

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, April 24, 2012

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:08 p.m. by Vice Mayor Jim Rogers.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Boozé, Butt, Ritterman, and Vice Mayor Rogers. **Absent:** Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, and Mayor McLaughlin arrived after the Council adjourned to Closed Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The deputy 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 LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54957.6): IAFF Local 188 Negotiations, Negotiators: Lisa Stephenson, Michael Banks, and Jack Hughes; Local 21 Negotiations, Negotiators: Lisa Stephenson and Jack Hughes

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Government Code Section 54957.6): Confidential Investigative and Appeals Officer: Police Commission

The Evening Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:09 p.m. The Closed Session adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Mayor Gayle McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL

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

READING OF THE CODE OF ETHICS

Human Rights and Human Relations
Commissioner Joyce Harris read the Code of Ethics.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

Councilmember Bates requested that Mayor McLaughlin move Item K-1, Operations and Security Center, before Item J-1, the general plan, to allow individuals an opportunity to address the Council that did not have the opportunity when Item K-1 was presented at a previous meeting. Mayor McLaughlin stated that she would not grant Councilmember Bates request due to the importance of Item J-1. A motion was made by Councilmember Bates, seconded by Council Boozé to move Item K-1, Operations and Security Center, before Item J-1, the general plan, to allow individuals an opportunity to address the Council that did not have an opportunity when the item was previously presented. The motion failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates, Boozé, and Vice Mayor Rogers. **Noes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Butt, Ritterman, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** None.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Cordell Hindler stated that the Richmond Main Library should extend its hours.

Leonard Taylor stated that he with the upcoming election, he was ready to see new candidates for the City Council.

Mark Wassberg stated that on May 1, 2012, the City Council would consider the Municipal ID Cards Program, and he stated that the City Council has no right to sponsor the program.

Andres Soto stated that the RYSE Center would sponsor a "Be a Kid" fund raiser on Friday, April 27, 2012, to encourage youth development.

Myrtle Jones stated that on February 28, 2012, she fell on the sidewalk in front of a resident and requested contact information on the home owner.

Billy Alexander stated he supported the police lawsuit.

John Troughton stated that the City of Richmond was on its way to victory with the addition of the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory and other projects and companies.

Reverend Wesley Ellis gave comments regarding Resolution No. 217-95 regarding the Code of Ethics.

Raymond Landry gave comments regarding Item J-1 relating to the General Plan; however, because the item was on the agenda, he was not allowed to continue his comments. Mr. Landry stated that two rules have cancelled out his right to freedom of speech.

Jim Cannon, Levine-Richmond Terminal, representing the Council of Industries, spoke regarding support of businesses in Richmond and jobs.

Dennis Dalton stated that the City Council should demand that new companies relocating to Richmond as well as companies currently within Richmond give jobs to the citizens of Richmond.

Joey Smith stated that she was running for Democratic Delegate for the Congressional District 11; she was told to discontinue her comments.

Donald Brown gave information regarding the Knowledge 4 Us Fellowship Program. For more information visit <http://www.knowledge4usfellowship.org/>.

Don Gosney stated that rules for the City Council should be current, updated, and made available to the public.

Bea Roberson stated that the City Council should work to bring businesses to Richmond and allow current businesses to expand for the good of the City.

Maria Alegria gave comments regarding the General Plan; however, because the item was on the agenda, she was not allowed to continue her comments.

Jackie Thompson thanked everyone that supported the meeting of all the chairpersons of the City of Richmond's Boards and Commissions.

Officer Larry Lewis gave comments regarding Richmond Native Charonda Williams. He thanked Local Union 342, Don Gosney, Contra Costa Builders and Construction Trade Council, Greg Ferry, and Vergil Weeks for a combined contribution of \$7,520 for her quest for the Olympics in London. Others wishing to donations may give directly to Officer Lewis or Wells Fargo Bank.

Lloyd Madden encouraged the City Council to welcome businesses to the City of Richmond to ensure economic growth.

Texanita Bluitt expressed her disappointment with the lack of automatic door openers at recreation centers throughout the City of Richmond. She stated that automatic door openers are needed for the elderly and special needs.

Rosemary Corbin stated that the City Council should commend the landscaping staff for the beautiful wildflowers along the Richmond Parkway.

Tarnell Abbott gave comments regarding a book entitled "The Best Democracy Money Can Buy: The Truth About Corporate Cons, Globalization and High-

Finance Fraudsters” by Greg Palast. She also supports keeping the library open for extended hours.

Marilyn Langlois stated that on Earth Day, the North Richmond Community held a ceremony to name a community garden the Fred Davis Jackson Harmony Garden. She also stated that the old Neighborhood House has been converted into the Fred Davis Jackson Community Institute and displays Mr. Jackson’s manuscripts, memorabilia, and awards. For more information about Fred Davis Jackson, visit <http://peoplebouquet.com/>.

Alicia Jackson stated that on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, Missionary Mona Webb passed away in her home, and the family would like to thank Officer Patrick M. Davis for his outstanding professional, personable, and timely assistance to the family.

Becky Ross thanked Port Director Jim Matzorkis and City Councilmembers Bates and Boozé for encouraging visitors from China and other businesses to stay at Richmond Courtyard Marriot. Ms. Ross also thanked Planning Director Richard Mitchell and Planner Hector Rojas for all the work they have done.

Adrienne Harris invited everyone to participate in Bike to Work Day 2012 on Thursday, May 10, 2012. She also invited individuals to participate in the Ride of Silence on May 16, 2012, to honor people who have been injured or killed while riding a bicycle.

Bill Pinkham requested that the City Council present a proclamation in honor of Bike to Work Day and the Ride of Silence.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

Mayor McLaughlin presented a proclamation recognizing May 2012 as National Historic Preservation Month to Rosemary Corbin and the Historic Preservation Commission. Ms. Corbin thanked the Mayor and City Council for the proclamation. She

also introduced recipients of Historic Preservation Awards and the recipients gave comments.

Mayor McLaughlin read a proclamation recognizing April 2012 as National Poetry month and honored Dwayne Parish as Richmond's first Poet Laureate and presented the proclamation and award to Dwayne Parish. Mr. Parish read a poem that he wrote especially for tonight's meeting. The following individuals gave comments: Cordell Hindler, Jackie Thompson, Ellen Gailing, and Marilyn Langlois.

Mayor McLaughlin and Vice Mayor Rogers presented a proclamation honoring former City Attorney Randy Riddle, Scott Dickey, and Louise Renne. Louis Renne, Randy Riddle, and Scott Dickey thanked Mayor McLaughlin, City Council, City Manager Bill Lindsay, and Assistant City Manager and Human Resources Director Leslie Knight for the acknowledgment and the opportunity to serve the City of Richmond. The following individuals gave comments: Cordell Hindler, Jackie Thompson, and Marilyn Langlois.

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

City Attorney, Bruce Goodmiller, stated that there were no reportable actions taken during closed session.

STUDY SESSION

The matter to discuss the recently certified Stroke Program at Doctors Hospital was presented by Stroke Program Director Dr. Desmond Carson. Dr. Carson gave a thorough presentation on the program which included stroke prevention: control blood pressure, diabetes, and quit smoking; and stroke recognition: face asymmetry, slurred speech, weakness on one side of the body. Dr. Carson stated that the most effective stroke treatments are only available if the stroke is recognized and diagnosed within the first three hours of the first symptoms. Councilmember Bates gave comments. Dr. Carson suggested that the City

Council hold walking sessions together to decrease stress.

The matter to receive a presentation from the Men and Women of Purpose was placed on the agenda by Councilmember Butt and presented by: Malcolm, Jones, Ralph Cook, Ivory Mitchell, Cedric Armistead, Rick, Antwon Cloird, Brian Hancock, Eddie Morris Jr. Douglas McCoy, and Frank Hancock III. The following individuals gave comments: Cordell Hindler, Annie-King Meredith, Mark Wassberg, Dennis Dalton, Otheree Christian, Tracy Reed, Jackie Thompson, Naomi Williams, Texanita Bluitt, Bea Roberson and Dwight Adams. The Men and Women of Purpose need funding and have applied for three grants. City Manager, Bill Lindsay, stated that the City's Grant Writer has been utilized in order to help secure grants. The Men and Women of Purpose need \$254,000 for housing, office space, etc. to operate its program efficiently for one year. The item was referred to the City Manager to coordinate between the Office of Neighborhood Safety and the Men and Women of Valor.

STUDY AND DIRECTION TO STAFF SESSION

The matter to study and provide direction to staff on the I-80/Central Avenue Interchange Modifications Project was presented by City Engineer, Edric Kwan who gave a PowerPoint Presentation. The following individuals gave comments: Bea Roberson, Mary Selva, Dave Harris, Jerry Yoshida, Garland Ellis, and Marilyn Langlois. Mayor McLaughlin requested that staff respond to the concerns posed by the Richmond Annex neighborhood members. Councilmember Butt suggested that staff start over and return to the neighborhoods for a consensus. Councilmember Bates directed staff to include Southside in the dialogue.

