

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA,
January 29, 2013**

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:37 p.m. by Mayor Gayle McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Viramontes, and Mayor McLaughlin. Councilmembers Boozé and Vice Mayor Rogers arrived after adjourning to Closed Session. **Absent:** None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

CITY COUNCIL

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:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Initiation of litigation pursuant to Subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9): One Case

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54956.8): Property: Westridge at Hilltop Apartments
Agency Negotiators: Bill Lindsay, James Goins
Negotiating Parties: Menlo Capital
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

The Evening Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:38 p.m. The Closed Session adjourned at 6:25 p.m. The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Mayor Gayle McLaughlin who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Boozé, Butt, Vice Mayor Rogers, and Mayor McLaughlin.

Absent: None.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Jackie Thompson thanked and complimented Rochelle Monk for her assistance in dealing with issues in her neighborhood that are reported by herself and her neighbors. Ms. Thompson also thanked the police department for addressing the problems at Sam's Market.

Naomi Williams invited the community to the Black History celebration on Friday, February 8, 2013, at the Richmond Auditorium beginning at 6 p.m. Donations are \$15 and tickets can be purchased at the Richmond Senior Center, 2525 Macdonald Avenue.

Ramond Dryer, Vice President of SEIU Local 1021, asked various questions regarding the impact on the budget and employees if the city were to spend money on a special election to fill the city council vacancy.

Mark Wassberg stated that the documentary about violence in Richmond will be played at 1 p.m. at the New Gethsemane Church.

Leonard Taylor congratulated the San Francisco 49ers football team who will be playing in this year's Superbowl.

Sims Thompson stated that lighting and dilapidated bus stops are still a problem in the city. Mr. Thompson also stated that he reported a dead dog on Hoffman Boulevard this past Saturday and it is still there.

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Mike Ali gave comments regarding a racial article written regarding Councilmember Boozé.

Richard Stollings stated that the installation of the new LED lights should be installed on main city streets first.

Joe Fisher gave comments regarding the city's Code of Ethics.

Rev. Alvin Bernstine stated that there are a lot of other things that the money for a possible special election can be used for.

Wesley Ellis expressed support for Councilmember Boozé and wished him a Happy Birthday.

Ursula Manning stated that the fighting and bickering between the Councilmembers does not help and everyone needs to come together to better the city.

Texanita Bluitt asked leaders to show compassion for each other and unite in order for the city to be its best.

Pam Saucer-Bilbo stated Councilmember Boozé deserves the NAACP Martin Luther King, Jr. peace and freedom award. Ms. Bilbo also said that Councilmember Beckles admonished her for congratulating Councilmember Boozé publically.

Melvin Willis does not support spending money on a special election.

Tarnell Abbott stated that she supports Eduardo Martinez for appointment to the city council.

Najari Smith wished Gary Bell a speedy recovery and does not support spending money on a special election.

Michael Parker does not support a special election to fill the vacancy on the City Council.

(Councilmember Beckles stated that the comment made by Pam Saucer-Bilbo was not accurate.

AGENDA REVIEW

None.

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Mayor McLaughlin stated the following:

City Councilmembers, City Staff and members of the community: 2012 was a quite a year! It was of groundbreaking and historic accomplishments and it was also a year of deep controversy and difference of opinion. It was eventful and unprecedented in so many ways. Whether it was difficult controversies or groundbreaking accomplishments, we have risen to the occasion and I remain honored to represent the great diverse community that resides here in our great city. In the midst of our ongoing challenges, it's easy to lose sight of the ground we've gained. This is a collective journey, and many, many people, businesses and organizations have made it possible...that is why I'm pleased to share this 2013 State of the City Address with all of you today.

Public Works, Engineering and Development Projects

I want to start off with sharing some of the many accomplishments in terms of Public Works, Parks, Engineering and development projects.

For starters, let's acknowledge with pride that Richmond won the 2011 Pavement Management Award for "Most Improved Roads" from MTC. We had an increase of 13 points from 2010. While we still have a lot of work to do, this is a great achievement.

In addition to paving many city blocks, Public Works did remodeling work at Fire Stations and painted various city buildings such as the Disabled People's Recreation Center, the main Library and the interior of the Auditorium.

Our Parks and Landscaping Division were busy, as always, with great projects. Thanks to our very committed and able Parks staff in collaboration with an engaged community, on August 11, 2012, we celebrated the Grand Opening of a beautifully renovated Solano Playlot. We also celebrated the renovation of Burg Park as well as a new pedestrian bridge at Booker T. Anderson Park. This in conjunction with ongoing maintenance, repairs, and landscaping work to beautify our city public spaces.

Engineering was extremely busy this year as well.

Projects including the Via Verdi Culvert Replacement Project, previously known as the Via Verdi “sink hole” problem. El Portal Drive was opened in December and the pipe that ran under the road has been completely replaced.

Some other quick facts include:

100,000 sq. yards of pavement were slurry sealed.
35 curb ramps were completed
28,589 sq. ft. of sidewalks were completed through the City program

Engineering should also be congratulated for its Railroad Crossing Improvements. Richmond is now a national leader in Quiet Zones with a total of eight (8) zones established.

Engineering also replaced lights on major streets throughout the City (such as Macdonald Ave, Barrett, 23rd, San Pablo, Cutting Blvd, portions of the Parkway, Castro St., Nevin, Bissell, Pennsylvania and various downtown streets. 1,100 antiquated series streetlights were replaced with LED lights. Old lights use 80% more energy than the new LED lights AND the LED lights are 4 times brighter than older lights.

And one more engineering project I want to mention is the Stormwater Improvements at Garrity Creek. The first large trash capture device was placed in a storm water pipe at Hilltop Mall such that it captures trash dropped by shoppers preventing the trash from getting in the creek.

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New development projects continue to move forward in Richmond:

Rosie the Riveter Visitor and Education Center

- The new visitor education center in the historic Oil House, part of the Ford Building Rehabilitation Project is located on the Richmond shoreline and is the new home of the Rosie the Riveter Visitor and Education Center.
- Restoration improvements of the Oil House include: classrooms, exhibits, and an award winning theater.

Bart garage

- The Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) parking structure is nearing completion.
- Related transit improvements such as repaving and striping of 16th Street have been completed. Along with the BART garage construction other improvements with transit center include; pedestrian and bicycle upgrades as well as improvements to bus circulation.
- The public art is now installed on the east and west parking structure elevations.
- Once completed the garage will have six levels of parking, with a total of 762-spaces. The garage will include 9,000 square feet of ground-floor commercial space fronting on Macdonald Avenue in downtown Richmond.

Meade Street Bypass Road Project

- The Meade Street Bypass Road now serves as the primary road in and out of the South Richmond Shoreline Area with no interruption from train activity. This is especially vital to emergency vehicles that need access to the South Richmond Shoreline area unimpeded.
- Meade Street Bypass Road is great resource for the business community in the area and has potential for new businesses to call Richmond home.

- This road will serve as a temporary road while the Bradley A. Moody Underpass Grade Separation is constructed

Green aspects of the bypass road project

- The road consists of green components: State “Energy-Efficient” LED Street Lights will help provide safety to the area and to bicycle riders utilizing the Class II bike lanes
- 2 acre site includes the largest Richmond Public Works Bio retention Basin that will filter storm water runoff

Rigger’s Loft

Rigger’s Loft, after some controversy, is well into its rehabilitation work and is already being marketed by the City.

Crime and Violence Prevention

Now, I ‘d like to focus a bit on the extraordinary accomplishments we have collectively made happen in the area of crime and violence prevention.

In recent years, we have seen a massive decrease in violent crime. We ended 2012 with 18 homicides, while it was just a few years back in 2009, we had 45 homicides. We are clearly moving in a very strong downward trend. All this reflects a collective effort on the part of our community-involved police department, our Office of Neighborhood Safety, many community violence prevention groups and great programs, such as the Ceasefire Program.

