

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, February 22,
2011**

The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Mayor McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Booze, Ritterman, Rogers, Vice Mayor Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Absent:** None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The city clerk announced that the purpose of the Evening Open Session was for the City Council to hear public comments on the following items to be discussed in Closed Session:

CITY COUNCIL

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Subdivision [b] of Government Code Section 54956.9): One Case

There were no public speakers.

The Evening Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:06 p.m. The Closed Session adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

The Joint Meeting of the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency/Richmond City Council was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Mayor McLaughlin who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag (*See RCRA CC 11Feb22*).

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Ritterman, Rogers, Vice Mayor Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Absent:** Councilmember Booze arrived at 5:36 p.m.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

None.

RICHMOND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY STUDY SESSION AND DIRECTION TO STAFF

In the matter to receive a presentation on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and provide direction to staff, Patrick Lynch gave an overview which included a PowerPoint Presentation. Some

highlights of the presentation included: Program Overview, HUD Criteria, Labor Guidelines, Resident Hires; Photos of 18 homes {25 units} purchased, Address, Map; 425 S. 27th Street; before/after photos, Financials; Income Limits Summary; Richmond's Presumed Affordability, and Recapture Provisions. Councilmember Booze suggested staff establish a plan to help families come up with a down payment when they have a very minimum credit rating. Mr. Lynch stated that staff created, and submitted to Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and it was approved, a document entitled "Presumed Affordability." This document allows the down payment to be waived. The following individuals gave comments: Del Price, Meliah Schultzman, John Adams, Maria Alegria, Antonio Medrano, Alvin Herring, Cort Gross, and Kevin Hampton. Mayor McLaughlin directed staff to place language in the next NSP application that states that the City Council was looking at ways to support a land trust in the future. Mr. Lynch stated that he was willing to meet with Richmond Equitable Development Initiative (REDI) and may be reached at (510) 910-1704. Mr. Lynch also introduced staff and development partners.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Cordell White expressed concern regarding the drug activity taking place at the Nicoll Skate Park on Macdonald Avenue. He suggested that the city install security. He also expressed concern regarding individuals loitering around businesses throughout the City of Richmond.

Naomi Williams stated that the city is losing businesses. She expressed her disappointment with residents of the Southern District for not attending the meet and greet last week with public safety officers and officials. Ms. Williams also requested that staff include information in staff reports that indicates when the city has to match a grant it was rewarded.

Leonard Taylor requested assistance in determining if recording individuals without their consent was prohibited by law.

John R. Ozenberger encouraged the City Council to consider renaming some city streets in honor of new heroes. He suggested heroes such as civil rights activists Savannah Bello.

Jackie Thompson thanked the City of Richmond staff for addressing the pothole issues in the Foods Co. parking lot. On behalf of Vicky Robinson, Ms. Thompson stated that the 7-Eleven on 23rd Street and Macdonald Avenue displays books that are visible upon entrance and inappropriate for children to see. Ms. Thompson also read a few quotes in honor of Black History Month.

Antwon Cloird expressed his disappointment that Ground and Round restaurant closed. He also

stated that individuals are tagging the Nicholl's Skate Park with graffiti and suggested that the city allow children to paint the park to cover the graffiti. He also stated that 35 jobs were not enough, and that the city is running big businesses out of Richmond.

Dolores Zackery stated that there were bed bugs and ghosts at Hacienda Senior Housing.

Simms Thompson expressed concern regarding the missing lights throughout the city, specifically along the cross-walks on 23rd Street.

Tom Waller spoke in regards to the city's environmental initiative ban on plastic bags.

Raymond Landry presented Councilmember Bates with an award from the Downtown Richmond Project. He stated that the project included HUD 107 money that, at one time, was being taken away from the City of Richmond and staff fought to bring the money back to the city. He expressed his concern that \$3.8 million of the money was supposed to go towards Nevin Park, and that the Richmond Recreation Department scheduled a re-grand opening although Nevin Park already had a successful grand opening. Mr. Landry also stated that the time allotted for families to use the Richmond Plunge was not adequate; most children are in school at the allotted times.

