Community Services Building  
440 Civic Center Plaza  
Richmond, CA 94804

AGENDA
Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mayor  
Thomas K. Butt

Vice Mayor  
Melvin Willis

Councilmembers  
Jovanka Beckles  
Ben Choi  
Eduardo Martinez  
Jael Myrick  
Ada Recinos

Housing Authority Tenant Commissioners  
Jaycine Scott  
Tanise Smith

The Richmond City Council also serves as Board Members and Commission Members for the following:

Housing Authority  
Joint Powers Financing Authority  
Surplus Property Authority  
Local Reuse Authority

COMMUNICATION ACCESS INFORMATION:  
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MEETING PROCEDURES

The City of Richmond encourages community participation at its City Council meetings and has established procedures that are intended to accommodate public input in a timely and time-sensitive way. As a courtesy to all members of the public who wish to participate in City Council meetings, please observe the following procedures:

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: Anyone who desires to address the City Council on items appearing on the agenda must complete and file a pink speaker’s card with the City Clerk prior to the City Council’s consideration of the item. Once the City Clerk has announced the item, no person shall be permitted to speak on the item other than those persons who have submitted their names to the City Clerk. Your name will be called when the item is announced for discussion. Each speaker will be allowed up to TWO (2) MINUTES to address the City Council on NON-PUBLIC HEARING items listed on the agenda. Speakers are allowed up to THREE (3) minutes on PUBLIC HEARING items.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Individuals who would like to address the City Council on matters not listed on the agenda or on items remaining on the consent calendar may do so under Open Forum. All speakers must complete and file a pink speaker’s card with the City Clerk prior to the commencement of Open Forum. The amount of time allotted to individual speakers shall be determined based on the number of persons requesting to speak during this item. The time allocation for each speaker will be as follows: 15 or fewer speakers, a maximum of 2 minutes; 16 to 24 speakers, a maximum of 1 and one-half minutes; and 25 or more speakers, a maximum of 1 minute.

SPEAKERS ARE REQUESTED TO OCCUPY THE RESERVED SEATS IN THE FRONT ROW BEHIND THE SPEAKER’S PODIUM AS THEIR NAME IS ANNOUNCED BY THE CITY CLERK.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be enacted, approved or adopted by one motion unless a request for removal for discussion or explanation is received from the audience or the City Council. A member of the audience requesting to remove an item from the consent calendar must first complete a speaker’s card and file the card with the City Clerk prior to the City Council’s consideration of Agenda Review. Councilmembers who request to remove an item from the consent calendar must do so during Agenda Review. An item removed from the Consent Calendar may be placed anywhere on the agenda following the City Council’s agenda review.

CONDUCT AT MEETINGS: Richmond City Council meetings are limited public forums during which the City strives to provide an open, safe atmosphere and promote robust public debate. Members of the public, however, must comply with state law, as well as the City’s laws and procedures and may not actually disrupt the orderly conduct of these meetings. The public, for example, may not shout or use amplifying devices, must submit comment cards and speak during their allotted time, may not create a physical disturbance, may not speak on matters unrelated to issues within the jurisdiction of the City Council or the agenda item at hand, and may not cause immediate threats to public safety.
CITY HARASSMENT POLICY: The City invites public comment and critique about its operations, including comment about the performance of its public officials and employees, at the public meetings of the City Council and boards and commissions. However, discriminatory or harassing comments about or in the presence of City employees, even comments by third parties, may create a hostile work environment, if severe or pervasive. The City prohibits harassment against an applicant, employee, or contractor on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, medical condition, mental disability, marital status, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, and related medical conditions), sexual orientation, gender identity, age or veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local law. In order to acknowledge the public’s right to comment on City operations at public meetings, which could include comments that violate the City’s harassment policy if such comments do not cause an actual disruption under the Council Rules and Procedures, while taking reasonable steps to protect City employees from discrimination and harassment, City Boards and Commissions shall adhere to the following procedures. If any person makes a harassing remark at a public meeting that violates the above City policy prohibiting harassment, the presiding officer of the meeting may, at the conclusion of the speaker’s remarks and allotted time: (a) remind the public that the City’s Policy Regarding Harassment of its Employees is contained in the written posted agenda; and (b) state that comments in violation of City policy are not condoned by the City and will play no role in City decisions. If any person makes a harassing remark at a public meeting that violates the above City policy, any City employee in the room who is offended by remarks violating the City’s policy is excused from attendance at the meeting. No City employee is compelled to remain in attendance where it appears likely that speakers will make further harassing comments. If an employee leaves a City meeting for this reason, the presiding officer may send a designee to notify any offended employee who has left the meeting when those comments are likely concluded so that the employee may return to the meeting. The presiding officer may remind an employee or any council or board or commission member that he or she may leave the meeting if a remark violating the City’s harassment policy is made. These procedures supplement the Council Rules and Procedures relating to disruption of orderly conduct at Council meetings.

Any law enforcement officer on duty or whose service is commanded by the presiding officer shall be Sergeant-at-Arms of the Council meetings. He/she, or they, shall carry out all orders and instructions given by the presiding officer for the purpose of maintaining order and decorum at the Council meetings (City Council Rules of Procedure and Order Section III F, RMC Section 2.12.030).
OPEN SESSION TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION

6:00 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

B. PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION

C. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

Shimada Room of the Community Services Building

A. CITY COUNCIL

A-1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Government Code Section 54957.6):

Title: City Manager
REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

6:30 p.m.

A. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

B. ROLL CALL

C. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

D. AGENDA REVIEW

E. REPORT FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY OF FINAL DECISIONS MADE DURING CLOSED SESSION

F. REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

G. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

H. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

H-1. ADOPT a resolution to submit to the voters at the next general municipal election to be held on November 6, 2018, a measure for changing the City's Real Estate Documentary Transfer Tax so that the tax rate for properties valued below $1 million does not increase, the tax rate for properties valued between at $1 million dollars to $3 million increases from .7% to 1.25%; the tax rate for properties valued between at $3 million dollars to $10 million increases from .7% to 2.5%; and the tax rate for properties valued in excess of $10 million increases from .7% to 3.0% - Councilmember Jael Myrick (620-6636) and Vice Mayor Melvin Willis (412-2050).

H-2. APPROVE an employment agreement with Carlos Martinez as Richmond City Manager, providing for a five-year term commencing November 1, 2018, at an initial base salary of $260,000.00 annually (approximately $358,000 total compensation), with subsequent salary increases subject to a satisfactory performance evaluation, and other specified employment terms - City Manager's Office (Bill Lindsay 620-6512).

H-3. ADOPT a resolution submitting to voters at the next general election to be held November 6, 2018, a measure to establish a Special Parcel Tax on Vacant Properties at the rate of $3,000 annually per vacant developed parcel and $6,000 annually per undeveloped parcel, raising about $5.4 million annually for 20 years to fund homelessness services and housing, blight and dumping elimination, and specified programs - Office of the Mayor (Mayor Tom Butt 620-6503) and Councilmember Eduardo Martinez (620-6593).
H-4. APPROVE the minutes of the July 10, 17, 20, 24, and 28, 2018, Richmond City Council meetings - City Clerk's Office (Pamela Christian 620-6513).

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

J. ADJOURNMENT

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