

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, February 15, 2005

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 7:07 p.m., by Mayor Irma L. Anderson, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Butt, Penn, Bates, Marquez, Griffin, Rogers, McLaughlin, Viramontes, and Mayor Anderson.
Absent: None.

COUNCLMEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

The City Clerk read the Councilmembers' Code of Conduct.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilmember Penn, seconded by Councilmember Viramontes, approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 8, 2005, by the unanimous vote of the Council.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Mayor Anderson delivered the following State of the City Address: "This evening we are honored to have several distinguished guests in the audience. These community leaders have contributed significantly to Richmond. It is my job to build upon their accomplishments – to continue to move our City forward. Please join me in acknowledging these great civic leaders.

Here with me this evening are my colleagues on the Richmond City Council. Thank you, for all you do. Let me congratulate our new Vice Mayor, Jim Rogers. We also welcome our newest Councilmember, Gayle McLaughlin.

To the Councilmembers who were re-elected: Nat Bates, Mindell Penn, Tom Butt, and John Marquez, I congratulate you on your recent elections – and look forward to working with you in a partnership forged by mutual goals and respect. There may be times of disagreement – but never a time where we cannot come together, honestly express our views, and devise solutions that represent the best for the public we serve.

To the families of our community that have loved ones engaged in wars over seas. I have received your letters and phone calls, and we will keep you in our daily prayers for a safe return.

I stand before you today to take the reigns of a new year with great humility and with profound hope. I stand before you to report that the State of the City is strong, strengthened by the challenges we faced together. Our city has demonstrated its resilience in challenging times, and our people are optimistic about our future.

Let me take you back a year ago when the City of Richmond faced major questions about our ability to continue as a going concern. The City Council and management staff was shocked at growing unknown structural deficits. City Councilmembers, employees, community members, and the State sought answers to the myriad of questions that grew with each passing day.

After the initial shock subsided, the Council sprung into action to stop the flowing red ink. I worked hard with City Management and General Counsel to put together an action plan to properly audit existing departments and develop a financial blue print for the City to move forward. We held numerous community meetings to engage our citizens, and used community consensus to make drastic cuts in City services. We hired an interim city manager that developed a detailed 170-point-plus action plan to lead the City forward while our unions faithfully re-negotiated contracts in order to help the Richmond community. I, along with the Council, questioned everything and left no stone unturned. We completely overhauled how this City delivers its services to our community.

A year ago, this council saw a deficit that consisted of over 25 percent of the General Fund.

Let me tell you what a difference a year can make. I am confident that the new fiscal year, with the adoption of all the Council's new fiscal policies, will yield a balanced budget and perhaps a small surplus ... something unthinkable 15 months ago. I want to personally thank the City Council, management, employees, and community of this great City for making the impossible ... achievable.

The City has worked hard to set the foundation of controlled growth with sound fiscal policy. Today our fortunes, like that of many California cities, continues to be reliant on the fiscal health of governments outside our City borders, we must continue to remain vigilant to keep ahead of any decisions that affect our quality of life. I strongly encourage all community members, including City Council members, to continue participating in civic dialogue with regard to important issues. I have always, and will continue to emphasize my open door to the community, City Staff, and various organizations for any ideas, comments, or concerns that you have.

But dialogue alone will not allow this City to face the challenges of our growing municipality. We must continue on the road to financial responsibility by fostering the principles of a sustainable community.

Sustainable communities celebrate diversity and creativity through art and culture. Organizations such as the Richmond Art Center and East Bay Symphony have continued to provide services that allow the community to explore their imagination. The Richmond Art Commission has worked hard to promote the importance of art and art projects in the face of continued declines in public funding. As a city, we must set the example for the community to support public art funding. I am asking that you support and push an ordinance that will require private developers of non-residential buildings to allocate 1% of their development costs to fund public art.

This year I am proud to celebrate the City of Richmond's 100th Birthday. Richmond has always been historically significant to the development of this great country. From the Rosies that were a vital part of the WWII war effort, to the assembly line roll out of Henry Ford's Model A, one of our nation's first automobiles. To recognize our achievements and recognize the qualities that make us unique, I appointed a Centennial Committee to develop year-long fun and informative events for all the public to enjoy.

Neighborhood events build common culture among people with all sorts of differences as they come together to enjoy great music, laugh together, and gain a greater sense of community. I strongly urge that you work with the Centennial Committee Chairwomen, Ellie Boswell-Raine and Judy Morgan to find ways that you can support your community.

Sustainable communities also nurture young people. A sustainable community recognizes that young people inherit the legacy of those who came before them, and that they should have the tools and resources to carry on, including opportunities for learning and productive engagement in their community. This past year we have seen a tragic increase in violence involving our youth. The City has had to reduce many community youth services during the budget crisis last year. As services were reduced, the community stepped up to maintain vital programs. People like Richmond High School's Maya Hernandez and Lt. Ron Berry have undertaken important programs such as conflict mediation, violence prevention, after-school tutoring, and athletic competition. As leaders in the community we need to do more, we have to do more!

We all know that there is a direct correlation between the lack of local youth employment with a rise of youth violence. This summer, under the auspices of the Employment and Training Department, we will be re-instituting the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program designed to provide our youth with skills training in such things as interviewing and resume writing.

We will identify financial and job commitments to provide summer employment for 2005 Richmond youth and we will partner with the business community to employ many more. This year it will be the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program. Next year, it must be the Mayor's Youth Employment Program and operate year round to address the employment needs of all of our Youth. Tony Thurmond, Chair of Summer Youth Employment Program; Sal Vaca, Director of Employment & Training; Judy Morgan of the Chamber of Commerce; and Gayla DiMaggio of Kaiser Permanente have dedicated their skills, talents, and time to insure that this program is a success. I want to thank them for their commitment and I want the community to be considering how many of our City's youth you are going to hire this summer.

Additionally, I am working with area youth to participate in a re-vived Richmond Youth Commission. Officer Delon Jackson has worked hard to recruit youth from each of the community High Schools and Middle School to meet bi-monthly with the goal of providing a youth perspective on city-wide programs while creating programs of their own.

Our work is still far from done. Our City's 18 school sites are changing to meet their different needs and priorities. One of the

greatest challenges I see for our city is the lack of a unified voice to speak strongly and confidently on behalf of all of our children.

We share a common vision, but we lack a common voice. Tonight, I propose creating a Richmond Education Committee, which would be an independent organization that will speak up for our schools and our students, both locally and in Sacramento and Washington. This is an experiment based on successful models, and I believe will work here.

I will engage our education, community, and business leaders to support the Richmond Education Commission to ensure that Richmond can speak with one voice when it comes to the future of our children. We will raise private funds and work to become a catalyst for improving student achievement. We will be a resource and a partner for families, teachers, and the school board.

Finally I am urging the Council to restore the services lost to the City. We must re-open all of our community centers and libraries, we must re-create and develop new programs and activities and make a long-term investment in our youth. We must provide the youth and their families with the holistic delivery of services and programs to lift them up and move them forward. The investment we make now means that in 10 years we will have productive, committed adults standing ready to bring up the next generation of youth.

Redevelopment Agencies provide vital tools to the communities in which they work. Our RDA has been instrumental – even crucial – in increasing the livability and sustainability of Richmond. Examples include the RDA’s role in developing support for pedestrian-friendly and transit-oriented development, support for small locally owned businesses, support for innovative housing developments, and a focus on attracting new businesses to the region. In the coming year I will be working with the RDA on many projects important to the economic and environmental health of our city.

Cities are recognizing the importance of attractive, unique, identifiable downtowns, of transit-oriented development, of neighborhood retailers, and mixed-use development that brings together housing, retail, restaurants, entertainment, open spaces, and public and private gathering places.

The reorganization of our economic development department, under the creative and highly-capable direction of Steve Duran, has honed our focus on downtown development, as well as business retention and recruitment throughout the city. Last year, many new businesses moved into our City, several of which were attracted by tools and resources offered by the City.

Over the next year, our City will be humming with new major construction projects. Along with more construction comes more living-wage jobs, more economic development, more incentives for more businesses, and more people moving into or near our City. Currently, more than 1,000 housing units are in the planning or construction phase within the City boundaries. Examples of market-rate and affordable, for sale and rental projects include Marina Bay West and North Shore, Richmond Townhomes, Chesley Mutual and Miraflores. Commercial examples include the 225,000 square feet MacDonald 80

Shopping Center with accompanying street improvements along the east and west corridor of MacDonald Ave and along North Richmond main streets.

This year the Council supported an ordinance requiring that all buildings built meet high-performance standards developed by a broad-based local committee. When Richmond is the project developer or assists in the financing of developments, we have a great opportunity to provide leadership in demonstrating how to build sustainable, high-performance, environmentally sensitive buildings.

The economic health of our community is directly linked to how livable and environmentally sustainable our community is. Business leaders and their employees want to live and work in communities that are healthy and safe, which recognize the importance of protecting air and water, which welcome diversity, and which nurture art, culture and creativity. A community that maintains a healthy, creative environment, hospitable to diverse people, is also more likely to be an economically healthy community. We must recognize our local activists and organizations, such as Bruce Beyart and the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, that emphasize our local open space, bay trails, and nature preserves are a community asset.

A livable, sustainable city is one in which leaders and citizens hold as fundamentally important the provision of clean air and water, the protection and conservation of natural resources, and the enhancement of human capital. Leaders and citizens of a livable, sustainable city recognize and value the worth of every human being, regardless of race, ethnicity, sex, religion, level of ability or disability, economic status, age, geographic location, and sexual orientation. A livable and sustainable city is a just and safe community, with a government that is accountable and accessible to all the people it serves. And, leaders and citizens of a sustainable city conscientiously take into account the impact of their decisions on future generations.

A sustainable city is governed by people who are fully accountable and accessible to the people they represent. In Richmond, we must recognize the tremendous importance of accountability and accessibility to the citizens we serve. All of us in city government, elected officials and employees, are not in a privileged position – except that we are privileged to serve. We are in positions of immense public trust, with the responsibility to do what is best, in the short-term and the long-term, for our City and its people, now and in the future. For egos, for politics, for self-interest, for vendettas to get in the way of doing the right thing for our City is a betrayal of that tremendous responsibility. We must – all of us – do what we can to make this a safe, healthy, enjoyable place to live and to work.

As I enter City Hall each day there are still many challenges that we must overcome. Though our budget is balanced, the economy is still not strong; our fiscal predicament is ever more tied to that of the State and Federal Government and there are parts of the community in need of real improvement.

But I see a future that is bright and filled with hope. I feel this way because we have always been able to meet any challenge, face any hardship, and surmount any obstacle.

We must dare to dream. This is what I have personally challenged Richmond students to do for years. I ask them to set their goals first, and then figure out how to achieve them.

I think the mayor's job is to stretch our community's imagination. Our imagination of what is really possible to make a great city, to raise the bar, for our community, for our leaders, and for the next generation. I believe that local government must be about more than just fixing potholes, paving streets, and balancing budgets. Though these are essential, we must push the boundaries so we can achieve what Richmond should be, rather than settle on what it merely can be.

I stand before you as the leader of one of the greatest cities in America – and see the future full of possibilities.

Thank you for this opportunity to present, God bless each of you and God Bless the City of Richmond.”

AGENDA REVIEW

Removed Items J-2, J-3, and J-9 from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Councilmember Bates, seconded by Councilmember Griffin, continued Item P-2, regarding the Municipal Code relating to demolition permits, for one week by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Penn, Bates, Marquez, Griffin, Viramontes, and Mayor Anderson. **Noes:** Councilmembers Butt, Rogers, and McLaughlin. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** None.

