

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, October 1,
2013**

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:45 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

Items F-5 and F-6 were withdrawn from the agenda. Items F-7, F-8, and F-14 were removed from the Consent Calendar.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Antwon Cloird stated that there will be an open house fundraiser for the Men and Women of Purpose at 3029 Macdonald Avenue at 4 p.m. and information will be given regarding resources for individuals being released from prison.

Vivien Feyer, Chairperson Human Rights & Human Relations Commission gave comments regarding employees being retaliated against for speaking at Personnel Board Meetings and Human Relations Commission meetings.

Richard Stollings spoke against the distribution of flyers warning people how to conduct themselves during City Council meetings.

Leonard Taylor gave comments regarding an assault that occurred on his street.

Carol Johnson, Human Rights & Human Relations Commission member, read an excerpt from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 8, regarding freedom of speech. Ms. Johnson also stated that the workplace bullying of City employees who voice their concerns must stop.

Pam Bilbo stated that the Men & Women of Valor distribute informational flyers regarding the Easy-Go Program. Ms. Bilbo also stated that there will be a Gospel Concert at the Richmond Auditorium on February 15, 2013.

Courtney Cummings invited everyone to movie night to view the Rise of the Urban Reds on Friday, October 4, 2013, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Whittlesey Room of the Richmond Main Library.

Janie Anker, Jasmine Jones, and Marilyn Langlois spoke against retaliation of City employees who have voiced concerns about workplace bullying.

Mark Wassburg stated that illegal immigrants should have no rights.

Kathleen Sullivan read an excerpt from the Universal Human Rights Declaration, Article 19, regarding worker rights.

Jackie Thompson stated that the students engaging in sexual acts at LaVonya DeJean School were from Kennedy High School.

Eleanor Thompson thanked everyone who supported the North Richmond 4th of July Celebration. Ms. Thompson also asked for assistance in waiving the fees for the Shields-Reid Community center for a fashion show.

Texanita Bluitt gave comments regarding the high truancy rates in Contra Costa County and that the City and school district need to discuss ways to solve this issue.

Andres Soto announced that the North Richmond Shoreline Festival will be on Saturday, October 5, 2013, at Point Pinole Park. Mr. Soto also stated that Sims Metal was caught in a sting operation purchasing copper marked "PG and E".

Carlos Trujillo stated that lights need to be installed at Belding Woods Park.

Richard Lompa and Jeffrey Wright spoke against the proposed eminent domain plan.

Vinay Pimplé suggested that the City Council consider instituting two-minute advisory motions in order to save time.

Eduardo Martinez gave comments regarding Chevron settling the property tax issue with the City.

Wesley Ellis stated that Richmond Progressive Alliance is a socialist and communist group.

Mike Parker stated that it's the job of the City to create stable neighborhoods and supports the eminent domain plan.

Raymond Landry suggested that one block in front of Independent Community Church be re-named to South 16th and Reverend Bradford in honor of Reverend Tommie L. Bradford.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Councilmember Butt, seconded by Councilmember Myrick, all items marked with an (*) were approved by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

*- Approved the qualified consultant list generated from the Request for Proposals to provide grant writing, grant seeking, or other grant-related services to City department(s) on an as-needed basis for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 through Fiscal Year 2015-2016, with two one-year extensions upon approval of the City Manager's Office, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000

per consultant per year (This item was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Finance Committee at its September 13, 2013, meeting).

*- Approved an amendment to the existing contract with Wesco Graphics to print the last two editions of the bilingual Recreation Activity Guide, increasing the contract amount by \$15,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$53,000, with a contract ending date of June 30, 2014.

*- Proclamation commemorating October 19, 2013, as the City of Richmond's Official Arbor Day.

*- Approved a second amendment to the Straight Talk on Prison, Inc. contract to provide academic program coordination services for the YouthWORKS Division of Employment and Training. The contract will be increased by \$55,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$104,700 and extending the term of the contract to September 30, 2014 (This item was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Finance Committee at its September 13, 2013, meeting).

WITHDREW the adoption of a resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Richmond Police Officers' Association (RPOA) and the City of Richmond. The MOU will be effective from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2016, and provides for a 3% annual salary increase each September 1 for the years 2013, 2014, and 2015. The salary increase is offset by RPOA members contributing an additional 1% per year toward CalPERS pension cost (3% over the life of the contract, for a total contribution of 12% at the end of the term).

WITHDREW the introduction of an ordinance (first reading) to establish wages, salaries, and compensation for the classifications represented by the Richmond Police Officers' Association (RPOA) in the City's classified service, and repealing Ordinance No. 39-06 N.S.

CONTINUED to the October 15, 2013, City Council meeting, the matter to adopt a resolution adjusting the City's parking fines schedule to reflect State-mandated assessments and correspond to other jurisdictions' rates.

CONTINUED to the October 15, 2013, City Council meeting, the matter to adopt a resolution approving an amendment to the contract with Harris Electric to provide as-needed high voltage and major electrical contract service in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 per year over a three-year period with two one-year options to extend (This item was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Finance Committee at its September 13, 2013).

*- Approved an amendment to the lease agreement with Alcatraz Cruise, LLC for its use of Port of Richmond property at the eastern half of Basin 4 at Point Potrero Marine Terminal, providing annual revenue to the Port of \$60,000, and extending the lease term for one year, with four additional one-year limited options by the tenant to extend the term.

*- Adopted **Ordinance No. 19-13 N.S.** amending Section 9.20.110 of the Municipal Code of the City of Richmond to increase the administrative charge that the City may assess on delinquent solid waste accounts from \$30 per parcel to \$45 per parcel.

*- Approved the minutes of the September 17, 2013, Regular City Council Meeting.

*- Approved the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to provide a compensation adjustment to the City Clerk. The City Clerk has not received a compensation adjustment based on performance since 2001. Effective July 1, 2013, the City Clerk's monthly salary will be increased to \$10,500/month. In addition, the City Clerk will receive a one-time salary bonus of \$24,000 in recognition of the fact that the City Clerk has not received a compensation adjustment since 2005.

*- Authorized Councilmember Bates to lead a delegation of public officials to Zhoushan, China to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Richmond-Zhoushan Sister City Relationship and Shimada, Japan to officiate at the sister city activities at the Obi Festival. Total cost is \$35,000.

CONTINUED to the October 15, 2013, City Council meeting, the matter to adopt an ordinance (second reading) to ban alcohol billboards near schools, in order to reduce the number of minors who become at risk for alcohol abuse due to starting to drink before they can make an informed, adult choice.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The matter to adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds under the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) of 1982 in the amount of \$25,000,000 for rehabilitation of affordable housing at Friendship Manor and Triangle Court was presented by Susan Segovia, Finance Department and Housing Director, Tim Jones. Mayor McLaughlin declared the public hearing open. Texanita Bluit and Jackie Thompson gave comments. A motion by Vice Mayor Boozé, seconded by Councilmember Myrick, closed the public hearing by the unanimous vote of the City Council. A motion by Councilmember Beckles, seconded by Councilmember Myrick, adopted **Resolution No. 95-13**, by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

RESOLUTIONS

The matter to adopt a resolution in support of the WCCUSD Board of Trustees decision to deny the petition for establishment of Summit Charter School and requesting the Contra Costa County Board of Education to uphold said decision was presented by Councilmember Myrick. The following individuals gave comments: Barbara Young, Kelly Garcia, John Finefrock, Eduardo Martinez, Mike Peritz, JoAnn Ford, Yolanda Lopez, Diane Brown, Scottie Smith, Linda Ruiz, Jelani Dotson, Brenda Gray, Mike Parker, and Madeline Kronenberg. Discussion ensued. A motion by

Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Councilmember Beckles, adopted **Resolution No. 96-13**, by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Myrick, Rogers, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** Councilmember Bates, Butt, and Vice Mayor Boozé. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** None.

(9:10 p.m. – City Council took a 5-minute recess).

ORDINANCES

The matter to introduce an ordinance amending Richmond Municipal Code Chapter 6.06 (Historic Structures Code) to streamline the design review process for historic resource alteration projects by authorizing the Zoning Administrator to approve minor historic resource alteration projects and authorizing the Historic Preservation Commission to approve major historic resource alteration projects was presented by City Planner, Hector Rojas. A motion by Councilmember Bates, seconded by Vice Mayor Boozé, introduced said ordinance by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

The City Council received an update from City of Richmond staff, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and University of California, Berkeley officials on the status of the proposed Richmond Bay Campus Project by City Manager, Bill Lindsay, Glenn Kubiack, and Graham Fleming from Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory. Antwon Cloird gave comments. The lab has hosted many elementary school and Contra Costa College groups for hands-on demonstrations and job development and training is planned to begin before the actual project starts. A Richmond Community Advisory Group and a sustainable shuttle will be considered.

The matter to discuss and provide direction to staff on: (1) the recommended local greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction measures to be considered for the Chevron Refinery Modernization Project Environmental Impact Report; and (2) the criteria to

prioritize and evaluate GHG reduction measures was presented by City Manager, Bill Lindsay, City Planner, Lina Velasco, and Adam Lenz, City Manager's Office. Assembly Bill 32 (AB 32), the 2006 Global Warming Solutions Act, requires that California reduce GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020 Irrespective of the City Council's approval or Chevron's decision to implement the Revised Project, the Chevron Refinery will continue to be required to comply with the GHG emissions reductions mandates established by AB 32. *(Item not completed and was continued to the October 15, 2013, City Council meeting).*

(11:00 p.m. - A motion by Vice Mayor Boozé, seconded by Councilmember Myrick, extended the meeting to 11:30 p.m. – Councilmembers Butt, Beckles, and Rogers voted “no”).

(11:30 p.m. - A motion by Vice Mayor Boozé, to extend the meeting 15 minutes failed for lack of a second).

CONTINUED to the October 15, 2013, City Council meeting, the matter to receive a status report from the city manager on the use of city cars.

CONTINUED to the October 15, 2013, City Council meeting, the matter to discuss and consider reducing the fee for residential solar panel installation.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS: STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS, REFERRALS TO STAFF, AND GENERAL REPORTS (INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:34 p.m. in memory of Eula Averhart, to meet again on Tuesday, October 15, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

City Clerk

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor