

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, August 13, 2019

The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 5:30 p.m., by Mayor Butt who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Nathaniel Bates, Eduardo Martinez, Jael Myrick, Melvin Willis, Vice Mayor Ben Choi, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt. **Absent:** Council Demnlus Johnson, III – out of state.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Myrick, the items marked with an (*) were approved by the following vote of the City Council: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Nathaniel Bates, Eduardo Martinez, Jael Myrick, Melvin Willis, Vice Mayor Ben Choi, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Johnson, III.

E-1. *Approved a standard contract with Henry Gardner to serve as Acting City Manager of the City of Richmond commencing July 29, 2019 and terminating August 13, 2019, in the amount of \$5,000 per every work week.

E-2. * APPROVE the minutes of the June 25, July 16 and 23, 2019, Regular City Council meetings and July 27, 2019, Special City Council Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION

The city clerk announced that it was time for the City Council to hear public comments on the following items to be discussed in Closed Session:

CLOSED SESSION

CITY COUNCIL

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (D) of Government Code Section 54956.9): One case

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Government Code Section 54957.6): Title: Acting City Manager

The following speakers gave comments: Cordell Hindler and Ben Therrault.

The City Council adjourned to Closed Session at 5:33 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

The City Council reconvened at 6:16 p.m. with Councilmembers Nathaniel Bates, Eduardo Martinez, Jael Myrick,

Melvin Willis, Vice Mayor Ben Choi, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt.
Absent: Council Demnlus Johnson, III.

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

Senior Assistant City Attorney Everett Jenkins reported that the City Council reached final decisions on the below Closed Session agenda items and approved them by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmembers Nathaniel Bates, Eduardo Martinez, Jael Myrick, Melvin Willis, Vice Mayor Ben Choi, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Council Demnlus Johnson, III.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (D) of Government Code Section 54956.9): One case – the City Council authorized staff to send a demand letter to Viola regarding certain contract indemnity claims.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Government Code Section 54957.6): Title: Acting City Manager – the City Council appointed Steven Falk to serve as acting city manager at a contracted hourly rate of \$175, anticipated monthly hours 150, for a monthly total of \$26,250, and directed staff to place Mr. Falk’s contract on the September 10, 2019, City Council agenda for final approval.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m. in memory of long-time Richmond resident Yolanda Raffol and Henry Dishroom to meet again on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor