

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, October 1, 2019

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Thomas K. Butt.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Nathaniel Bates, Demnlus Johnson III, Eduardo Martinez, Jael Myrick, Vice Mayor Ben Choi, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt. **Absent:** Councilmember Melvin Willis arrived at 5:01 p.m. after the City Council adjourned to Closed Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CITY COUNCIL

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -
EXISTING LITIGATION (paragraph (1) of Subdivision [d] of
Government Code Section 54956.9):**

Department of Homeland Security vs. Regents of
University of California

Trump vs. NAACP

McAleenan vs. Vidal

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -
ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Significant exposure to litigation
pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of Subdivision (d) [as applicable] of
Government Code Section 54956.9):**

One Case

There were no public speakers.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:00 p.m.
Closed Session adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m., by Mayor Butt who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Bates, Johnson III, Martinez, Myrick, Willis, Vice Mayor Choi, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** None.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

Item H-12 was continued to the October 15, 2019, City Council meeting.

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

Assistant City Attorney Carlos Privat stated that by unanimous vote, the City Council joined the City and County of Los Angeles in an amicus brief. The brief was filed in the United States Supreme Court on behalf of California cities and counties in support of respondents and deferred action for childhood arrival recipients in the matters of Department of Homeland Security vs. Regents of University of California, Trump vs. NAACP, and McAleenan vs. Vidal.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Interim City Manager Steven Falk stated there was no report.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Rick Perez read a proclamation detailing cover-ups in the City of Richmond.

Patricia Perez gave comments regarding the Richmond Police Department and the Pedie Perez case.

Mark Wassberg spoke regarding President Trump, accusations of his relationship with Russia, and possible impeachment proceedings.

Don Gosney gave comments regarding the need to keep uniformed police officers at Richmond high schools. Mr. Gosney also gave comments regarding the recent shooting outside of De Anza High School.

Ben Therriault stated an e-mail was sent about working conditions and General Order 33. The attorney for the Richmond Police Officers Association also sent a letter to the City on August 14, 2019, regarding new policies and violations of representation of employee's complaints. Mr. Therriault stated that the City has not responded.

David Drisdale expressed concerns regarding areas in Richmond in need of cleanup.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Councilmember Johnson III, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, the items marked with an (*) were approved by the unanimous vote of the City Council:

***H-1.** Adopted **Resolution No. 92-19**, approving emergency justification for Veolia Water to manage and award a Wastewater Treatment Plant discharge pipe repair project contract to WR Forde, in an amount not to exceed \$189,312.50 [proposal cost of \$162,500 plus Veolia's 16.5 percent mark-up of \$26,812.50].

***H-2.** Approved the purchase of 100 fitted Safariland Second Chance Summit Series Threat Level IIIA Ballistic vests and 100 Carrier Vests in an amount not to exceed \$132,651.

***H-3.** Adopted **Resolution No. 93-19**, to accept and appropriate the program narrative and budget in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the 2019-2023 Youth Reinvestment Grant Award, a four year grant; and authorized the city manager, or his designee, to negotiate and enter into contracts for four years with the following community based organizations: Richmond Police Activities League (RPAL) (\$400,000), Youth Services Bureau (YSB) (\$250,000), Safe Return Project (\$250,000) National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD) (\$10,000) annually and to execute all budgetary amendments approved by the Board of State and Community Corrections.

***H-4.** Approved appointments to the Environmental Community Investment Agreement Transportation Oversight Committee: appointed Marena Brown, re-appointment, seat #1, term expiration date of July 25, 2022; Eric Anderson, re-appointment, seat #2, term expiration date July 25, 2022; Martha Serianz, re-appointment, seat #3, term expiration date July 25,

2022; and Kiran Agarwal, re-appointment, seat #4, term expiration date July 25, 2022.

***H-5.** Approved appointments to the Arts and Culture Commission: appointed Tom Lyons, new appointment, seat #3, filing an unexpired term with an expiration date of January 31, 2023; and Lynson Beaulieu, new appointment, seat #7, filing an unexpired term with an expiration date of January 31, 2021.

***H-6.** Approved an appointment to the Economic Development Commission: appointed Orrian Willis, new appointment, seat #14, filing unexpired term with an expiration date of March 30, 2022.

***H-7.** Accepted and appropriated grant funds from the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Title II: Adult Education and Family Literacy Act Grant program in the amount of \$41,480, to support a variety of education programs for the community, and approved the grant acceptance agreement for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

***H-8.** Approved the minutes of the September 17, 2019, Regular City Council meeting.

***H-9.** Adopted **Ordinance No. 15-19 N.S.**, to establish wages, salaries, and compensation for the new Communications Dispatcher II (Per- Diem) classification (Salary Range No. 410C \$31.37 - \$37.22/hour). **This item was continued from the September 24, 2019, meeting.**

***H-10.** Adopted **Resolution No. 94-19**, revising the authorization list on the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) accounts to reflect the current staff assignments in the Finance Department.

***H-11.** Received the City's Investment and Cash Balance Report for the month of August 2019.

H-12. CONTINUED to the October 15, 2019, City Council meeting, a resolution amending the small wireless facilities policy to provide additional clarification regarding the policy, including alternative sites analysis, and to address community input.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

I-1. The matter to approve the renaming of a portion of Huntington Avenue from Columbia Avenue to San Joaquin Street to Dalai Lama Avenue (This request was approved by the Recreation and Parks Commission on August 7, 2019) was presented by Councilmember Martinez. Jamyang Dhondup and Tenzin Randoz gave comments. A motion by Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Willis, approved the item, by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

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

Councilmember Willis announced a Racial Justice Reinvestment Community Town Hall Forum on October 17, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 2369 Barrett Avenue.

Councilmember Bates announced that his son-in law’s funeral, Marion B. Anderson, would be held at Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church on Friday, October 4, 2019, at 11 a.m.

Mayor Butt reported that he and Chef Arnon from Anaviv’s Table competed and won a bronze medal in the Contra Costa Mayor’s Healthy Food Cook-off on Thursday, September 26, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m., in memory of Martha Gonzalez, City of Richmond employee, and Javon McElvin, the cousin of Councilmember Johnson III, to meet again on Tuesday, October 15, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor