

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, April 24, 2018

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Mayor Tom Butt, who led the Pledge to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Jovanka Beckles, Eduardo Martinez, Jael Myrick, Ada Recinos, Vice Mayor Melvin Willis, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt. **Absent:** Councilmember Choi was absent the entire meeting.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

Item J-4 was moved to the beginning of the Study and action Session portion of the agenda.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

E-1. Mayor Butt and Councilmember Beckles presented a proclamation declaring April 2018 as Alcohol Awareness Month in the City of Richmond to member of the Alcohol Marijuana Prescription Drug Coalition and Naomi Williams.

E-2. A proclamation declaring the month of May 2018 as Historic Preservation Month in the City Richmond was presented by Mayor Butt to members of the City of Richmond's Historic Preservation Commission.

E-3. Mayor Butt announced recent resignations from City of Richmond Boards, Commissions and Committees; announced vacancies on City of Richmond Boards, Commissions, and Committees as of April 24, 2018, and ask that interested individuals send applications to the City Clerk's Office.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

None.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Gonzalo Ochoa invited everyone to the 13th Annual Cinco de Mayo celebration on 23rd Street on Sunday, May 6, 2018.

Richard Stollings stated that the practice of not ticketing certain neighborhoods on street sweeping days was unfair.

Kathy Robinson stated that it was too expensive to run for office in Richmond elections. Ms. Robinson also stated that the salary of some department heads was very high; however she had not seen any improvement in the conditions of the City's streets and parks.

Don Gosney gave comments regarding the recent open house event at Point Molate.

Eleanor Thompson stated that a stipend should be given to members of the Youth Commission. Ms. Thompson also stated that the Perez family should receive justice in the matter of the death of Pedie Perez.

Rick Perez gave comments regarding the recent shootings in the United States involving police officers.

Patricia Perez gave comments regarding the death of her grandson, Pedie Perez.

Joseph Puleo thanked City Manager Bill Lindsay for the recent clean-up of the Point Molate Beach Park. Mr. Puleo also stated that he did not agree with the idea that the new city manager should be a current city employee.

Iлона Clark, Association of United Richmond Housing Providers, stated that the rent control ordinance contained many confusing and problematic parts.

Mike Parker stated that there were problems with some of the provisions of the rent control ordinance; however, the only way the issues could be addressed was by placing the matter on the ballot again for the voters to decide.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Councilmember Beckles, seconded by Councilmember Recinos, the item marked with an (*) was approved by the unanimous vote of the City Council:

***H-1.** Approved a contract with CPS HR Consulting to conduct a state-wide recruitment for a city manager, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 and for a term of May 1, 2018, to December 31, 2018.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

H-1. Continued to May 1, 2018, the matter to hold a public hearing on the appeal of the Planning Commission's decision to approve the Anaviv Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Amendment (PLN17-572); and affirm the Planning Commission's CUP amendment approval.

STUDY SESSION/STUDY AND ACTION SESSION

J-1. The matter to receive a presentation from the Richmond Convention and Visitors Bureau providing its annual report of activities was presented by Matt Lewis, Executive Director of Visit Richmond CA and Desiree Heverot, Assistant, who presented a PowerPoint. The mission of Visit Richmond CA, was to increase awareness of the areas of Richmond that offered visitor-related opportunities including lodging, shopping, dining, attractions, museums, historic preservation, recreation, festivals, events and meetings. Visit Richmond CA made outreach, connections, and partnerships with the local Richmond community by participating in local events.

J-2. The City Council received a presentation from Paul Scolari, Chief of Cultural Resources for the Rosie the Riveter World War II Home Front National Historical Park, regarding the state of the park.

J-3. The matter to receive a presentation from City staff and the Trust for Public Land regarding the Climate Smart Cities mapping tool developed for the City of Richmond was presented by Environmental Manager Adam Lenz. The Trust for Public Land and the City entered into an agreement in 2016 to undertake the Climate-Smart Cities Richmond partnership, supported by philanthropic funding from the Surdna, Kresge and Goldsmith Foundations. The goals of the partnership were: (1) identified geographic and multi-benefit opportunities for synergy across the City's Climate Action Plan, Urban Greening Master Plan, Health in All Policies and other initiatives; (2) strengthened the City's competitiveness to win statewide grants from cap and trade, transportation, urban forestry, and other funding programs; and (3) supported implementation of Richmond's policy and planning efforts around climate adaptation and engaged community-based organizations and policy stakeholders including San Francisco Estuary Institute, San Francisco Estuary Partnership, Contra Costa County, the State's Strategic Growth Council. The City of Richmond and The Trust for Public Land (TPL) worked together in several projects, such as the 2015 rehabilitation of the John F. Kennedy Park that attracted hundreds of local and regional volunteers to build a new playground and other park improvements, and the creation of a playground and swale at Harbour-8 Park with Pogo Park and The Watershed Project.