The matter to study and provide direction to staff on ways to improve City services for residents who do not speak English as their primary language, including giving public speakers at Council meetings who use a translator extra time was presented by Councilmember Rogers. Mayor McLaughlin stated that

it was past practice to allow additional time for the translation of speakers who do not speak English as their primary language. The following individuals gave comments: Mark Wassberg, Andres Soto, Rev. Wesley Ellis, Don Gosney, Jackie Thompson, Cordell Hindler, Reverend Raymond Landry, and Dameion King. City Manager Bill Lindsay stated that city employees receive a bilingual differential for their interpreting skills, and the Police Department has access to an interpreter 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Mr. Lindsay also stated that he would brainstorm with management and staff on ways to improve communication with citizens who do not speak English as their primary language. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Rogers, second by Councilmember Ritterman to direct staff to come back with recommendations to the City Council to improve City services for residents who do not speak English as their primary language, including notifying public speakers at Council meetings that they have extra time for the translator to speak. The motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Butt, Ritterman, Vice Mayor Rogers, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** Councilmembers Bates and Boozé. **Absent:** None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The deputy city clerk announced that it was time in pursuant to public notice to hold a public hearing to adopt resolutions certifying the General Plan Environmental Impact Report and adopting the August 2011 Draft Richmond General Plan 2030 document with the specific amendments to various Richmond General Plan 2030 policies and implementing actions as recommended by the Planning Commission. Deputy City Clerk Pam Christian stated that Mayor McLaughlin opened the public hearing for public comments on Tuesday, April 17, 2012, and the public hearing was closed on Tuesday, April 17, 2012, and the matter was in the hands of the City Council. Citizens were not allowed to sign up to speak under the item; however, Councilmembers may call on individuals to answer questions. Planning Director Richard Mitchell and Associate Planner Hector Rojas were available for comments and clarification. Councilmember Bates

called Jordan Levine to give comments regarding his concerns of the potential loss of economic development for the city due to air quality regulations.

Councilmember Bates stated that he was prepared to support the general plan with the following exceptions:

(1) does not change the use of businesses on Ohio Avenue; and (2) the whaling station at Terminal 4 was reopened. *(At 11:02 p.m. on motion of Vice Mayor Rogers, seconded by Councilmember Ritterman extended the meeting for 45 minutes with Councilmember Boozé voting noe).*

Councilmember Beckles called Mary Selva and Jerry Yoshida to the podium for comments regarding the floor to area ratio levels for the Point Isabel area. Staff stated that there was currently no development planned for the Point Isabel area. Discussion continued with Councilmember Boozé, who requested Reverend Raymond Landry to give comments. *(At 11:49 p.m. on motion of Vice Mayor Rogers, seconded by Mayor McLaughlin extended the meeting to complete the current item passed by unanimous vote).*

Discussion continued and Councilmember Boozé called Don Gosney to give comments. Mr. Gosney stated that information on the Mexican American War does not belong in the general plan. Councilmember Boozé asked staff if there was any financial assistance to help owners build. Mr. Mitchell stated that owners may contact the Economic Development Commission. A motion was made by Mayor McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Beckles to adopt the August 2011 Draft Richmond General Plan 2030 document with the specific amendments to various Richmond General Plan 2030 policies and implementing actions as recommended by the Planning Commission and the following changes and four referrals to staff: (1) Union Pacific property should not be changed to light industrial and continue as open space; and (2) under land use and urban design: “accept any references encouraging demolishing Building 6.” Referrals to staff: (1) Refer the proposals on industrial emissions and energy efficiency back to staff for review for further community input in an open public process through the Planning Commission and City Council; (2) Refer the Point Molate land use designation to staff for further on certain land use modifications consistent with remediation funding available; (3) Review the south shoreline floor to area

ratio requirements; and (4) Refer staff to work with the official arts groups to feature the full page commissioned art pieces before each section of the completed book of the general plan both the on-line and hardcopy. City Attorney Bruce Goodmiller informed the Council to vote on the General Plan Environmental Impact Report before the General Plan. On motion of Vice Mayor Rogers, seconded by Councilmember Butt adopted **Resolution No. 51-12**, certifying the General Plan Environmental Impact Report, by the unanimous vote of the Council. Vice Mayor Rogers requested a friendly amendment to the motion to treat the Union Pacific area the same as other properties. Mayor McLaughlin did not accept the amendment. A substitute motion made by Vice Mayor Rogers to include the original motion made by Mayor McLaughlin with the exception that Union Pacific property not be open space died for lack of a second. Mayor McLaughlin made an amendment to her original motion to include Ohio Avenue to 12th Street. Councilmember Boozé asked for friendly amendment to go all the way to 18th Street. Mayor McLaughlin did not accept the friendly amendment. Councilmember Butt called for the question and **Resolution No. 52-12** was adopted by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Butt, Ritterman, Vice Mayor Rogers, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** Councilmembers Bates and Boozé. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** None.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

The matter to consider alternatives relating to development of an Operations and Security Center (OSC) at the Port of Richmond and DIRECT staff to reject all bids received on February 23, 2012 to construct the OSC at 1411 Harbour Way South, and revise the design of the OSC at 1411 Harbour Way South consistent with the remaining grant funds and reissue for bid was *continued to May 1, 2012*.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 a.m. to meet again on Tuesday, May 1, 2010, at 6:30 p.m.

City Clerk

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor