

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, January 27, 2015

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by Mayor Tom Butt.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Bates, Martinez, McLaughlin, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** Councilmember Beckles and Vice Mayor Myrick arrived after the City Council adjourned to Closed Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CITY COUNCIL

The deputy city clerk announced the purpose of the Open Session was for the City Council to hear public comments on the following items to be discussed in Closed Session:

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT
(Government Code Section 54957.6):**

City Clerk

There were no public speakers.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:11 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Mayor Butt and Vice Mayor Myrick led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

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

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

Councilmember McLaughlin *withdrew the second part of Item H-2*, the matter to adopt a resolution declaring our intent to communicate with the major owners of delinquent loans in regard to this effort, *from the agenda*.

**PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND
COMMENDATIONS**

Mayor Butt, Vice Mayor Myrick, and

Councilmembers Beckles and Bates presented the Mayor's 2015 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Richmond Community Leadership and Service Award, posthumously, to Anthony Allen and Building Blocks for Kids; and Declared Tuesday, February 3, 2015, as Anthony C. Allen Day. Anthony Allen's daughter gave an acceptance speech on behalf of the Allen Family. Building Blocks for Kids representative and Marilyn Langlois gave comments.

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

City Attorney Bruce Reed Goodmiller yielded to Mayor Butt to give the Closed Session report. Mayor Butt reported that the City Council appointed Deputy City Clerk Pamela Christian as the new city clerk for the City of Richmond to replace retiring City Clerk Diane Holmes.

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Mayor Butt delivered the "State of the City" address which included a PowerPoint Presentation. To view the PowerPoint Presentation of the "State of the City" address in its entirety, please visit [State of the City 2015](#). Eve A. Ma and Antwon Cloird gave comments.

STUDY AND DIRECTION TO STAFF SESSION

The matter to receive a presentation on a proposed street paving project utilizing a portion of Measure U funds; and adopt a resolution declaring official intent of the Richmond City Council to reimburse certain expenditures from proceeds of indebtedness was presented by Finance Director James Goins, City Engineer Tawfic Halaby, Library and Cultural Services Arts Manager Michele Seville, Capital Projects Manager Chad Smalley, Waste Water Manager Chad Davisson, and Employment and Training Director Sal Vaca. The proposed street paving project will use Measure U funding; a half cents sales tax measure approved on November 4, 2014, to maintain and enhance essential city services, such as public safety, public health and wellness programs, city youth programs and street paving. The presentation included the following: Strategy 1 (Status Quo); Strategy 2 (Pay as you go); Strategy 3A (\$44.5 million bond); Strategy 3B (\$63 million bond); City Gateways and Public Art; Grant matching; Employment and Training Opportunities; Coordination on Underground Infrastructure Repair; Capital Improvement Plan Expenditures Paving; and 2015 Paving Schedule - \$11.7 million. Staff recommendation includes: moving forward with Strategy 3A (\$44.5 million bond issue). Strategy 3A provides a good PCI in the short term and additional flexibility for annual maintenance moving forward; enough upfront money to make a significant

improvement in our paving infrastructure; reduces the backlog of deferred maintenance; lower financing costs; and long-term results are similar to Strategy 3B at a lower cost. Mayor Butt suggested that Measure J Funds be included in the overall maintenance. Joseph Puleo, Marilyn Langlois, and Millie Cleveland gave comments. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Myrick, seconded by Councilmember Bates to adopt a resolution declaring official intent of the Richmond City Council to reimburse certain expenditures from proceeds of indebtedness. A substitute motion was made by Councilmember McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Beckles to obtain the following reports from staff: (1) how much interest per year to expect from Strategy 3A; (2) the amount the City currently pays per year for street repairs; (3) further analysis of jobs to address more jobs over a longer period of time; (4) what would be the improvement of streets with Strategy 2 (Pay as you go); and (5) a smaller bond analysis for \$20 million. The substitute motion failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Martinez, and McLaughlin. **Noes:** Councilmembers Bates, Vice Mayor Myrick, and Mayor Butt. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** None. The original motion failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates, Vice Mayor Myrick, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Martinez, and McLaughlin. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** None. A motion was made by Mayor Butt, seconded by Councilmember Beckles to adopt the resolution with no action to implement and gather more information including obtaining the following reports from staff: (1) how much interest per year to expect from Strategy 3A; (2) the amount the City currently pays per year for street repairs; (3) further analysis of jobs to address more jobs over a longer period of time; (4) what would be the improvement of streets with Strategy 2 (Pay as you go); and (5) a smaller bond analysis for \$20 million. The motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Myrick, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** Councilmember Martinez. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** None.

The matter to hear from a representative of a national (multi-state) non-profit with a program to acquire troubled mortgages, save homes from foreclosure and create affordable housing; and adopt a resolution declaring our intent to communicate with the major owners of delinquent loans in regard to this effort was presented by Councilmember McLaughlin. *The resolution portion of the item was withdrawn from the agenda.* Councilmember McLaughlin turned the presentation over to Marcos Morales of Second Opportunity America who gave a PowerPoint Presentation. Mayor Butt asked if the program would allow the City to work with any non-profit. Councilmember McLaughlin stated that there were only two non-profits with a program to acquire troubled mortgages, save homes from foreclosure, and create

affordable housing. Mayor Butt requested information on other cities that have had success with the program. He also requested information from the city attorney on the risks of liability. Mayor Butt also expressed an issue with Councilmember McLaughlin appointing herself as a lead on the program as stated in the resolution. He stated the City Council should establish the City policy and the policy should be carried out by staff. The following individuals gave comments: Marilyn Langlois, Shukuru Sanders, Paul Larudee, Jeffrey Wright, Melvin Willis, Edith Pastrano, and Enrique Dimas.

The matter to discuss the possibility of creating a "Richmond Proud and Beautiful" campaign to promote keeping the City of Richmond Clean was presented by Councilmember Jovanka Beckles and Council Intern Nicholas Delgado. The presentation included a PowerPoint Presentation which highlighted current efforts to keep Richmond clean and encouraged communities to become creative in ways to keep the City of Richmond clean. Marilyn Langlois gave comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m. in memory of long time Richmond resident George Coles, Reginald Wickliff, Tony Martarella, and John Edward Thomas, father of City employee Tracey Angelo to meet again on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

City Clerk

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Approved:

Mayor