Rhonda Harris requested assistant of the City Council to provide those residents in the Santa Fe Coronado Neighborhood Council area with employment opportunities on all the Capital Improvement Projects in the Nystrom area. She stated that residents have been blocked out, locked out, and red-lined in their own community, and there has been no preparation for the past two years. Ms. Harris thanked Councilmember Booze for his commitment to the residents in the area, and urged the mayor and other Councilmembers to support Councilmember Booze's efforts to employ residents in the Santa Fe Coronado Neighborhood Council area. Ms. Harris also read the Nystrom United Revitalization Efforts (NURVE) Initiative of Economic Goals.

Barry Duggar introduced a program called The Remember Us Project (TRUP) which helps individuals find transitional housing and job training, and employment. He stated that he visited the MLK Project in Richmond and that there were no African American citizens or women working on the project. Mr. Duggar also requested contact information for Richmond jobs.

McKinley Ross stated that the Martin Luther King Park Project has no African American workers, Richmond residents, or women on staff. He also stated that Section 3 of the HUD Regulations requires outreach in the immediate areas, surrounding community, and outreach to the city at large. Mr. Ross stated that it appears that the regulations are not being followed.

John Marquez proposed that 23rd Street be renamed to Cesar Chavez Way. He also encouraged the City Council to move forward with the medical marijuana dispensaries.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

The City Council received a presentation and report from the Richmond-Shimada Commission on the October 2010 visit to Shimada, Japan and activities related to the 50th Anniversary of the Richmond-Shimada Sister City relationship. Councilmember Bates gave an overview of the item. Council Staff Trina Jackson gave a history of the relationship with Shimada Japan and introduced Don Delcollo Chair of the Richmond Shimada Commission who gave a presentation which included slides of the trip. Cordell White gave comments.

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

City Attorney Scott Dickey reported that there were no reportable actions during Closed Session.

STUDY SESSION

The City Council received an update on the 2010 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) activities and plans for 2011 training from the Office of Emergency Services Citizens Advisory Panel on Emergency Readiness and Response (CAPER). Katherine Gerk along with members of CAPER, Jeff Jones, Bea Roberson, Paul Warner, and Sandy Genser-Maack gave a presentation which included a PowerPoint Presentation. Jackie Thompson and John Marquez gave comments. Councilmember Ritterman thanked staff and members of CAPER for their hard work. He directed staff to draft a letter for Mayor McLaughlin's signature to thank those responsible for advertising about the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) activities and plans for 2011 training from the Office of Emergency Services Citizens Advisory Panel on Emergency Readiness and Response.

The City Council received a presentation from city staff and the environmental consultant on the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Point Molate Mixed-Use Tribal Destination Resort and Casino Project. Planner Lina Velasco and staff consultants gave an overview of the item which included a PowerPoint Presentation. Some highlights of the presentation included: Project Background, Process and Schedule, Organization of Final EIR, Alternative Analysis, Scope of Analysis, and Issues Raised during Comment Period. The following individuals gave comments: Naomi Williams, Simms Thompson, Bob

Dabney, Tom Waller, Antwon Cloird, Robert Cheasty, Jeff Inglis, Norman La Force, Cheryl Maier, Juana Anker, Dr. Raymond Landry, John Marquez, Joe Puleo, Juan Reardon, Michael Derry, Eduardo Martinez, and Laura Baker. Councilmember Booze directed staff to study traffic situations coming off the Richmond Rafael Bridge. He also directed staff to speak with the citizens of point Richmond again for additional input. Councilmember Booze requested the breakdown in ethnicity of gamblers and workers. He also requested a breakdown of the age limit of workers and information on where the haul-out from the cleanup would be taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Bates requested that Mayor McLaughlin adjourn the meeting in memory of long-time Richmond residents Mother Lee Ivory Richardson and Sherman Workman, and his long-time friend Dr. Robert Albo.

Councilmember Booze announced that Officer Jeffrey Tyner was sponsoring a crab feed on Saturday, February 26, 2011, for the Kennedy High School Football Team. He encouraged everyone to support this fundraiser. Individuals may call the Richmond Police Department and ask for Officer Jeffrey Tyner for tickets. Councilmember Booze requested that staff address the issues at the 7-Eleven on 23rd Street and Macdonald Avenue, the Nicholl's Skate Park, and the loitering issue in the Foods Co. Parking Lot.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:52 p.m. in memory of Mother Lee Ivory Richardson, Sherman Workman, and Dr. Robert Albo, to meet again on Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at 6:30 p.m.

City Clerk

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Approved:

Mayor