

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, August 1, 2022

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Community Services Building
440 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804

A. SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Mayor Thomas K. Butt via teleconference.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Nathaniel Bates, Claudia Jimenez, Demnlus Johnson III, Gayle McLaughlin, Melvin Willis, Vice Mayor Eduardo Martinez, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt. **Absent:** None.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO

The Public Comment Instructional Video was shown.

D. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

E. AGENDA REVIEW

None.

F. NEW BUSINESS

F.1 Rydin Road Encampment Sunsetting Program

MANDATE the sunset date of the Rydin Road encampment as August 31, 2022; APPROVE a fifth contract amendment in an amount not to exceed \$135,966, with Housing Consortium of the East Bay and extend the contract term to August 31, 2022, for a total not to exceed amount of \$695,966; AUTHORIZE the City Manager or her designee to negotiate and execute contracts for the administration of flex funds with a community-based organization; and CONTINUE collaboration with Contra Costa County (CCC) H3 and C.O.R.E. programs to provide needed supportive services to residents at Rydin Road prior to abatement – City Manager’s Office (Shasa Curl 510-620-6512).

City Manager Shasa Curl introduced the matter. The city manager presented drone footage of Rydin Road. City Manager Shasa Curl, Community Development director Lina Velasco, Fire Chief Angel Montoya, Wastewater Program Manager Yader Bermudez, Contra Costa County Health, Housing and Homeless Services Interim Director Christy Saxton presented a PowerPoint that highlighted the following: background information; employment data; synergistic policies/developments; affordable housing in Richmond; police calls for service; overview on Fire department abatement assistance, fire extinguisher training, and calls for service; Public Works abatement efforts; street improvements at Rydin Rd; CORE outreach, prevention/diversion, emergency shelter, CARE centers; rapid exit, rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing; CORE access/assessment/prioritization; services/resources; summary of CORE services; CORE Services provided at Rydin Rd; HCEB expenditures; unhoused

interventions expenditures commencing in Fiscal Year 21/22; and potential policy options. Discussion ensued. Jessi Taran, Ramon Quintana, Amanda Jenkins, Lea Murray, Payton Silket, Leticia Chavez, and Terry Dunn gave comments via teleconference.

Main Motion

Motion by Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin
Seconded by Councilmember Melvin Willis

To approve option 3 with additional funding for a September 30, 2022, sunset for the Rydin Road encampment and direct the city manager to work out the details of an extension of the Housing Consortium of the East Bay (HCEB) contract with the following funding: \$169,958 to HCEB; \$35,000 for a Collaborising subcontract; and \$200,000 for flex funds for a total allocation of \$404,958.

Ayes (5): Councilmembers Demnlus Johnson III, Claudia Jimenez, Melvin Willis, Gayle McLaughlin, and Vice Mayor Eduardo Martinez.

Noes (2): Mayor Tom Butt and Councilmember Nathaniel Bates.

Passed (5 to 2)

Substitute Motion

Motion by Vice Mayor Eduardo Martinez

To allocate \$58,000 to Collaborising, \$135,000 to HCEB, and \$200,000 for flex funds.

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F.2 R3f Strategic Planning and Governance Advisor Contract

APPROVE a contract with Dalberg, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000, for a term beginning July 26, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, to prepare a Strategic Plan and Governance Structure for the Richmond Rapid Response Fund (R3F); and AUTHORIZE the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the West Contra Costa Public Education Fund to accept their \$25,000 contribution towards this work – Community Development (Lina Velasco 510-620-6741).

Community Development Director Lina Velasco introduced the item. Ms. Velasco presented a PowerPoint that highlighted the following: background information; procurement process; and the proposed scope of work Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Melvin Willis
Seconded by Vice Mayor Eduardo Martinez

To approve the staff recommendation.

Ayes (6): Councilmembers Demnlus Johnson III, Nathaniel Bates, Claudia Jimenez, Melvin Willis, Gayle McLaughlin, and Eduardo Martinez.

Noes (1): Mayor Tom Butt

Passed (6 to 1)

F.3 Contract for Castro Encampment Resolution Project Manager

APPROVE a contract with Way2Love, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$235,000, for a term beginning July 26, 2022, and ending June 30, 2024, to provide project management services for the Castro Encampment Resolution Project to be funded by the City’s Encampment Resolution Funding grant – Community Development (Lina Velasco 620-6841/Jesus Morales 620-6649).

Housing Manager Jesus Morales introduced the item. Mr. Morales presented a PowerPoint that highlighted the following: Castro encampment map; Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) application and award Timeline; procurement process; overall ERF project goals and objectives; main activities; project manager responsibilities; reporting structure chart (org chart); and information about Way 2 Love, Inc.. Discussion ensued. Eleanor Thompson, Amanda Jenkins, and Leticia Chavez gave comments via teleconference.

Motion by Councilmember Demnlus Johnson III

Seconded by Councilmember Melvin Willis

To approve the staff recommendation and authorize staff to make amendments to the contract to ensure satisfactory performance and achieve metrics.

Ayes (5): Councilmember Demnlus Johnson III, Claudia Jimenez, Melvin Willis, Gayle McLaughlin, and Vice Mayor Eduardo Martinez.

Noes (2): Mayor Tom Butt and Councilmember Nathaniel Bates

Passed (5 to 2)

G. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m., in memory of Bill Russell, to meet again on September 13, 2022.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

Mayor