J-4. The matter to receive a presentation on a proposed strategy to increase housing in Richmond and provide direction to staff was presented by Michael Glickson, member of the Richmond Progressive Alliance Housing Action Team, Nicki Beasley, Executive Director of Neighborhood Housing Services, and Don Gilmore, Executive Director of Community Housing Development Corporation of North Richmond. The presentation included a PowerPoint titled "Thinking Big about Richmond's Housing Goals." The Bay Area has not built enough housing to accommodate the growing population. 700,000 new units are needed in the Bay Area by 2040. Discussion ensued. The Council suggested that the following six proposals, to accelerate Richmond's affordable housing planning and construction program, be referred to staff for recommendations and further discussion: *(1) Councilmembers commit to forming an affordable housing Advisory Committee made up of one or two Councilmembers, one or two city staff, plus one or two non-profit housing developers and citizens with useful experience; (2) Make an affordable housing development program a priority budget item; (3) Publicly express support for the Contra Costa County bond effort and pledge to take a leadership role. Work with John Gioia; (4) Commit to participating actively in county-wide coalition building efforts and in particular; (5) Undertake an assessment of Richmond's potential share of all State and County sources of funds for planning and construction ;and (6) Start building a usable, mappable inventory of potential development sites, fully addressing abandoned houses and under-utilized commercial buildings. Create a database with market value, last sold date, current property taxes, estimated market value, etc.* City Manager Bill Lindsay suggested that staff could make a presentation on various policies currently in the City's existing Housing Element Plan, which may include some of the recommendations presented. The following individuals gave comments: Mike Parker, Mariana Moore, Derrick Morris, and Megan Walsh. Council discussion continued. A motion was made

by Councilmember Beckles, seconded by Councilmember Recinos, to call for the question and end debate.

(Council took a recess from 9:06 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.) Mayor Butt left the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

J-5. The matter to receive a presentation from City staff and consultants on policy issues and options for possible amendments to the City's Medical Marijuana Use Regulations (RMC Section 15.04.610.270) and provide direction to staff was presented by Lina Velasco, Planning Manager and Neil Hall, SEI Consulting Group. Under Proposition 64 and Senate Bill 94 (also known as the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act or MAUCRSA), cities and counties have broad discretion to regulate commercial cannabis activities consistent with the State licensing requirements, or completely prohibit commercial cannabis-related businesses. As part of the regulations, the State replaced “marijuana” with “cannabis” and “medical” with “medicinal.” The regulations allowed adult-use (type A) and medicinal (type M) cannabis licensees to conduct business with each other until July 1, 2018. After July 1, 2018, only testing licensees may conduct businesses with either medicinal or adult-use licensees. All other type A businesses must conduct business with only type A licensees, and type M businesses with other type M licensees. The City of Richmond allows medicinal cannabis businesses and has temporarily allowed adult use for certain already permitted operators. Per Council direction, staff worked on updates to the City’s regulations of medicinal and adult-use commercial cannabis activities, including manufacturing, cultivation, testing, distribution and retail sales (including delivery). In addition, the City’s regulations needed to be updated to provide consistency with State regulations, and protect and benefit local residents. Discussion ensued. The Council suggested that additional retail permits could be approved in the future, specifically those businesses that had employee ownership opportunities with a residential requirement or that had some sort of community ownership model and that marijuana growth was only allowed indoors. The following individuals gave comments: Megan Walsh, Nara Dahlbacka, Adam Bonner, and Carolyn Wysinger.

(11:00 p.m. – A motion was made by Councilmember Beckles, seconded by Councilmember Recinos, to extend the meeting to complete Item J-5 only. A substitute motion by Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Councilmember Recinos to extend the meeting until 11:30 p.m., failed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Martinez, Recinos, and Vice Mayor Willis. Noes: Councilmembers Beckles and Martinez. Abstentions: None. Absent: Councilmember Choi and Mayor Butt.

J-6. CONTINUED the matter to receive a presentation on the Community Warning System, review options, and provide direction to staff to May 22, 2018.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS: REFERRALS TO STAFF, AND GENERAL REPORTS (INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:07 p.m., in memory of a recent homicide victim, to meet again on Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor