SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

For

Gayle McLaughlin
Re-elected Mayor

and

Re-elected and Newly-elected Councilmembers
Jim Rogers
Jovanka Beckles
Courtland “Corky” Booze

Tuesday, January 11, 2011
6:30 p.m.
Richmond Memorial Convention Center
403 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, California
BRIEF HISTORY
OF THE
RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL
(the following information was taken from minutes of the
Board of Trustees and the Council of the City of Richmond
dated August 14, 1905, and July 6, 1909, respectively)

On August 14, 1905, the first meeting of the Board of Trustees of
the City of Richmond was called to order at 8:25 p.m. in the main office of
the Critchett Building located at 224 Richmond Avenue. Trustees present
were: Critchett, Babcock, Kenny, Garrard, and Curry. Trustee Garrard
nominated Trustee Curry to be President of the City Board. The
nomination was seconded by Trustee Kenny, and “Mr. Curry was declared
elected and took the chair.”

A special election was held on February 9, 1909, and the qualified
voters of the City voted in favor of and duly ratified the City Charter as
proposed by the Board of Trustees. Section 1 of Article III of the Charter
states that “All powers herein granted to and vested in the City of
Richmond, except as herein otherwise provided, be exercised by a Council
to be designated the Council of the City of Richmond . . .” As a result of
the voters’ approval of the City Charter, the Board of Trustees became the
Council of the City of Richmond. Section 3 of Article III of the Charter
states that the Council shall be composed of nine members (At the
November 2, 2004, Election and effective with the 2008 Election, the
composition of the City Council was changed from nine to seven
members).

An election was held on May 10, 1909, and the first Councilmen
were elected. At the July 6, 1909, meeting of the Council, the City Clerk
read Certificates of Election for the following Councilmen: Edward J.
Garrard, John N. Hartnett, James C. Owens, Edward McDuff, Otto R.
Ludewig, Homer Eugene Wyatt, John Joseph Dooling, Joseph Benjamin
Willis, and Gerry Alton Follet. During the July 6, 1909, meeting the
Council, by secret ballot, elected Councilman Joseph Benjamin Willis as
the Presiding Officer of the Council to be known as Mayor of the City of
Richmond.
PROGRAM

OFFICIAL WELCOME TO THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY
AND INTRODUCTION OF MASTER OF CEREMONY
BILL LINDSAY, CITY MANAGER
By Mayor Gayle McLaughlin

MASTER OF CEREMONY
Bill Lindsay

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
(Please Stand)

INVOCATION
Jerome Smith

BEST WISHES TO
COUNCILMEMBERS VIRAMONTES AND LOPEZ
From Councilmembers Butt, Bates, Rogers
and Vice Mayor Ritterman

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS
TO
COUNCILMEMBERS MARIA VIRAMONTES
AND
LUDMYRNA LOPEZ
By Mayor Gayle McLaughlin
COMMENTS BY
COUNCILMEMBERS MARIA VIRAMONTES
AND
LUDMYRNA LOPEZ

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER
REVEREND PHIL LAWSON, LONG-TIME SOCIAL JUSTICE
AND COMMUNITY ADVOCATE
By Nicole Valentino

GUEST SPEAKER
REVEREND PHIL LAWSON
“UNITY: THE ROAD TO COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT”

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE
AND PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION TO
JIM ROGERS, INCUMBENT
JOVANKA BECKLES
COURTLAND “CORKY” BOOZE
By Diane Holmes, City Clerk
COMMENTS AND
EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION
FROM
COUNCILMEMBERS ROGERS, BECKLES,
AND BOOZE

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE
AND PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION
TO
RE-ELECTED MAYOR GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN
By Diane Holmes, City Clerk

COMMENTS BY
MAYOR GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN

ROLL CALL
Diane Holmes, City Clerk

WELCOME TO NEW COUNCILMEMBERS
By Councilmembers Butt and Bates
and Vice Mayor Ritterman

CLOSING REMARKS
Mayor Gayle McLaughlin
MUSICAL SELECTION
Voices of Reason,
A Vocal Ensemble of the East Center of the Performing Arts

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Mayor Gayle McLaughlin

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Kalin Freeman, Saxophonist

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