

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA,
December 2, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Mayor Gayle McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Boozé, Myrick, Vice Mayor Beckles, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Absent:** Councilmember Rogers arrived at 6:41p.m.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councilmember Bates recused himself from discussion on Item H-1 because he lives in the direct vicinity of the project.

AGENDA REVIEW

Item F-9 was removed from the Consent Calendar. Item H-1 was continued to the December 16, 2014, meeting.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Wassburg stated that the community should read the latest edition of "The Advocate" from Contra Costa College which discusses the Richmond Progressive Alliance.

Joseph Puleo stated that the City needs to investigate what occurred regarding the recent flaring incident at the Chevron refinery.

Johnny Holmes stated that some of the funds from Chevron should be allocated for sports teams that qualify for national competitions.

Roseanne Ryken requested that the holiday lights in the Civic Center area remain lit in the area of the library for a longer period of time for the safety of the patrons.

Jackie Thompson stated that there is a tree on 38th Street and Macdonald Avenue that has damaged the sidewalk and is a hazard.

Mike Parker stated that the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors passed a resolution to waive the \$9 million of debt from Doctor's Hospital. Mr. Parker also stated that the City Council should allow speakers who signed up for the continued Item H-1 to speak under Open Forum.

A motion by Mayor McLaughlin, seconded by Vice Mayor Beckles, to allow the speakers who signed up for Item H-1 to speak under Open Form, passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Myrick, Rogers, Vice Mayor Rogers, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** **Absent:** Councilmembers Bates, Butt, and Boozé. **Abstain:** None.

A motion by Councilmember Butt, seconded by Councilmember Boozé to rescind his original request to hold Item H-1 over. Mayor McLaughlin rescinded her "yes" vote on the previous motion to allow the speakers to speak under Open Forum, therefore, the motion failed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

*-Approved Amendment No. 1 to the existing agreement with Cox, Wootton, Griffin, Hansen & Poulos, LLP for continued legal services regarding maritime law matters and the matter of Port of Richmond vs. J.E.B.S. & Associates, Inc., increasing the contract by \$20,000 to a total amount not to exceed \$30,000 and for a term ending June 20, 2019.

*-Approved the request by The Golden State Warriors Community Foundation to install signage naming the basketball courts at Martin Luther King Jr. Park the "Mitch Richmond Basketball Courts" (This item was reviewed and recommended for approval by

the Recreation and Parks Commission at its meeting of November 4, 2014).

*-Authorized acceptance of \$500,000 from the Family Justice Center to be used for repayment of the bond for tenant improvements at the Family Justice Center site located at 256 24th Street, and approve an Agreement for Services with the Tides Center (fiscal agent for the Family Justice Center Project) which provides for the City of Richmond to receive these funds.

*-Adopted **Resolution No. 99-14**, approving a "Cooperative Agreement" to allocate Measure J, Program 28b funds for projects and programs identified in the agreement and approved by the West Contra Costa Transportation Authority, which will provide an additional \$150,000 for Richmond paratransit services.

*-Approved a grant-funded contract for \$26,000 with the Minnesota Literacy Council to develop a bi-lingual online health curriculum pursuant to the Digital Health Literacy Project.

*-Approved the purchase of a Ford F550 cab and chassis from Hilltop Ford to be used by the Parks division in an amount not to exceed \$42,000.

*-Approved contracts for on-call civil engineering and surveying services for fiscal years 2014/15 to 2017/18 with BKF Engineers/Surveyors/Planners (Richmond), Kister Savio & Rei Inc. (Richmond), Alta Vista Solutions (Richmond) in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 for each contract, with an option to extend the contracts for two years based on the same terms, and authorize the public works director to approve and issue work authorizations for specific projects based on the firm's specialties and qualifications.

*-Approved the City Council minutes of the regular meetings held on July 1, 2014, July 15, 2014, and July 22, 2014.

The matter to approve a contract extension with Holland & Knight, LLP for federal and state advocacy

services, in the amount of \$144,000 and with a term extending to December 31, 2015, to assist in identifying and evaluating opportunities for the City of Richmond to gain technical and financial assistance in projects and programs within the framework of policies adopted by the Richmond City Council was presented by City Manager, Bill Lindsay. Mike Parker gave comments. A motion by Councilmember Boozé, seconded by Councilmember Bates, that the advocacy services contract be put out to bid. A motion by Councilmember Rogers, seconded by Councilmember Butt, that the contract be extend 6 months only and allow the new city council to make a decision, passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Butt, Rogers, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** Councilmembers Bates and Boozé. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** Councilmember Myrick.

*-Approved the purchase of 12 street light poles from Omega Pacific to replace the stolen street light poles at the Emerald Necklace lot located at San Pablo Avenue and Richmond Parkway in an amount not to exceed \$14,259.60.

*-Adopted **Ordinance No. 22-14**, (second reading) amending certain sections of Chapter 7.102 (Medical Marijuana Permits) of the Richmond Municipal Code to clarify requirements for dispensary operation.

*-Adopted **Resolution No. 100-14**, authorizing the City of Richmond to accept and appropriate grant funds in the amount of \$466,578 from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS/FEMA) Port Security Grant Program (Award #EMW-2012-PU-00343) to be used for the Fire Department's Marine Response Program.

*-Adopted **Resolution No. 101-14**, approving the installation of four-way stop signs at intersections along 35th Street for both Solano Avenue and Clinton Avenue in the North and East neighborhood (This item was recommended for engineering study by the Public Safety Committee at its July 17, 2014, meeting).

*-Adopted **Resolution No. 102-14**, supporting the "My Brother's Keeper" initiative to help young men and women of color stay on track to graduate from high school and college, and become productive citizens and future leaders.

*-Approved the following appointment:
Richmond Youth Council: Raul Garcia, new appointment, term ending October 21, 2015.

*-Introduced an ordinance (first reading) repealing Chapter 3.25 of the Municipal Code establishing a Youth Commission.

ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Continued Council as a Whole

The matter to declare the City Council's intent to use one half of the proceeds from Measure U (roughly \$3.75 million per year) to pay for a bond to repair streets in Richmond and direct the City Manager to prepare a Street Repair Bond for City Council approval was presented. Don Gosney and Joe Puleo gave comments. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Councilmember Rogers, seconded by Councilmember Myrick, to approve the item. Councilmember Bates asked that the City Manager return with recommendations on how to spend all of the funds. Discussion ensued. A substitute motion made by Councilmember Boozé, seconded by Councilmember Bates to use 51% of funds for streets and 46% for the MLK Center failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates and Boozé. **Noes:** Councilmembers Butt, Myrick, Rogers, Vice Mayor Beckles, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** None. The original motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Myrick, Rogers, Vice Mayor Beckles, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** Councilmember Boozé. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONTINUED to the December 16, 2014, City Council meeting, the matter to conduct a public hearing to: (1) CERTIFY a Final Environmental Impact Report for a General Plan Text Revision, Rezoning to Planned Area (PA) District, Vesting Tentative Map and Design Review Permit for a 60 unit development of townhomes and stacked flats at Seacliff Drive; (2) APPROVE a General Plan Amendment Text Revision; and (3) INTRODUCE an ordinance (first reading) amending the Zoning Map to change the land use designation for undeveloped parcels on Seacliff Drive from C-C, Coastline Commercial District, PA, Planned Area District, and M-4, Marine Industrial District to PA, Planned Area District

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 8:44 p.m. in memory of Richmond Police Lieutenant Mike Gormley and Doctor's Medical Center Boardmember, Betty Cash, to meet again on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.