

## **RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, June 11, 2013**

The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Mayor McLaughlin who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

### **AGENDA REVIEW**

Item E-1 was continued to June 25, 2013.

### **PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS**

**Continued** the presentation of the 2013 TECHS All Star Reading is Fun Club certificates of accomplishment was **to June 25, 2013.**

Mayor McLaughlin and Councilmember Bates presented a proclamation to the family of Ms. Ethel Wilhite in recognition of her contributions to the community and her centennial birthday celebration on June 15, 2013. Alvin Brooks gave comments.

### **COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

The City Council received a presentation of the proposed Fiscal Years 2013-14 and 2014-15 Operating Budgets (OB) and proposed Fiscal Years 2013-18 Five-Year Capital Improvement (CIP) Budget pursuant to Section 2.61.010 of Ordinance 42-07. City Manager Bill Lindsay gave an overview of the presentation and each department presented their proposed budget for the Council's review, discussion, and recommendations. "The operating budget (including General Fund expenditures, other operating expenditures, and transfers out) in the amount of \$170.8 million was balanced to within 2%, with a projected budget gap of \$4.1 million. The General Fund portion of the operating budget in the amount of \$147.2 million was balanced to within 2%, with a projected deficit of \$3.6 million. Staff was still evaluating options to structurally balance the budget." On Tuesday, June 18, 2013, the City Council would review and give final policy direction regarding changes to the proposed budget. Items for the checklist included: Confirmation that the Shields-Reid Project was included in the CIP Budget; verify if \$1.5 million for the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) was included in the budget; status of the San Pablo Corridor Joint Venture Plan with El Cerrito; more detail regarding

conversion of public housing developments into project-based Section 8 developments; explanation why every department took cuts except the Fire Department; explanation why the Code Enforcement Department was being heavily subsidized without receiving much value in return; breakdown of overtime for police and fire for the proposed years versus what has been spent in the current year; where was the sale of Terminal One reflected in the budget and how was the sale of Westridge reflected in the Housing Authority Budget; what are the plans for the city-owned property next to Salutes; provide a list of individuals who take vehicles home and a list of individuals who receive a monthly allowance; provide a list of current cell phone carriers and evaluate Metro as a potential carrier; explanation of the percentage of operations versus projects for the Successor Agency; explanation why there are 12 staff in the Successor Agency while at 30% versus 19 staff when the Agency was at 100%; explanation why there are four project managers in the Successor Agency for four projects; explanation why there are seven attorneys in the City Attorney's Office as well as significant contract attorneys; are there plans to restripe Macdonald Avenue and are there grants available; explanation why there was a decrease of 37% in salaries and an increase of 9% in benefits in the Successor Agency; confirm that by the end of Fiscal Year 2014-15 the City would have paid \$6 million to the WCCUSD for projects; increase the amount programmed for street paving to the \$6 million level for both fiscal years; status of the Cutting Boulevard and Carlson Avenue overpass; verify that there were future traffic calming measures at Wall Avenue and 37<sup>th</sup> Street; verify the total amount spent on the Riggers Loft include funding and grant sources; verify budget plans for the Harbour Way Project; funding for preparing screens in the auditorium; explanations regarding the Human Rights and Human Relations Budget; breakdown of the Other Taxes category; explanation of Franchise Fees from various utilities; explanation of what the City Attorney's Office was doing to reduce contract services; explanation of what staffing levels were needed to reduce the overtime in the Fire Department; clarify plans to slowdown traffic near the Solano Play lot, Carlson Avenue, and Cutting Boulevard; clarify plans to reduce flooding at Plumas Avenue; verify that Duboce and Alamo Avenue, and the Richmond Ball Field was in the budget; verify that a sound system may be included in the budget; verify that an EIR was coming forward for a ferry; verify the amount allocated for reserves in the budget; contributions for non-profits and Native American Festivals; upgrades for the restrooms in the auditorium; and staffing requirements for the Fire Department.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:34 p.m. in honor of Naomi Williams' 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday, and in memory of Jose Luis Garcia, to meet again on Tuesday, June 18, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Mayor