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AGENDA
Tuesday, May 26, 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

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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

5:00 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

C. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

Shimada Room of City Hall

A. CITY COUNCIL

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

  Tanzel vs. City of Richmond

  Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) vs. City of Richmond

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

  One case

A-3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54957.6):

  City Designated Representative(s): Bill Lindsay, Leslie Knight, Jack Hughes, Lisa Stephenson, Michael Banks, and Bruce Soublet
  Employee Organization or unrepresented employee(s): Firefighters Local 188 and Richmond Firefighters Management Association (RFMA)
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE RICHMOND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/CITY COUNCIL

6:55 p.m.

A. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

B. ROLL CALL

C. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

D. AGENDA REVIEW

E. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

  F-1. ADOPT the following resolutions to facilitate improvements to the Winters Building: (1) Resolution of the City of Richmond authorizing a transfer of general fund revenues to the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency to provide funding for a loan that will be taken out by the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts or an affiliated nonprofit public benefit corporation from the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency; and (2) Resolution of the Members of the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency Board accepting transfer of fund revenues from the City of Richmond in the amount of $2.5 million to provide funding for and authorizing a loan in such amount to the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts or an affiliated nonprofit public benefit corporation for renovation of the Winters Building - (Steve Duran/Alan Wolken 307-8140).

G. ADJOURNMENT
A. **ROLL CALL**

B. **STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

C. **AGENDA REVIEW**

D. **PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS**

   D-1. Presentation to the first and second place winners of the 2009 Fifth Grade Junior Fire Chief Program - Fire Department (Chief Michael Banks 307-8041).

   D-2. Presentation of Certificates of Recognition to the Salesian Boys' Basketball Team for winning the State Championship - Mayor McLaughlin and Vice Mayor Ludmyrna Lopez (620-6503/620-6581).


   D-5. Proclamation to commemorate the Centennial Anniversary of the Richmond Police Department - Mayor's Office (Mayor McLaughlin 620-6503).

E. **REPORT FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY OF FINAL DECISIONS MADE AND NON-CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSIONS HELD DURING CLOSED SESSION**

F. **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

G. **STUDY SESSION**

   G-1. RECEIVE a presentation by the Richmond High School Urban Agriculture and Food Systems class on the results of the Richmond Food System Study - Councilmember Ritterman (620-6581).
G-2. RECEIVE a report on the 2009 Cinco de Mayo Festivities - Vice Mayor Ludmyrna Lopez (620-6581).

G-3. REVIEW proposals by City staff and community organizations to address the foreclosure crisis, including keeping families in their homes, neighborhood revitalization, renter protections, long-term affordable housing, and increased local employment - Mayor McLaughlin and Councilmember Ritterman (620-6503/620-6581).

H. STUDY AND DIRECTION TO STAFF SESSION

H-1. RECEIVE a presentation and report from the National Research Center on the City's 2009 Community Survey results, and PROVIDE direction to staff as appropriate - City Manager's Office (Bill Lindsay 620-6512).

H-2. RECEIVE an update on the progress of the City of Richmond in applying for and receiving American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) project funding - City Manager's Office (Bill Lindsay 620-6512).

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

J. ADJOURNMENT

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