ineptness at this whole boondoggle is deplorable for spending money so carelessly.

And as usual, the street sweeper made more a mess than before they came down our street. I am always having to go out and pick up the debris they sweep in front of my property.

Shameful.

My husband went around the neighborhood to document. The photos attached are representative of the mess the street sweeper made on each of our streets. He took 46 of them. When will you have someone come and clean up the mess the street sweeper makes. Happy to send you more photos.

I keep my property clean and I take the weeds, leaves, etc. out of gutter.

I don't appreciate the sweeper bringing gravel, dirt, limbs, debris and broken glass (that I can cut my hands on and get flat tires) as well as other trash it just sweeps down the street. It needs to be picked up. Period.

I was willing to put up with this to keep the signs away, but now I'm not since you now want to give us tickets. Shall I start charging you for my time to sweep up the mess made by the sweeping truck? Please fix this problem of your sweeping mess.

And if these signs are not about the money (as I read in an article), then when you start ticketing, they should be a nominal amount. Otherwise, you are penalizing hard-working families and individuals who are struggling to just get by in this crazy time of our country.

And what exactly are you spraying on our street to get into our water

supply? Do you have information posted somewhere for this? It should be made available to the public.

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Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Name	Email	Comment	Position	Status
City Council						
4/1/2025 3:30 PM	Extension of Moratorium on New Tobacco Retailers	Philip Rosenthal	philiprosenthal@gmail.com	Please extend the moratorium against smoke shops in Richmond. Please help legitimate EXISTING businesses like Arco , 7-11, and local markets to update their permits and keep in compliance. It is worth noting that there was never a problem when the enforcement of tobacco and liquor licenses was handled by dedicate members of the police force. This staff was fired and never replaced. The actions of the council and staff have made it clear that anyone can do what they want in Richmond, OR, taxpayers bear the burden of paying to go back and	For	Appro

correct the errors , or lack of enforcement, with hundreds of thousands of legal and staff dollars to fix what was previously not broken. Cigarettes are legal, but their sale (and permitting and taxation) needs to be properly regulated, and sleazy businesses, or those that are fronts for illegal activity, steps from schools and other gathering places should not be allowed.

4/1/2025 3:30 PM	Extension of the Keller Beach Sanitary Sewer Moratorium (2025-2027) – Adoption of Urgency Ordinance	Don Mill	donmillarchitect@gmail.com	council members Thank you for addressing our concerns from last meeting particularly with Addendum No 3 to your Scope of Services. That now includes Rerouting studies to address catastrophic failure of the KBSS. We still expect that once the engineers get into this problem, the first	For	Appro
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line of defense will be Rerouting some of the sewer load away from the KBSS. Please note that this is supported emphatically by HCD in its approval of the Moratorium just last week: "HCD urges the City to work diligently to implement interim and permanent solutions that will allow housing development to proceed in the moratorium area as soon as reasonably possible, consistent with the City's obligation to protect public health and safety". The Rerouting study must be done immediately. It is the only approach that reduces the load to the KBSS. It is an inexpensive mitigation now and will reduce the cost of the long term solution. Council Members...Please

add whatever emphasis is needed to not allow another two years to go by, thereby continuing an unnecessary increased exposure to this imminent threat. HCD approval was Mar 26...which according to your current Moratorium Section 4 says: ...In accordance with Government Code Section 65858, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect for a period of 45 days from the date when the Department of Housing and Community Development approves this moratorium. There is an error regarding starting the 45 days from Feb 18. So...there is time to refine this ordinance and reduce risk while we wait for a solution. Please find a way to assure that the

Rerouting study is done now and not lost in the larger solution. After all, Public Works has made it clear that The sword of Damocles is upon us all.
