

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, November 6, 2007**

The special joint meeting of the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency and City Council was called to order at 7:51 p.m. by Mayor Gayle McLaughlin.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Boardmembers Sandhu, Lopez, Viramontes, Butt, Marquez, Rogers, Thurmond, Vice Mayor Bates, and Mayor McLaughlin.  
**Absent:** None.

**STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

On motion of Councilmember Marquez, seconded by Councilmember Viramontes, all items marked with an asterisk (\*-) were approved by the unanimous vote of the Council.

\*- Adopted Resolution No. approving an Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of Richmond Employment & Training Department and the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency that will expand blight abatement efforts provided by "Operation Clean-Up", through fiscal years 2007/2008 and 2008/2009, and will add a section of 23rd Street to the section of Macdonald Avenue that the program has been serving.

A proposal to approve an Amendment to a Loan Agreement by and between the City of Richmond, the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency and Wood Development Corporation to add funds to complete 14 single family homes within the Scattered Sites Infill Project in the amount of \$500,000 for a total loan amount of \$1,653,000 to the Wood Development Corporation was presented. Patrick Lynch, Redevelopment, gave an overview of the item. Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Viramontes, seconded by Councilmember Thurmond, to approve staff's recommendation with the condition that staff return to the Finance Committee in four months with a follow-up report. Councilmember Marquez stated he would not support this motion because he feels the contract should be opened up to other local contractors. A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Marquez to not approve staff's recommendation and go out to bid again. The substitute motion failed for lack of a second. Speakers were: Kevin Hampton and Rhonda Harris. Vice Mayor Bates offered a friendly amendment to approve staff's recommendation with the condition that the report include various local contractors as part of the process. The friendly amendment was accepted. Councilmember Thurmond requested that the non-profits state how they will pursue accountability going forward. Don Gilmore, Executive Director of Community Health Incorporation and Wood Development Corporation, spoke on this item. The original motion passed by the unanimous vote of the Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:18  
p.m.

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Clerk of the Richmond Redevelopment Agency

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Approved:

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Chairperson