

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, April 5, 2005

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at __ by Mayor Irma L. Anderson.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Butt, Penn, Bates, Marquez, Griffin, Rogers, McLaughlin, and Mayor Anderson. **Absent:** Councilmember Viramontes.

COUNCILMEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

The City Clerk read the Councilmembers Code of Conduct.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

On motion of Vice Mayor Rogers, seconded by Councilmember Marquez, to add four emergency items to the agenda for truck replacements by the unanimous vote of the Council.

Agenda Item H-2 under the Consent Calendar was removed and placed on the agenda as Item P-4.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Ali announced on Saturday, April 30, 2005, 6:00 p.m., to 9:00 p.m., at the Richmond Public Library, Madeline C. Whittlesey Room, an evening with the Wintu Chief regarding the California Water Wars against California Native America. The National Geographic film "In the Light of Reverence" will be presented.

JoAnn Tillmon complimented the Richmond Police Department regarding its efforts to clean up the FoodsCo parking lot. Additionally, she stated that a double standard exists regarding the Council's behavior as it relates to the Councilmembers' Code of Conduct. She said that there is no recourse for citizens when the Council violates the Councilmembers Code of Conduct and that the Council should be careful when criticizing the public regarding its conduct.

Naomi Williams thanked Councilmember Griffin for attending the Line Dance event at the Booker T. Anderson Community Center. She suggested the use of a Teleprompter for those speaking Spanish.

Corky Booze announced to the public and thanked Mr. Lindsay for his receptiveness in dealing with issues in the City of Richmond. He especially thanked him for visiting with Lillie Mae Jones and Jesse Hall and listening to their concerns. He also gave comments regarding starting the City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m., as published. Additionally, he stated that the public should be allowed to speak on emergency items.

Charlotte McIntyre gave comments regarding the proposed water tax. She stated that the tax will not be for the citizens of Richmond but for citizens of Southern California.

Rhonda Harris shared her feelings regarding local employment opportunities for Richmond residents. She suggested that an Outreach Coordinator should be on board and when the contracts are awarded that subcontracts be awarded to the citizens of Richmond. She encouraged working as a team to make sure this happens.

Antwan Cloird gave comments regarding the hiring of Richmond residents. He stated that a foundation is needed to build the job skills of the residents.

Roberta Speakerman stated that she had process questions for hiring in the City of Richmond. She stated that there was nothing on the website that listed the position of Investigative and Appeals Officer. She asked how job descriptions are published so that the public knows when a position is available. She asked for information regarding the process for hiring. In response, Leslie Knight, Human Resources Director, stated that there are two types of positions in the City—Classified and Exempt.