



**City Hall
1401 Marina Way South
Richmond, CA 94804**

**AGENDA
Tuesday, February 24, 2009**

**Mayor
Gayle McLaughlin**

**Vice Mayor
Ludmyrna Lopez**

**Councilmembers
Nathaniel Bates
Thomas K. Butt
Jeff Ritterman
Jim Rogers
Maria T. Viramontes**



The Richmond City Council also serves as Board Members and Commission Members for the following:

**Community Redevelopment Agency
Housing Authority
Joint Powers Financing Authority
Surplus Property Authority
Local Reuse Authority**

MEETING PROCEDURES

The City of Richmond encourages community participation at its City Council meetings and has established procedures that are intended to accommodate public input in a timely and time-sensitive way. As a courtesy to all members of the public who wish to participate in City Council meetings, please observe the following procedures:

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: Anyone who desires to address the City Council on items appearing on the agenda must complete and file a pink speaker’s card with the City Clerk **prior** to the City Council’s consideration of the item. Once the City Clerk has announced the item and discussion has commenced, no person shall be permitted to speak on the item other than those persons who have submitted their names to the City Clerk. Your name will be called when the item is announced for discussion. **Each speaker will be allowed TWO (2) MINUTES to address the City Council on NON-PUBLIC HEARING items listed on the agenda.**

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Individuals who would like to address the City Council on matters not listed on the agenda or on **Presentations, Proclamations and Commendations, Report from the City Attorney, or Reports of Officers** may do so under Open Forum. All speakers must complete and file a pink speaker’s card with the City Clerk **prior** to the commencement of Open Forum. **The amount of time allotted to individual speakers shall be determined based on the number of persons requesting to speak during this item. The time allocation for each speaker will be as follows: 15 or fewer speakers, a maximum of 2 minutes; 16 to 24 speakers, a maximum of 1 and one-half minutes; and 25 or more speakers, a maximum of 1 minute.**

SPEAKERS ARE REQUESTED TO OCCUPY THE RESERVED SEATS IN THE FRONT ROW BEHIND THE SPEAKER’S PODIUM AS THEIR NAME IS ANNOUNCED BY THE CITY CLERK.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be enacted, approved or adopted by one motion unless a request for removal for discussion or explanation is received from the audience or the City Council. A member of the audience requesting to remove an item from the Consent Calendar must complete and file a speaker’s card with the City Clerk **prior to the City Council’s consideration of Item C, Agenda Review.** An item removed from the Consent Calendar may be placed anywhere on the agenda following the City Council’s agenda review.

The City Council’s adopted Rules of Procedure recognize that debate on policy is healthy; debate on personalities is not. The Chairperson has the right and obligation to cut off discussion that is too personal, too loud, or too crude.

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EVENING OPEN SESSION

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

B. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

C. AGENDA REVIEW

D. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

D-1. Introduce candidates for the firefighter trainee positions who participated and graduated from the City's Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Training Program - Fire Department (Chief Michael Banks 307-8041).

D-2. A proclamation celebrating February as Black History Month, honoring and recognizing the life and contributions of Mr. George Livingston, first directly elected African American mayor of the City of Richmond – Mayor's Office (Mayor McLaughlin 620-6503).

D-3. Presentation by the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) concerning the City of Richmond's historic flower growing industry – Mayor's Office (Mayor McLaughlin 620-6503).

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

E-1. APPROVE the following appointment: Library Commission: Maude DeVictor, term expiring July 1, 2012 - Mayor's Office (Mayor McLaughlin 620-6503).

F. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

G. STUDY SESSION

G-1. PRESENTATION by Steve Weir, Contra Costa County Clerk, on the process used to post the 2008 local election results on the Contra Costa County Election Department's website - Councilmember Bates (620-6581).

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G-2. REVIEW the Richmond Public Library Needs Assessment, Plan of Service, and Building Program, completed by Stantec (formerly Chong Partners) and consultants Linda Demmers and Leslie Nordby, in preparation for future construction of a new Main Library, and hear reports from the Richmond Public Library Commission, the Friends of the Richmond Public Library, and the Richmond Public Library Foundation - Library & Cultural Services (Monique A. le Conge 620-6555).

H. STUDY AND DIRECTION TO STAFF SESSION

H-1. REVIEW the preliminary list of projects that have been identified for potential funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) and provide direction to staff regarding this project list - City Manager's Office (Bill Lindsay 620-6512).

I. ADJOURNMENT

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