AGENDA
Tuesday, October 26, 2010

Mayor
Gayle McLaughlin

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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.

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EVENING OPEN SESSION

6:00 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):

Seiberling vs. City of Richmond

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

One Case

A-3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(Initiation of litigation pursuant to Subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9):

One Case
RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

6:30 p.m.

A. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

B. ROLL CALL

C. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

D. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

E. AGENDA REVIEW

F. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

F-1. PROCLAMATION honoring the exemplary efforts of the grassroots neighborhood group Solano PLAY to initiate improvements to the Solano Playlot in Richmond, to make it more useable for children and families, and to galvanize the entire Richmond community to support the Solano Playlot, one of the finalists in an international competition for $25,000 in new playground equipment - Mayor's Office (Mayor McLaughlin 620-6503).

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

H. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

H-1. ADOPT a resolution authorizing the City of Richmond and its collaborating partner, the Richmond Community Foundation, to apply for $626,900 in grant funds from the State of California Land and Water Conservation Fund for the completion of Phase II of the Martin Luther King Park Project - Recreation Department (Keith Jabari 620-6791).

I. STUDY AND DIRECTION TO STAFF SESSION

I-1. DIRECT staff to propose a menu of options for creating a distinct governing body for the Richmond Municipal Sewer District - Councilmember Viramontes (620-6581).
I-2. RECEIVE a report from City staff regarding the operations of the wastewater treatment plant, and, in particular, recent odor problems associated with the plant, and provide direction to staff as appropriate - Engineering Services Department (Chad Davisson 620-5486).

J. ADJOURNMENT

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