As we all know, one homicide and one shooting is a tragedy beyond words. Let us always remember that these statistics represent real human lives and people loved, and mourned, by many.

In addition, just recently a great crime prevention victory has been accomplished thanks to a grassroots community organizing effort that was successful in getting state realignment money dedicated to re-entry services as opposed to expanding the county jail. I will

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be presenting this year's MLK Award to those community groups that really helped shift the focus onto resources needed for re-entry service to decrease recidivism...rather than trying at arrest our way out of crime problems.

My office is also working directly with the Richmond Project, a program in San Quentin, where Richmond residents in prison are transforming themselves and sharing their profound message with our youth encouraging them to focus on healthy lifestyles.

So in many ways we are addressing the roots of our crime and showcasing Richmond as a leader in crime prevention.

Economic Development and Jobs

And along with moving to a more peaceful Richmond, we have moved to a moved our local economy forward as well.

Richmond saw 249 new businesses started in 2012 which generated 457 jobs.

An example of one of these new businesses is Nutiva. Nutiva the world's leading brand of organic hemp foods, coconut oil, and chia seeds and moved its headquarters to Richmond this year. It is in the process of hiring 100 workers and has reached out to our local residents for these jobs. In addition, Nutiva, is doing great community work, including a commitment of planting fruit tree orchards in every Richmond school, which it has already begun!

Ekso Bionics is another great business that has moved to Richmond. Ekso Bionics is pioneering the field of exoskeletons, designing and creating some of the most forward-thinking solutions in offering people with physical limitations new, innovative options for extending their physical abilities. Ekso Bionics was named by Time Magazine as "One of the 50 Best Innovations in 2010." And we are proud that they chose Richmond to be home to their exciting business.

AND of course as we all know, The University of California Richmond Field Station was selected as the preferred site for the second campus of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. The development of the Richmond Bay Campus in Richmond's Southern Gateway will serve as a center for innovation, catalyst for other research facilities, and will support broader economic revitalization locally and regionally. The start of the operation is expected between 2017-2020.

We just recently passed a resolution calling on DTSC to move forward with a clean-up to unrestricted standards of the toxic Zeneca site (which is adjacent to the Richmond Field Station) so that we are not held back in our economic revitalization of the South Gateway, including the development of LBNL's 2nd campus.

But in addition to traditional models of economic development, we are also promoting alternative models by way of encouraging Richmond worker-owned cooperatives. In 2011 we saw our first Richmond worker-owned coop get started. That was the Liberty Ship Café, a healthy catering service owned collectively by Richmond residents. This year we have continued to promote coops and are seeing a restaurant coop, a bike coop, an urban agriculture coop, an entertainment coop, and a solar installation coop in the works. This style of economic development has a three-pronged benefit. Worker Coops are 1. a source of job creation, 2. a source of local wealth-building and 3. a source of workplace democracy.

We also saw a non-profit emerge this year, the Richmond Revolving Loan fund that is helping provide start-up money for local co-ops.

Job training continues to be an extremely high priority for us all.

RichmondBUILD, of course, continues to be a star program in the City as we train and steer our residents toward jobs in the new green economy.

But we've also seen some new advancements as part of our YouthWORKS program. A big plus is that at that

at the end of 2012 YouthWORKS moved into their own building at 2705 Macdonald Ave.

Our 2012 Summer Youth Employment Program employed about the same number of Richmond youth as last year. We had 263 youth receiving up to 100 hours of meaningful, career path work experience.

The after-school Academic Program “Straight Talk on Prison” has provided academic support and community service learning to over 70 youth participants. In collaboration with the National Park Service, we saw the emergence of the “Hometown Richmond” team working in gardens, urban agriculture locations, and planting trees through the community.

Our stellar LEAP program with its excellent staff, instructors and volunteers continues to provide intense learning opportunities so that their graduates succeed educationally, thereby enhancing their earning power.

Health and Sustainability Initiatives

In terms of policies and initiatives, our greatest accomplishment this year was on April 24, when we passed our 2030 General Plan based on health, sustainability and equity. We now have a great blueprint for a healthy and vital urban landscape meeting the needs of our community as a whole!

Another great initiative occurred on June 19 when we voted to participate in Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) by joining Marin Energy Authority to provide customers with a choice of purchasing electricity with higher renewable energy content.

We’re excited that our R3 – Richmond Recovery Rebate Program provided \$377,691 in rebates to residents, generating in the process \$3,166,191 in total economic activity and an estimated 35 new, local jobs. For every \$1 of R3 funds awarded to a project, \$7.1 dollars were invested back into the local economy.

We are making great progress in the field of health and were selected as a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Roadmaps to Health Prize finalist for innovative
Community Health and Wellness strategies!

We also have a new partnership called the Richmond Health Equity Partnership (RHEP), where we are partnering with Contra Costa Health Services (CCHS), West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) and others and are engaging in various strategies and projects to advance full-service community schools and to track and measure health outcomes.

We've also made progress on brownfield assessments to facilitate the development of community gardens and have shared Richmond's experience with other cities as part of the California Endowment's Building Healthy Communities efforts. Thank you to the community, to the Health Initiatives Team and everyone working to better the health of our community.

In the area of sustainable transportation, our "Easy Go Richmond" project just won a State Award from the Governor's Office and is providing opportunities for car-sharing, bike sharing and electric and hybrid vehicle usage, as well as discounted public transportation passes.

Further sustainability efforts of course include the city's various Compost and Tree Giveaways. In partnership with Self Sustaining Communities and Richmond's Cities of Service Program, 3,000 various fruit and olive trees were given away. And Self-Sustaining Communities is continuing to outreach for more trees for our community from regional growers.

Community groups and non-profits, such as Urban Tilth, Groundwork Richmond and Richmond Trees have helped us beautify our neighborhoods and promote a healthier Richmond with the planting of new trees and growing of community gardens.

And our Richmond Food Policy Council continues to explore ways of accessing healthier food for our community.

We also participated in green tours for Richmond youth in conjunction with Lana Husser and Earth Team so

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that youth from various schools have an opportunity to see all the great sustainable initiatives we are engaged in.

In addition, we've participated with the community in various healthy recreational activities and events such as the Walk to Nature led by Youth Enrichment Strategies and Bike to Work Day; and we celebrated the closing of a Bay Trail gap with the completion of the Wildcat Marsh Trail.

Chevron Fire

Amid, all these wonderful things, let's not forget the horrendous experience of the Chevron Refinery fire which sent 15,000 people to local hospital for treatment of respiratory issues and other health impacts of the fire. We remain very concerned about the health and safety risk that this major refinery poses to our residents and to the greater Bay area. I brought forward 2 resolutions in recent months, which the City Council approved, addressed the issue of Chevron's rebuilding their Crude Unit where the fire occurred. Concerns remain that they utilize the best technology available and that the highest safety precautions are put into place. Some of us are watching very closely as more information unfolds.

We are also very concerned that Chevron be held totally accountable for the damage they have imparted on us which includes the health impact, the impact to land and property, and the impact to our City's image. Chevron has imparted great harm to our community by way of their pollution, their accidents, and frankly their impact on our elections and democracy for decades. Many of us remain greatly concerned about all of this.

But while we are putting our nose to the grindstone and making sure that our health and safety isn't put in jeopardy once again, we continue to develop and rise as a city with heart, mind and soul committed to transform ourselves and bring our dreams into fruition.

Arts/Culture/Festivals/Special events

One of the most profound ways we rise and transform ourselves is through arts, culture, festivals, and special city events.

Festivals and events are a reflection of our diversity and our outlook as a community and we had a flowering of such activities last year. In addition to some of our now long-standing festivals such as Cinco de Mayo, Juneteenth, the Homefront Festival, National Night Out, and the North Shoreline festival, we had the joy of experiencing our 3rd Annual Native American Pow-Wow last summer....and the 2nd Annual Major Taylor Bike Fiesta organized by Building Blocks for Kids happened last year.

Other new traditions, including the North Richmond Blues Festival and the North Richmond Green Festival, have continued to build community spirit and empowerment throughout North Richmond. Our downtown Music on the Main concerts and Pt. Richmond's various music and arts festivals, have shown that we have no shortage of talent in the City of Richmond!

To add to that, we had a great Spirit and Soul Festival in downtown Richmond last summer where thousands of people filled out downtown to experience good food, entertainment and many wonderful vendors showcasing their wares.

In 2012, the 3th Annual Homelessness Conference also took place in Richmond, organized by Saffron Strand, a non-profit dedicated to helping homeless individuals find their way into healthy lifestyles with job opportunities.

Additionally, I am very proud of the continued success by my office and the community in organizing our International Women's Day event. Last year was our 5th Annual Sisters in Solidarity event which brought together more women than ever, who demonstrate by their solidarity the kind of Richmond that we can become and are becoming!

The arts in Richmond continue to thrive with poetry and essay contests, as well as neighborhood arts projects. This year the City Council established a Poet Laureate Program and we honored Dwayne Parish as our first Poet Laureate in Richmond!

Creative groups of young people such as RAW Talent and the young people at East Bay Center for the Performing Arts continue to make us proud.

And...public arts murals took center stage in Richmond in 2012 as the Greenway has become transformed with beautiful murals alongside beautiful gardens.

New Volunteer Program

Impact volunteering program, managed and coordinated by Rochelle Monk, branded as “Excellence Serving our Community” with various initiatives already launched like the WriterCoach Connection at Richmond High School to address the writing achievement gap with one-on-one volunteers helping 120 students to improve literacy and writing skills. . In December 2012, Youth Service America announced its selection of Richmond ESC as a lead agency to engage and organize youth to lead projects that improve the Richmond community.

The official launch of the ESC is on Feb 20 at 11:30 at Civic Center Plaza.

Youth empowerment

We have also seen that great organizing work around youth sports, activities, and education has taken a big step forward this year. Our youth, with adult mentors, have shown that yes, they can advocate on their own behalf for more sports fields and more education and youth activities. Richmond Pulse (a youth-run newspaper) continues to focus on positive happenings in Richmond with the determination of showcasing Richmond as a city with character and integrity. I’m thrilled that my office has worked with these groups to help them move their efforts forward and we will continue to do so. We continue to work also with the RYSE Center and other youth-focused groups as we

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explore concrete ways to make sure the City sets the highest priority for youth needs in every decision made, including and especially funding decisions.

The year ahead

There is much to be done in 2013. While there will be many surprises, there are a few interesting projects on the near horizon:

1. In the very near term, on February 4, we will consider filling the City Council seat vacancy.
2. In the coming months, we will also see our Municipal ID implementation. The contract should be signed in March and IDs are expected to be issued starting in June.
3. We also will see the unrolling of Community Choice Aggregation in Richmond, as we offer residents the option of being customers of MEA.
4. In addition to our annual Women's Day event, my office will also be organizing a Youth Forum later this year that will bring together various youth groups to focus on how our Youth Can Help us build a Better Richmond.
5. Another exciting effort underway is our Healthy Vendors Ordinance. We hope to see this completed in 2013 to help stimulate our local economy by way of policies and incentives for healthy food vendors.
6. Other efforts underway for 2013 are the Plastic Bag Ordinance and the Climate Action Plan.
7. Larger efforts, like review of LBNL's plans and also Chevron Revised Renewal Project plans will of course continue as well.
8. Efforts surrounding the clean-up of Pt. Molate will continue as well, and hopefully the re-opening of Pt. Molate Beach will be forthcoming soon, so we can all enjoy this beautiful area that we collectively own as a city and community!

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Conclusion

In conclusion, these continue to be difficult, but also very interesting, times we live in. As we all know, there is much controversy in the political climate of our city. This controversy should not deter us at all, but only cause us all to look deep at what we want and need.

I expect the City Council will continue to have different points of view. I call on every member of the City Council to seek respectful ways to express these differences.

The future of Richmond rests in many hands shaped by the participation of the community, its elected representatives and our City staff. Social, environmental and economic justice must continue to be our compass. We have much to be proud of, but what excites me, what inspires me, is the resiliency and spirit of our community.

So let's dream big and work hard together in 2013. We are in this together and together we will continue to open more doorways and overcome more and more challenges!

Thank you very much for your attention.

The following individuals gave comments: Leonard Taylor, Kathleen Wimer, Zak Wear, Tarnel Abbott, and Michael Parker.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

Mayor McLaughlin presented the 2013 Martin Luther King Jr. Richmond Community Leadership and Service Award to: CCISCO, Safe Return Project, Reentry Solutions Group, Secure Communities Task Force, and Richmond Progressive Alliance. The following individuals gave comments: Wesley Ellis, Jose Rivera, Mark Wassberg, Zak Wear, Michael Parker, Texanita Bluitt, Pam Bilbo, Kathleen Sullivan, and Eduardo Martinez.

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Mayor McLaughlin presented the 2013 Black History Month Proclamation to members of the Black History Celebration committee. Mark Wassberg and Jackie Thompson gave comments.

Mayor McLaughlin presented a Proclamation honoring Michele Seville and Hershell West for receiving the Contra Costa County AC5 Arts Recognition Award. Virginia Rigney and Eduardo Martinez gave comments. Vice Mayor Rogers suggested that inspirational quotes by Martin Luther King, Jr. be placed on plaques along the Richmond Greenway.

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

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

STUDY SESSION

Dr. Denise Noldon, President of Contra Costa College, (CCC), presented a report on the state of the College. Dr. Noldon stated that 80% of firefighters, law enforcement officers, and EMT's are credentialed at community colleges; 70% of nurses receive their education at community colleges; and community college transfer students account for 48% of University of California bachelor's degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. In the Fall of 2012, there were 6,791 students enrolled, of which 2,477 were full-time students. Contra Costa College is a Hispanic-Serving institution and is one of ten colleges and universities to be part of the Department of Labor grant awarded for \$14.9 million to provide training in biotechnical/medical training, forklift logistics operations and warehousing and hybrid engines.

The City Council received a presentation from Fair Housing of Marin (FHOM) with Bay Area Legal Aid regarding National Origin Discrimination in Rental Housing in the City of Richmond was presented by

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David Levin, Bay Area Legal Aid & Matt Olinder of Fair Housing of Marin. Between May and July 2012, FHOM conducted 20 tests in Richmond. Two tests (10%) showed clear differential treatment favoring the Caucasian tester; four tests (20%) showed some differences in treatment favoring the Caucasian tester. Seven tests (35%) showed no differential treatment. In six out of 20 tests (30%), there were at least some discrepancies or disadvantages in treatment for the Latino tester. The recommendations from FHOM are to disseminate the audit results, monitor sites where there was an indication of differential treatment, offer fair housing training seminars to owners, managers, and agents audited in the report, send notification letters to housing providers of properties where testing showed differential treatment, increase media coverage, conduct additional audits, spread the word to potential targets, and promote display of required Housing and Urban Development equal opportunity housing provider logo posted in plain view for applicants. Jackie Thompson gave comments.

The City Council received a presentation from the Contra Costa Transportation Authority on major interchange modifications at I-80 and San Pablo Dam Road, McBryde Avenue, and El Portal Drive was presented by Nisham Rami, Engineer for Contra Costa Transportation Authority. Mr. Rami stated that the project aims at alleviating congestion and improve traffic safety at I-80/San Pablo Dam Road (SPDR) and adjacent interchanges at El Portal Drive and McBryde Avenue, caused by insufficient number of lanes, narrow sidewalks, and lack of shoulders, closely spaced intersections, and prohibition of left turns into Amador Street from San Pablo Dam Road. Along Interstate 80 (I-80) there is insufficient weaving/merge distance between successive on and off ramps at SPDR and McBryde Avenue to the south and SPDR and El Portal Drive to the north along WB I-80. There is also insufficient vertical clearance height under I-80/SPDR overcrossing. The detailed design stage started in May 2011 and is expected to continue through the end of 2013 with construction to begin in late 2014/early 2015. The project is currently proposed to be constructed in two phases based on available funding. Phase 1 is fully

funded and Phase 2 is not currently funded. Sims Thompson and Rock Brown gave comments.

The City Council received a presentation from The California Endowment regarding the Healthy Richmond Program was presented by Diane Aranda, Program Officer. Richmond was selected by The California Endowment (TCE), a private, statewide health foundation, as one of 14 communities in California working over the next 10 years to improve health systems and the physical, social, economic and service structures that support healthy living and wellness. Healthy Richmond was initiated in 2009 with the formation of a 25-member Steering Committee, composed of representatives from community organizations, local government, residents and youth. The planning process engaged approximately 1700 people, mostly adult and youth residents, to prioritize the outcomes and strategies to focus the work over the next two to three years. In November 2010, the Steering Committee finalized and submitted to The Endowment the Healthy Richmond Plan. Healthy Richmond selected the following Building Healthy Communities outcomes as its priorities for the first three years of this initiative: families have improved access to a health home that supports healthy behaviors; children and their families are safe from violence; neighborhood and school environments support improved health and healthy behaviors; and community health improvements are linked to economic development.

(11:02 p.m. – A motion by Mayor McLaughlin, seconded by Vice Mayor Rogers, extended the meeting 30 minutes).

STUDY AND DIRECTION TO STAFF SESSION

The City Council received a status update on the Richmond Health Equity Partnership, and DIRECT staff to develop a Health in All Policies Strategy and ordinance was presented by City Manager, Bill Lindsay, Administrative Chief, Kinshasa Curl, and Professor Jason Corbin. On February 7, 2012, the Richmond City Council adopted a resolution accepting a grant from The California Endowment (TCE) to

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implement the Richmond HEP and authorizing the City Manager to enter into all required contracts and agreements to facilitate the grant outcomes. The City of Richmond is currently in month ten of the RHEP, a two-year partnership between the City of Richmond, Contra Costa Health Services, West Contra Costa Unified School District, and University of California, Berkeley Professor Jason Corburn to advance health and health equity in Richmond, funded in part by The California Endowment. Health in All Policies is a collaborative approach with the goal of improving health equity by addressing the social determinants of health and integrating health into decision making processes across all departments of the City. The study indicates that your zip code can determine your longevity. Councilmember Rogers asked for information that may correlate if air quality can also be a factor in determining longevity. A motion by Councilmember, seconded by Councilmember Butt, directed staff to develop a Health in All Policies Strategy and ordinance, passed by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

(11:30 p.m. – A motion by Vice Mayor Rogers, seconded by Mayor McLaughlin, extended the meeting 10 minutes) Councilmember Bates voted “no”.

ELECTION OF VICE MAYOR

A motion by Mayor McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Rogers, appointed Councilmember Boozé as Vice Mayor, by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates, Boozé, Vice Mayor Rogers, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** Councilmember Butt. **Abstain:** Councilmember Beckles. **Absent:** None.

(Councilmember Boozé stated that he and Councilmember Bates attended the CASA Conference.

Councilmember Butt stated that last week he attended the League of California Cities Environmental Quality Policy Committee Meeting in Sacramento.

Councilmember Bates stated that Lori Reese-Brown, Bill Lindsay, Vice Mayor Rogers, Councilmember Boozé, and himself, attended the Governor's Environmental and Leadership Award Ceremony.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:36 p.m. in memory of Leander Murphy, Jr. and Joyce Kidd Barnes, to meet again on Tuesday, February 5, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

City Clerk

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Approved:

Mayor