On motion of Councilmember Marquez, seconded by Councilmember Butt, moved agenda item P-4, a resolution authorizing submittal and acceptance of a grant application for construction design of Bay Trail access to Historic Kaiser Shipyard No. 3, to the Consent Calendar by the unanimous vote of the Council.

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

Conference With Legal Counsel – Potential Litigation

1. Financial Recovery Plan Revenue Generating Measures: A “Big Picture” study session will be held within 30 days to discuss the measures and what steps the City may take next regarding increasing revenues for the City.
2. DP Security: Discussion was held and the matter is on the agenda for discussion.
3. Richmond Convention Center IATSE Contract: No final decision. There will be further discussions next week.
4. Close Out of the Richmond Parkway Project: There was no discussion and the matter will be discussed next week.
5. Department of Toxic Substances Control Campus Bay Site: The matter is on the City Council agenda and is

subject to discussion regarding the legal implications of the resolution being proposed.

Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

1. Quintero vs. City of Richmond: Direction given to staff.

Public Employment

1. Discussion of At-Will Employees: Lengthy discussion held.
2. Discussion of Hostile Work Environment: Lengthy discussion held.

Additional Items:

1. A motion was made by Councilmember Viramontes, seconded by Councilmember Marquez, directing staff to draft a policy regarding e-mail usage, personnel matters, and harassment, defamation and disclosure. The motion failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Marquez, Viramontes, and Mayor Anderson. **Noes:** Councilmembers Butt, Griffin, Rogers, and McLaughlin. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmembers Penn and Bates.
2. Discussion with Real Property Negotiators regarding Carlson Boulevard and 22nd Street: Staff given direction.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

None.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND MAYOR

Councilmember Marquez, Chairperson of the Public Safety Public Services Standing Committee, reported that the Committee is scheduled to meet on February 24, 2005, at 9:00 a.m., in the Council Chamber.

Councilmember Viramontes, Chairperson of the Finance, Administrative Services, and Economic Development Standing Committee, reported that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 17, 2005, at 3:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber. Corky Booze requested information regarding the Kids First grant funds. Mayor Anderson stated that the Mayor's Office provides oversight of the grant fund and that Mr. Booze was informed that his request needs to be in writing. Councilmember Viramontes also stated that the Finance Committee only does purview of City of Richmond funding, not grant funds or projects for which the City of Richmond is not the fiscal agent.

Councilmember Penn, Chairperson of the Rules and Procedures Standing Committee, announced that the Committee will meet on Monday, February 28, 2005, at 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Anderson made the following report:

1. Added Councilmember Griffin to the Matricular Card Ad Hoc Committee.

2. Announced that Councilmember Butt is the Chairperson of the Council Personnel Committee and Councilmembers Penn and Viramontes are members.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Councilmember Marquez, seconded by Vice Mayor Rogers, all items marked with an asterisk (-*) were approved by the unanimous vote of the Council.

*-Approved an agreement with the West Contra Costa County Wastewater District to construct a wooden fence on the property line between their property and Fire Station 68. The West Contra Costa Wastewater District will assume all costs for fence materials and construction. There is no cost to the City's General Fund.

A proposed agreement with L.N. Curtis and Sons to purchase auto extrication equipment and authorize staff to appropriate expenditure of the funds was presented. The total amount of the purchase is \$40,970. Funding is available from a grant awarded to the City by the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company. Councilmember Penn stated that she did not receive a copy of the agreement. Following discussion, the matter was continued one week to Tuesday, February 22, 2005.

A proposed agreement with DP Security to provide guard patrol security service at Point Molate was presented. The total amount of the agreement shall not exceed \$225,000. Everett Jenkins, Interim City Attorney, stated that based on the discussions held during Executive Session, staff requested a one-week continuance. Following discussion, the matter was continued one week to Tuesday, February 22, 2005.

*-Adopted **Resolution No. 11-05** accepting from the California State Library a Library Services and Technology Act Grant entitled "Global Language Materials" and authorizing staff to appropriate the funds for \$6,000. The funds from the grant will be used to purchase various formats of bilingual Spanish-English materials.

