

## **RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, July 31, 2015**

The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Vice Mayor Jael Myrick who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Nat Bates, Jovanka Beckles, Eduardo Martinez, Gayle McLaughlin, Vinay Pimplé, and Vice Mayor Jael Myrick. **Absent:** Mayor Tom Butt.

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

None.

### **CONTINUED ORDINANCE**

The matter to adopt an ordinance (second reading) amending the Richmond Municipal Code to establish Rent Control plus Just Cause for Eviction and authorize the City Manager to enter into contracts, including sole source contracts, to implement the ordinance in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, continued from the July 28, 2015, meeting, was introduced by City Manager Bill Lindsay. The following speakers gave comments: George Burns, Al Nero, Veronica Keeton, and Roberto J. Garcia Jr. During discussion City Manager Bill Lindsay clarified several points related to the proposed ordinance and advised Councilmembers that staff would conduct a fee study to develop a fee schedule, which would be the initial cost to implement the ordinance. Mr. Lindsay stated that the intent was to have the program fees paid by landlords pay for the entire program, and the only general fund subsidy would be for financial hardship fee waivers granted by the Rent Board. Councilmember Bates suggested that employees hired to staff Rent Control and Just Cause for Eviction Unit be exempt. Mr. Lindsay advised that the only exempt employee in the Rent Control and Just Cause for Eviction Unit would be management and the other employees would be part of the existing labor contracts and personnel rules currently in place. Mr. Lindsay advised Councilmembers that the next steps would be to hire a consulting project team to implement the ordinance, establish a database, formalize regulations, and hire a manager. A motion was made by Councilmember McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Beckles, to approve the first reading of the proposed Rent Control and Just Cause for Eviction ordinance with an amendment to remove the second sentence in section 11.100.010 of the proposed ordinance that stated, "This chapter shall be effective December 1, 2015;" schedule a second reading of the amended ordinance at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2015; and authorize the city manager to enter into contracts, including sole source contracts, to implement the ordinance in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. A friendly amendment made by Councilmember Pimplé to include a three year review

period with the adoption of the ordinance was withdrawn. A friendly amendment by Vice Mayor Myrick to allow 40 percent of the program administration fees be passed on to the tenants was accepted, and said ordinance with amendments received first reading and was laid over until August 5, 2015, for second reading by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Martinez, McLaughlin, and Vice Mayor Myrick. **Noes:** Councilmembers Bates and Pimplé. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Mayor Butt.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m., to meet again on Monday, August 3, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Approved:

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Mayor