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AGENDA
05/01/2007

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

Community Redevelopment Agency
Housing Authority
Joint Powers Financing Authority
Surplus Property Authority
Local Reuse Authority
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 and discussion has commenced, 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 TWO (2) MINUTES to address the City Council on NON-PUBLIC HEARING items listed on the agenda.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Individuals who would like to address the City Council on matters not listed on the agenda or on Presentations, Proclamations and Commendations, Report from the City Attorney, or Reports of Officers 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 complete and file a speaker’s card with the City Clerk prior to the City Council’s consideration of Item C, Agenda Review. An item removed from the Consent Calendar may be placed anywhere on the agenda following the City Council’s agenda review.

The City Council’s adopted Rules of Procedure recognize that debate on policy is healthy; debate on personalities is not. The Chairperson has the right and obligation to cut off discussion that is too personal, too loud, or too crude.

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Morning Open Session
8:30 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

C. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session
Shimada Room of City Hall

A. CITY COUNCIL

A-1. LIABILITY CLAIMS

Claimants:
1. James Filippi
2. Alma Candelario
3. Jay Betts
4. Gerald Mackowiak
5. Dimitri & Kathleen Rotow

Agency Claimed Against: City of Richmond

A-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9:

One Case

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Evening Open Session
Council Chambers

Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency
6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

A. ROLL CALL

B. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

C. CONSENT CALENDAR

   C-1. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION** - approving a contract amendment with Goldfarb and Lipman to provide legal services associated with Agency activities with an expiration date of September 30, 2007. This amendment will add $90,000 to the original contract for a new contract total of $290,000 - Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency (Steve Duran 307-8140).

D. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

E. ADJOURNMENT

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Special Joint Meeting of the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency/City Council
6:05 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

B. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

C. CONSENT CALENDAR

   C-1. **APPROVE** – minutes of the meeting held on April 17, 2007, - City Clerk’s Office (Diane Holmes 620-6513).
D. AGENCY/COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

D-1. Discuss proposed design options and provide direction to staff regarding: (1) the City Council Chamber seating, (2) exterior window system options for City Hall and the existing Hall of Justice, and (3) the scope of the Auditorium renovation – Community and Economic Development (Steve Duran 307-8140).

E. ADJOURNMENT

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CITY COUNCIL

7:00 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

B. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

C. AGENDA REVIEW

D. REPORT FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY OF FINAL DECISIONS MADE AND NON-CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSIONS HELD DURING CLOSED SESSION

E. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

F. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

F-1. Commendation to and comments from Martin Luther King III – Vice Mayor Bates (620-6743).

F-2. Proclamation recognizing May as Preservation Month in the City of Richmond - Councilmember Butt (236-7435).

F-3. Proclamation recognizing May Day 1886 as the beginning of the eight-hour workday struggle and honoring local labor leaders for their contribution to Richmond’s working families - Mayor McLaughlin (620-6503).

F-4. Proclamation recognizing May 6-12, 2007, as Public Service Week in the City of Richmond - Mayor McLaughlin (620-6503).
G. CONSENT CALENDAR

G-1. **APPROVE** - a contract with Mr. Larry Winston in an amount not to exceed $60,000 for a term of May 1, 2007, through March 30, 2008, to provide curriculum development, classroom instruction, and supervision for the Richmond BUILD pre-apprenticeship construction skills training program - Employment and Training (Sal Vaca 307-8006).

G-2. **AWARD** - a construction contract to Prism Engineering for the Cutting Boulevard Interconnect & Detector Loop - Harbour Way South to South 49th Street at the base bid of $372,000 and include optional Item B in the amount of $28,800 for a total price of $400,800 with a project budget contingency not to exceed $40,000 - Engineering (Rich Davidson 307-8105). Reviewed by Finance Committee Members Rogers and Lopez.

G-3. **APPROVE** - a one-year contract with eCivis Incorporated for grants tracking, reporting, and implementation of software and services at a cost of $57,575 – Finance Department (James Goins 620-6740).

G-4. **APPROVE** - an amendment to the contract with Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. (MIG), modifying the scope of work to allow additional community and board participation in workshops and meetings associated with the General Plan update and increasing the cost by $297,115, for a total cost of $2,235,508 - Planning Department (Richard Mitchell 620-6705). Reviewed by Finance Committee Members Rogers and Lopez.

G-5. **AUTHORIZE** – the city manager to execute an amendment to the contract with Cooperative Personnel Services raising the contract limit from $10,000 to $13,795.32 – Human Resources (Leslie Knight 620-6600)

G-6. **AUTHORIZE** - the city manager to execute a contract with Avery Associates for an amount not to exceed $25,400 to conduct a recruitment for the position of City Attorney - Human Resources (Leslie Knight 620-6849).

G-7. **APPROVE** – (1) the amended Interagency Agreement, (2) a City Council resolution accepting funds from the 2006-07 North Richmond Waste and Recovery Mitigation Fee Fund, currently being held by Contra Costa County, to be used to finance certain strategies as identified in the amended Interagency Agreement for an amount not to exceed $472,658, and (3) authorization to the city manager or his designee to administer those funds in a manner consistent with the terms of the attached Agreement - City Manager's Office (Bill Lindsay 620-6512).
G-8. **APPROVE** - an amendment to the contract with the Glen Price Group to provide grant seeking and proposal writing services, increasing the cost in an amount not to exceed $121,000 for a total cost of $231,000 and extending the term by 16 months to continue the city-wide grant securing program through June 2008 - City Manager's Office (Bill Lindsay 620-6512). Reviewed by Finance Committee Members Rogers and Lopez.

G-9. **APPROVE** – a contract with State Tree Experts, Inc. in the amount of $5,500 for the removal of eight (8) dead and dying pine trees and the pruning of one (1) Monterey pine tree at John F. Kennedy (JFK) Park – Public Works (Willie Haywood 231-3008).

G-10. **APPROVE** – minutes of the Morning and Evening Open Sessions held on April 17, 2007 - City Clerk’s Office (Diane Holmes 620-6513).

H. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

I. **RESOLUTIONS**

I-1. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION** - directing City staff to develop recommendations on lowering solar permit fees and to identify best practices to promote solar installation in Richmond - Mayor McLaughlin (620-6503).

J. **ORDINANCES**

K. **COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

K-1. Approve recognition of Mother Novelean Harris for her service to the City of Richmond by declaring May 1st as Mother Novelean Harris Day, and authorize a message, in her honor, to be engraved on the bench in front of North Richmond Baptist Church – Mayor McLaughlin and Vice Mayor Bates (620-6581).


K-3. Receive the progress report on the General Plan Update, and provide direction to staff - Planning Department (Richard Mitchell 620-6705).

K-4. Discuss and consider support of AB 1261(Caballero) Infrastructure Financing - Vice Mayor Bates (620-6581).
K-5. Discuss and provide direction to staff to incorporate an annual budget for four part-time City Council Public Policy Interns within the City Council budget beginning July 1, 2007 - Councilmember Lopez (778-8462). Reviewed by Finance Committee Members Rogers and Lopez.

K-6. Adopt a "Resolution of the City Council of the City of Richmond, California, Formally establishing the Policy of the City Council Concerning the Continuation of Boards and Commission Members' Terms" - City Attorney's Office (Louise Renne 620-6509).

K-7. Consider conceptual neighborhood-based proposal to relocate Westside (Point Richmond) branch library to vacant leased space in the Point Richmond business district in lieu of renovating and reopening the branch library in the existing facility, and provide direction to staff as appropriate - City Manager’s Office (Bill Lindsay 620-6512).

L. COMMUNICATIONS

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

N. ADJOURNMENT

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