AGENDA
Tuesday, March 23, 2010

Mayor
Gayle McLaughlin

Vice Mayor
Jeff Ritterman

Councilmembers
Nathaniel Bates
Thomas K. Butt
Ludmyrna Lopez
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 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.
EVENING OPEN SESSION

5:00 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

C. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

Shimada Room of the Community Services Building

A. CITY COUNCIL

A-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
(Subdivision [a] of Government Code Section 54956.9):

- Barra vs. City of Richmond
- Baykeeper vs. City of Richmond
- Communities for a Better Environment vs. City of Richmond, et al.
- Citizens of East Shore Park vs. City of Richmond

A-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(Initiation of litigation pursuant to Subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9):

- One case

A-3. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54956.8):

- Property: Point Molate (site of former Naval Shipyards Depot)
- Agency Negotiators: Bill Lindsay and Janet Schneider
- Negotiating Party: Upstream Point Molate LLC
- Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment
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RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

A. ROLL CALL

B. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

C. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

D. AGENDA REVIEW

E. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

E-1. Introduce Shimada Youth Ambassadors visiting from Shimada, Japan - Councilmember Bates (620-6581).

E-2. Presentation of a proclamation honoring Walter Fong for 17 years of service and leadership on the Richmond-Zhoushan Friendship Commission - Mayor's Office (Mayor McLaughlin 620-6503).

E-3. Presentation of Richmond Little League 2010 Board of Directors, managers and coaches - Mayor's Office (Mayor McLaughlin 620-6503).

E-4. Presentation of a certificate honoring La Perla Delicatessen as Richmond Small Business of the Month for March 2010 - Mayor's Office (Mayor McLaughlin 620-6503).

F. REPORT FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY OF FINAL DECISIONS MADE AND NON-CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSIONS HELD DURING CLOSED SESSION
G. STUDY AND DIRECTION TO STAFF SESSION

G-1. Hear presentations from the Richmond Police Department (Chris Magnus, Police Chief) and Office of Neighborhood Safety (DeVone Boggan, Director), and a Consortium of Richmond/West County service providers concerning: (1) existing programs and activities to reduce the incidence of violent crime in the Richmond community; and (2) recommended policies and actions for strengthening these efforts. Discuss and provide direction to staff regarding these policies, and consider the following actions:

a) APPROVE a contract with the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office for the dedicated services of a Deputy District Attorney who would specifically be assigned to handle Richmond gun-crime cases. This two-year contract would be for the period beginning April 5, 2010, through April 4, 2012, and would be for an amount not to exceed $290,000.00 (or $145,000.00 a year) - Police Department (Chief Chris Magnus 621-1802).

b) INTRODUCE an ordinance (first reading) that makes it unlawful, with certain exceptions, for any minor subject to compulsory education to be in or upon any public street, highway, road, alley, park, playground, or other public ground, public place, place of amusement, eating establishment, or vacant lot 30 minutes after school commences until 30 minutes before school concludes on days when said minor's school is in session - Police Department (Chief Chris Magnus 621-1802).

c) APPROVE the appointments of Councilmembers Bates and Viramontes as an ad hoc committee of two councilmembers to join the Richmond Police Department, other regional elected officials, and representatives from other designated agencies/organizations to meet with a group of Contra Costa County Superior Court Judges regarding sentencing practices for gun crimes - Mayor's Office (Mayor McLaughlin 620-6503).

d) APPROVE the appointments of Mayor McLaughlin and Vice Mayor Ritterman as an ad hoc committee of two councilmembers to join the Richmond Police Department in meeting with the Contra Costa County District Attorney (or his designee) and Supervisor John Gioia to discuss prosecution issues related to gun crimes committed in Richmond - Mayor's Office (Mayor McLaughlin 620-6503).

H. ADJOURNMENT

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