

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, December 1, 2015**

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Vice Mayor Jael Myrick, who chaired the entire meeting in the absence of Mayor Tom Butt.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Nathaniel Bates, Eduardo Martinez, Vinay Pimplé, and Vice Mayor Jael Myrick. **Absent:** Councilmembers Jovanka Beckles and Gayle McLaughlin arrived after open session adjourned to closed session. Mayor Tom Butt was absent for the entire open and closed sessions.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Cordell Hindler gave comments regarding Item A-1.

**CITY COUNCIL**

The assistant city clerk announced that 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.

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

Perez vs. Jensen

**A-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL  
- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Significant exposure  
to litigation pursuant to Subdivision (b) of Government  
Code Section 54956.9):**

One case

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:34 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Vice Mayor Jael Myrick who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and chaired the entire meeting in the absence of Mayor Tom Butt.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Martinez, McLaughlin, Pimplé, and Vice Mayor Myrick. **Absent:** Mayor Butt was absent for the entire meeting.

**STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

At the request of Councilmember Martinez, **withdrew Item L-1** from the agenda for further research.

## **PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS**

E-1. Councilmember Bates presented a certificate recognizing Ms. Carnell Rogers Heard's centennial birthday and acknowledging her service to the community. Ms. Rogers Heard gave comments in appreciation.

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

City Attorney Bruce Goodmiller stated that there were no reportable actions.

## **REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Bill Lindsay provided an update on the progress being made to bring ferry service to Richmond. Mr. Lindsay announced that the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority Board of Director's was scheduled on December 10, 2015, to act on a contract for the construction of vessels and would be asked to release a Request for Proposals for the construction of the Richmond Ferry Terminal at the south end of Harbour Way near the Ford Assembly Building. Mr. Lindsay also announced that the city received a \$15,000 grant from The San Francisco Foundation to assist the city in building capacity for the Richmond Revolving Loan Fund to provide loans to small businesses.

## **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Naomi Williams announced the Commission on Aging Senior Winter Ball was on December 12, 2015, at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium and tickets were available for \$20 at the Recreation Center from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Eleanor Thompson and Jenine Ball gave comments in support of the Perez family concerning the loss of their son, Pedie Perez.

Mark Wassberg and Cesar Zepeda gave comments regarding a cure for AIDS (Acquired Immune deficiency Syndrome).

Texanita Bluit gave comments in support of the newly renovated Richmond Swim Center near Kennedy High School. Ms. Bluit also expressed concerns regarding how the city intended to provide support to citizens with health issues related to the Chevron incident.

Jackie Thompson distributed copies of a letter to all councilmembers directed to Mayor Butt and gave comments regarding her request for re-appointment to the Housing Advisory Commission. Ms. Thompson also gave comments regarding the Friendship Manner Resident Council and expressed concerns regarding safety and security during City Council meetings.

Silvia LeDezma gave comments regarding conditions at the Liberty Village Apartments.

Rick Perez gave comments regarding police officers' duties and the termination of the Chicago Police Chief.

### **CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

\*I-1. Approved a sole source agreement with Zoll Data Systems, Inc. to provide technical support, maintenance services, software upgrades and licenses for the Fire Department's records management system, computer aided dispatch system, and Telestaff interfaces. The sole source approval will be in effect for three years, and the maintenance agreement will be renewed annually for an amount not to exceed \$10,592 each year.

\*I-2. Accepted and appropriated \$25,123.84 in grant funds from the Richmond Community Foundation; and approved an agreement between the Richmond Community Foundation and the City of Richmond Literacy for Every Adult Program (LEAP) to provide literacy services for City of Richmond residents for the period of November 1, 2015, through October 31, 2016.

\*I-3. Approved a contract with Laster Landscape to provide a \$16,000 City contribution toward a \$65,957.90 cost to fund the installation of rubber surfacing at the newly constructed playground at John F. Kennedy Park.

\*I-4. Approved the purchase of four 2016 Ford Utility Vehicles from Hilltop Ford in an amount not to exceed \$108,000 to replace existing patrol units in the Police Department's fleet that have exhausted their useful life.

\*I-5. Received the City Council-requested quarterly report on Point Molate activities.

\*I-6. Adopted **Resolution No. 115-15** approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SEIU Local 1021 Part-Time Bargaining Unit and the City of Richmond. The MOU will be effective from July 1, 2013, through March 31, 2016, and provides for a one-time 3% salary increase effective July 1, 2015.

\*I-7. Introduced an ordinance (first reading) to establish wages, salaries, and compensation for the classifications represented by the Service Employees' International Union (SEIU Local 1021) Part-Time in the City's classified service, and repealing Ordinance No. 56-06 N.S.

\*I-8. Approved the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held Tuesday, November 3 and 17, 2015.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

J-1. **Continued to December 15, 2015**, the matter to consider an appeal of the Planning Commission's decision (made at its meeting of July 16th) to grant a six-year time extension of Tentative Tract Map #8451. The extension to July 31, 2021 was requested by the East Bay Regional Parks District, owners of a 373 acre parcel located in El Sobrante Valley.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

K-1. The matter to adopt a resolution approving a 3% annual cost of living increase, in addition to the 2% minimum cost of living increase, for the recipients of the General Pension Fund, for a total annual cost of living increase of 5% for these recipients, was presented by City Manager Bill Lindsay. Mr. Lindsay explained that staff was returning to City Council with the item and the additional information requested by the City Council at its October 20, 2015, meeting. Mr. Lindsay provided councilmembers with an overview of the additional financial information and concluded his presentation by stating that the annual financial impact with granting the additional 3% incremental expense would be \$9,731 for the current fiscal year 2015-16. A motion was made by Councilmember Bates, seconded by Councilmember Beckles, to adopt the resolution as it was recommended by staff. A substitute motion made by Councilmember Pimplé, seconded by Vice Mayor Myrick, to base the increase solely in accordance with the current Consumer Price Index (CPI), failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Martinez, Pimplé, and Vice Mayor Myrick. **Noes:** Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, and McLaughlin. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Mayor Butt. The main motion passed and adopted **Resolution No. 116-15** by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Martinez, and McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** Councilmember Pimplé and Vice Mayor Myrick. **Absent:** Mayor Butt.

K-2. The matter to adopt a resolution endorsing the immediate initiation of Phase Two of the Valley View Project and direct staff to prepare a letter in support of beginning the Valley View Campus Phase Two (demolition of the old campus) and deliver the letter to the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) Board prior to its meeting on December 9, 2016, if not possible by that time, by no later than January 6, 2016, was presented by Councilmember Beckles. The following speakers gave comments in support: Don Gosney, Xandy Buckner, Pam Barlesi, Tracy LaFreniere, Jon Ames, and Peter Chau. On motion of Councilmember Beckles, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, adopted **Resolution No. 117-15** by the unanimous vote of the City Council. Councilmember Beckles requested staff to distribute a copy of the letter to all councilmembers. Councilmember Bates requested that a designated councilmember or city staff person attend the next WCCUSD meeting.

## COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

L-1. **Withdrawn from the agenda**, the matter to direct the Human Resources Director to draft a resolution amending the hiring process to include respective managers in the interview process to assist department heads with the selection process.

L-2. The matter to direct the city manager to assign two staff members from whatever departments he sees fit to participate in monthly sessions of a year-long Bay Area cohort of the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE), a national network of government working to achieve racial equity, was presented by Councilmember McLaughlin. A motion made by Councilmember Bates to direct the City Manager to re-evaluate staff availability and return to the City Council in one month with an implementation plan, died for the lack of a second. A motion made by Councilmember McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Beckles, directed the City Manager to assign a minimum of two staff members, with a friendly amendment by Councilmember Pimplé to include a condition for a waiver of participation fees, the friendly amendment was accepted, and the motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmember Beckles, Martinez, McLaughlin, and Vice Mayor Myrick. **Noes:** Councilmember Bates and Pimplé. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Butt.

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

Councilmember Martinez announced the restructuring of the Belding Woods Neighborhood Council and interested Belding Woods residents should contact A.J. Jelani at (510) 932-2072.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m., in memory of Irene Cole Washington, to meet again on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

Pamela Christian  
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Clerk of the City of Richmond

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Approved:

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Tom Butt  
Mayor