*-Adopted **Resolution No. 12-05** establishing the new classification specification of **Graffiti Abatement Specialist** in the Public Works Division, Public Services Department.

*-Adopted **Resolution No. 13-05** authorizing submittal and acceptance of a grant application for construction design of Bay Trail access to Historic Kaiser Shipyard No. 3 in Point Potrero Marine Terminal.

*-Adopted **Ordinance No. 8-05, N.S.**, establishing wages, salaries, and compensation for the classifications of **Community and Economic Development Operations Specialist I/II** and amending Management (RMEA) Employees Ordinance No. 40-01, N.S.

*-Adopted **Ordinance No. 9-05, N.S.**, establishing wages, salaries, and compensation for the classification of **Community and Economic Development Finance Manager** and amending Management (RMEA) Employees Ordinance No. 40-01, N.S.

*-Adopted **Ordinance No. 10-05, N.S.**, approving a General Plan Amendment (GPA) and Rezone for property located at 217 West Richmond Avenue (APN: 558-164-005). The General Plan designation for the site would change from Medium Density Residential/918 to Neighborhood Retail/922A. The Zoning Designation would change from MFR-1, Multi-Family Residential to C-1 Neighborhood Commercial.

*-Adopted **Ordinance No. 11-05, N.S.**, adopting a citywide zoning text change to reduce the required parking stall width from 9.5 feet to 9 feet in Zoning Code Section 15.04.850.020A.1.

A proposed ordinance amending Section 3.20.010 of the Richmond Municipal Code to reduce the number of members on the Planning Commission from nine (9) to seven (7) members, effective in 2008 was presented. Corky Booze gave comments on the matter. He stated that it is unfair for the Council to reduce the Planning Commission when decisions made by the Commission effect every resident of Richmond. Councilmember McLaughlin gave comments on the matter. She stated that she learned it was not the Planning Commission's intent to recommend reduction. Discussion ensued, and on motion of Councilmember Viramontes, seconded by Councilmember Penn, adopted **Ordinance No. 12-05, N.S.** reducing the Planning Commission from 9 members to 7 members in 2008, effective January 2009, by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Penn, Marquez, Griffin, Rogers, Viramontes, and Mayor Anderson. **Noes:** Councilmembers Butt, Bates, and McLaughlin. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** None.

*-Denied claims against the City of Richmond by: (1) Irita Henderson, (2) Marcus McClay, (3) Inger Maxwell, and (4) Carl Rose.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Cheryl Maier, Executive Director of Opportunity West, commended the Mayor and Council for reopening several of the Community Centers, especially, the Nevin Community Center. She stated that partnership agreements and contracts will come to the Council for collaborative efforts towards moving forward.

Clinton Bowman gave comments regarding the killing of his niece, Aretha Taylor. He asked what is being done towards finding the person responsible for her death.

Bobbie Arnold gave comments about her concern regarding the state of her city, and the community's perception of the City Council. She said that personal vendettas are irresponsible and demean the Council. She said that the community is tired of hearing personal attacks each week during the Council meetings. She said that the community expects leadership from its elected officials. She said that the Council and the community should come together and help promote the positives instead of the negatives.

Ahmad Anderson, son of Mayor Anderson, stated his concerns for the direction of the City of Richmond. He stated that as citizens of the City of Richmond, everything that happens

in the city is relevant, individuals should not be singled out and everyone needs to stand up for their city.

Mary Williams thanked the City Council for their leadership and the youth programs.

Fred Jackson gave comments regarding black on black crime. He stated that no one individual is responsible and there is a need to embrace each other and work together.

Jerome Smith stated that the community must stand together to overcome death in the streets and environmental death at the Campus Bay site.

Kathleen Irwin gave comments regarding the future of the City and support of the resolution regarding the Department of Toxic Substances Control.

Bill Pinkham, West County representative of the East Bay Bicycle Coalition, stated that Richmond has suffered from environmental racism and habitat destruction for a long time, largely due to the greed and callousness of corporations. He said that it is time to put the health of people and the wild places before corporate greed. He asked those in agreement to join him at the podium.

