AGENDA
Tuesday, October 27, 2015

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Jael Myrick

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Nathaniel Bates
Jovanka Beckles
Eduardo Martinez
Gayle McLaughlin
Vinay Pimplé

Housing Authority Tenant Commissioners
Barbara Sutton

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Joint Powers Financing Authority
Surplus Property Authority
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SPEAKERS ARE REQUESTED TO OCCUPY THE RESERVED SEATS IN THE FRONT ROW BEHIND THE SPEAKER’S PODIUM AS THEIR NAME IS ANNOUNCED BY THE CITY CLERK.

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Any law enforcement officer on duty or whose service is commanded by the presiding officer shall be Sergeant-at-Arms of the Council meetings. He/she, or they, shall carry out all orders and instructions given by the presiding officer for the purpose of maintaining order and decorum at the Council meetings (City Council Rules of Procedure and Order Section III F, RMC Section 2.12.030).
OPEN SESSION TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT 
ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

5:00 p.m.

A. **ROLL CALL**

B. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

C. **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

CLOSED SESSION

Shimada Room of the Community Services Building

A. **CITY COUNCIL**

A-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION 
(Subdivision [a] of Government Code Section 54956.9):

Luque vs. City of Richmond

A-2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code 
Section 54957.6):

Title: City Manager
REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

6:30 p.m.

A. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

B. **ROLL CALL**

C. **STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

D. **AGENDA REVIEW**

E. **PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS**

E-1. **PROCLAMATION** recognizing November as Native American Heritage Month and honoring Richmond resident Isabella Zizi's role in the 2015 first-ever White House Tribal Youth Gathering - Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin (620-5431) and Mayor Tom Butt (620-6503).

E-2. **PROCLAMATION** recognizing the retirement of Eleanor Loynd as a neighborhood activist and planning and zoning advocate - Mayor Tom Butt (620-6503).

E-3. **PROCLAMATION** recognizing Jay Leonhardy for dedicated service to the City of Richmond - Mayor Tom Butt (620-6503).

F. **REPORT FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY OF FINAL DECISIONS MADE DURING CLOSED SESSION**

G. **REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

H. **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

I. **STUDY SESSION/STUDY AND ACTION SESSION**

I-1. ANNOUNCE City of Richmond Board, Commission and Committee vacancies as of October 27, 2015 - Mayor Tom Butt (620-6503).

I-2. DISCUSS specific policy options pertaining to the Richmond Promise with respect to school eligibility and award amounts and PROVIDE direction to staff - City Manager's Office (Bill Lindsay 620-6512).

I-3. RECEIVE a presentation of the Draft Richmond Bay Specific Plan (formerly referred to as the South Shoreline Specific Plan) – Planning and Building Services Department (Richard Mitchell 307-8159).
I-4. RECEIVE a presentation from the Office of the Mayor and Richmond Police Department on the Richmond Police Commission and DIRECT staff to explore possible revisions to the Police Commission enabling ordinance and administrative procedures - Mayor Tom Butt (620-6503).

I-5. RECEIVE a presentation from John F. Kennedy High School students and teachers regarding the Information Technology Academy and how the city and community members can support their overall success - Vice Mayor Jael Myrick (620-6636).

I-6. DIRECT staff to prepare a presentation that: (1) lays out the additional debt servicing costs to the city if S&P further downgrades the city's bond rating; (2) gives an overview of the measures the city needs to take to avoid further downgrade; and (3) provides a timeline for undertaking the measures so that the measures are taken in a timely manner to avoid the downgrade - Councilmember Vinay Pimplé (412-2050).

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

K. ADJOURNMENT

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