

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, June 27, 2017

The Special Meeting of the Richmond Housing Authority was called to order at 6:27 p.m., by Chairperson Butt, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Ben Choi, Eduardo Martinez, Jael Myrick, Melvin Willis, Chairperson Thomas K. Butt, and Tenant Commissioners Jaycine Scott and Tanise Smith.
Absent: Vice Chair Jovanka Beckles arrived after the roll was called. Commissioner Gayle McLaughlin was absent for the entire meeting.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Jackie Thompson expressed her gratitude for the increased police presence at the Richmond Housing Authority. Ms. Thompson reported issues with tenant pet agreements, lack of security, smoking ordinance signage, homeless individuals sleeping in storage closets, and an inoperable intercom system at the Nevin Plaza Apartments.

AGENDA REVIEW

Items F-2 and F-3 were removed from the Consent Calendar by the public for discussion.

HOUSING AUTHORITY CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Commissioner Myrick, seconded by Commissioner Martinez the items marked with an (*) were approved by the following vote: **Ayes:** Commissioners Choi, Martinez, Myrick, Willis, Vice Chair Beckles, Chair Butt, and Tenant Commissioners Scott and Smith. **Noes:** None. **Absent:** Commissioner McLaughlin. **Abstentions:** None.

*F-1. Approved a contract with Municipal Resource Group to provide consulting services to the Richmond Housing Authority, necessitated by the current vacancy in the Richmond Housing Authority Executive Director position, for an amount not to exceed \$105,264 and for a term extending to December 31, 2017.

F-2. The matter to adopt a resolution approving new tables of utility allowances for use in the Section 8 Voucher and Public Housing Programs effective July 1, 2017, was introduced by Interim Housing Authority Executive Director William Bounthon. Jackie Thompson gave comments. Discussion ensued. The Commission

requested staff to research the public noticing procedure followed for the Housing Advisory Commission meeting held on July 26, 2017. On motion of Commissioner Myrick, seconded by Commissioner Willis, adopted **Resolution No. 2031** by the following vote: **Ayes:** Commissioners Choi, Myrick, Willis, Vice Chair Beckles, Chair Butt, and Tenant Commissioners Scott and Smith. **Noes:** None. **Absent:** Commissioner McLaughlin. **Abstentions:** Commissioner Martinez.

F-3. The matter to adopt a resolution approving a contract with Vacant Property Specialists (VPS) to secure the Hacienda, a 150-unit, high-rise owned by the Richmond Housing Authority, in an amount not to exceed \$84,000 and for a term extending to June 30, 2018, was introduced by Interim Housing Authority Executive Director William Bounthon. Jackie Thompson gave comments. Discussion ensued. On motion of Commissioner Beckles, seconded by Commissioner Choi, adopted **Resolution No. 2032** by the following vote: **Ayes:** Commissioners Choi, Martinez, Myrick, Willis, Vice Chair Beckles, Chair Butt, and Tenant Commissioners Scott and Smith. **Noes:** None. **Absent:** Commissioner McLaughlin. **Abstentions:** None.

*F-4. Approved the minutes of the February 21 and May 2, 2017, Richmond Housing Authority Meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Pamela Christian

Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Tom Butt

Chairperson