Robert O. Brown, Park Plaza Neighborhood Councilmember, gave comments regarding the proposed Mira Flores project. He said that toxic substances are located on the land in the Park Plaza neighborhood and he requested that the Councilmembers attend their meetings and give input on issues.

Cindy Sykes commented on the Aretha Taylor murder. She asked that all the investigators be placed on the case and find her murderers.

Cochise Potts, Parchester Neighborhood Council President, gave comments regarding the absence of attention to the issues of bus transportation for the elementary school children and other important concerns of the Parchester residents by Councilmembers. He said that the issues of Parchester are just as valid and need attention like any other part of the City.

Soula Culver commented that she wants Richmond to be healthy in every way, stating that a healthy city will draw healthy businesses. She said that she does not want Richmond robbed by unscrupulous developers.

Beverly Dove gave comments regarding toxics. She said that clean water and clean air is necessary.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

AGREEMENTS

None.

RESOLUTIONS

A proposed resolution authorizing a request be made to the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) that the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) be assigned total jurisdiction of the Zeneca/Simeon-Cherokee and UC Field Station sites immediately was presented. Furthermore, this resolution, requests stopping all Hazardous Waste and Toxic substances cleanup work until public safety can be guaranteed by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). Councilmember McLaughlin gave comments on the matter. The following individuals gave comments regarding the resolution and the conditions at the site: Ethel Dotson, Paul Kilkenny, David Dunlop, Tarnel Abbott, Juan Reardon, Nick Despota, Dylcynea Wilson, Margaret Hanlon-Gradie, Jerome Smith, Russell Pitto, Doug Mosteller, Cameron Michael Fatemi, Mary Oshima, Celeste Crystal, Joe Bryak, Jess Kray, Peter Weschler, Sherry Padgett, Soula Culver, Richard Lichtman, Pedro Barrera, Michael Beer, Beverly Dove, Christine Dufour, Aria Ligi, Fred Jackson, Megan Keelaghan, Mary Jean Moore, Robert O. Brown, and Mark Freiberg, Environmental Protection Specialist, Work, and Healthy Safety Specialist/Director of the Campus Bay Office. Everett Jenkins, Interim City Attorney, stated that his office had not had an opportunity to review the draft resolution and would like to have Councilmember McLaughlin work with the City Attorney's Office review of her proposed resolution. Further discussion ensued. There was a motion by Councilmember McLaughlin, seconded by Vice Mayor Rogers to approve the resolution with amended wording regarding stoppage of work. The motion failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Butt, Rogers, and McLaughlin. **Noes:** Councilmembers Penn, Bates, Griffin, and Mayor Anderson. **Abstentions:** Councilmembers Marquez and Viramontes. **Absent:** None. Mayor Anderson stated that she would like to continue the item for two weeks to allow a review of the resolution by Councilmember McLaughlin and the City Attorney's Office, and to review Dr. Brunner's letter and possibly further discuss the matter with Dr. Brunner. A motion by Councilmember McLaughlin, seconded by Vice Mayor Rogers, to override the Mayor's continuance of the item failed, by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Butt, Rogers, and McLaughlin. **Noes:** Councilmembers Penn, Bates, Marquez, Griffin, Viramontes, and Mayor Anderson. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** None. Following discussion, the item was continued two weeks to Tuesday, March 1, 2005.

A proposed resolution recognizing and thanking Ethel Dotson and making certain requests regarding the formation of a Community Advisory Group (CAG) for the Campus Bay Site was presented. Mayor Anderson presented the resolution to Ms. Dotson. The following individuals spoke in support of the matter: ReEllis Dotson Newman and Sherry Padgett. Following discussion, on motion of Councilmember Viramontes, seconded by Councilmember Marquez adopted **Resolution No. 14-05**, by the unanimous vote of the Council.

ORDINANCES

A proposed ordinance establishing wages, salaries and compensation for the classification of **Graffiti Abatement Specialist** and amending Full-Time General Employees Ordinance No.33-01, N.S., was presented. There were no

comments from the audience. On motion of Vice Mayor Rogers, seconded by Councilmember Griffin, said ordinance received first reading and laid the matter over one week for second reading by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Butt, Penn, Bates, Griffin, Rogers, McLaughlin, Viramontes, and Mayor Anderson. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Marquez.

A proposed ordinance amending Chapter 15.04 of the Richmond Municipal Code pertaining to Conditional Use Permits for Alcoholic Beverage Sales was presented. There were no comments from the audience. On motion of Councilmember Griffin, seconded by Councilmember Penn, said ordinance received first reading and was laid over one week for second reading by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Butt, Penn, Bates, Griffin, Rogers, McLaughlin, Viramontes, and Mayor Anderson. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Marquez.

COUNCIL AS WHOLE

In the matter to consider recommendations for appointments to Commissions, Mayor Anderson recommended the following appointments: **Human Relations Commission:** Michael Ali, term expiring March 30, 2007; **Community Development Commission:** Bobbie Arnold, term expiring March 21, 2007; and **Recreation and Parks Commission:** Fred Arm, term expiring October 26, 2005. On motion of Councilmember Penn, seconded by Councilmember Marquez, approved the Mayor's recommendations by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Butt, Penn, Bates, Marquez, Griffin, McLaughlin, Viramontes, and Mayor Anderson. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Vice Mayor Rogers.

Continued for one week to Tuesday, February 22, 2005, the matter to consider amending Section 6.02.150 of the Richmond Municipal Code, relating to permits.

In the matter of a status report on the 170 Action Items included in the Fiscal and Organizational Stabilization needs of the City of Richmond. Jay Corey, Assistant City Manager, presented the report. He stated that staff's recommendation is to receive and file the report. Corky Booze gave comments regarding the status of replacing the 50 police officers, potholes in the streets, and the closing of drug houses in the City of Richmond. Following discussion, Council accepted the report.

The item regarding submittal and acceptance of a grant application for construction design of Bay Trail access to Historic Kaiser Shipyard No. 3 in Point Potrero Marine Terminal

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Vice Mayor Rogers

Stated that the Council can help assuage the street violence by leveraging the City's prime real estate and provide jobs to those unemployed in the City of Richmond. Councilmember Penn

asked for a Point of Order. She said that it was her understanding that the Council would reaffirm the purpose of the Reports of Officers as outlined in the City Council Rules and Procedures. Everett Jenkins, Interim City Attorney and Parliamentarian, read the definition of the item.

Councilmember McLaughlin

Attended a reception for the Ambassador of the Island of Tuvalu held in Berkeley. She stated that Kyota, USA, sponsored the event to encourage US cities and its citizens to take action to end global warming.

Councilmember Butt

Reported that Councilmembers Marquez, Penn and he attended the Pullman Neighborhood Council meeting. He stated that most of the discussion centered on the City's maintenance of infrastructure and code enforcement, abatement and dumping issues.

Councilmember Penn

Attended a class at UC Davis Extension regarding the roles of the Planning Commission and Design Review. She said that she brought back information to share with the Council.

Councilmember Marquez

Requested the matter regarding Requests for Proposals/Requests for Qualifications regarding the Civic Center be placed on the February 22, 2005, City Council Agenda for the purpose of a formal vote to continue the matter.

Requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Leonor Jacques Trejo.

Mayor Anderson

Attended the Richmond Chamber of Commerce's Annual Crab Feed held at the Richmond Convention Center. She commended the Councilmembers in attendance for their camaraderie.

The Richmond Chamber of Commerce will host a Welcome Reception on February 23, 2005, at 5:00 p.m., at the Hotel Mac for the City's new City Manager, Bill Lindsay.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, adjourned the meeting at 11:32 p.m., in memory of Leonor Jacques Trejor and Dr. Louis Davis, to meet again in one week on Tuesday, February 22, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.

City Clerk

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor