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## CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023, 3 P.M.  
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE  
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER  
3900 MAIN STREET

PRESENT: Mayor Lock Dawson and Councilmembers Edwards, Cervantes, Fierro, Conder, Perry, and Hemenway and Councilwoman Plascencia

ABSENT: None

Mayor Lock Dawson called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

The Reverend Canon Kelli Grace Kurtz of All Saints Episcopal Church gave the Invocation.

Councilmember Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Errol Koschowitz spoke regarding the President of the United States and U.S. Treasury grants. John Fisher spoke regarding a training video on use of an automated external defibrillator (AED).

#### MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Edwards reported on the Downtown Parking meeting, community engagement, the Lunar Festival, and Ward 1 January office hours. Councilmember Cervantes reported on the Ward 2 Neighborhood meeting at Cesar Chavez Center, UCR Community Project Review Community Meeting at the UCR Alumni and Visitor Center, Latino Network mixer and Board installation at Zacatecas, residents of Eastside Active and Leadership virtual meeting, the Lunar New Year Festival, the closing of Cellar Door Bookstore in Canyon Crest Town Center and possible relocation. Councilmember Conder reported on the swearing in ceremony for Assemblymember Bill Essayli, the War Memorial Dog Park grand opening, and congratulated Bullseye Sports Shop business owners Vince and Lilah Torres on retirement. Councilwoman Plascencia reported on Ward 5 February office hours and announced City Manager Mike Futrell would be the guest speaker. Councilmember Perry reported on the War Memorial Dog Park grand opening, the Chamber of Commerce hosting a Job Fair at the Tyler Mall, and the passing of Dr. Lalit Acharya. Councilmember Hemenway reported on the swearing in of the new Riverside County Office of Education Superintendent of Schools and the Point in Time Count. Mayor Lock Dawson thanked Mayor Pro Tem Cervantes for chairing the City Council meeting last week and reported on the US Conference of Mayors in Washington D.C., State of the City, announced the Latino Network meeting was rescheduled and the



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Gold Star Family Memorial dedication ceremony at the National Cemetery. Councilmember Conder offered condolences to the families of the victims of the incidents in Monterey Park and Half Moon Bay.

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The City Council received an update on Intergovernmental relations and legislation.

#### HOMELESS SOLUTIONS UPDATE

There was no update on homeless solutions.

#### SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

There was no update on sustainability.

#### HEALTH, SAFETY, AND SECURITY UPDATES

There was no update on health, safety, and security.

#### LEGAL UPDATE

There was no legal update.

#### COUNCILMEMBERS DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There was no conflict of interest declared at this time.

### DISCUSSION CALENDAR

#### FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL UPDATE

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilwoman Plascencia and seconded by Councilmember Fierro to (1) received and provided input on the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Fourth Quarter Financial Report; (2) with at least five affirmative votes, approved a carryover of unexpended funds of approximately \$3.3 million in the General Fund and \$39.3 million in other City funds into Fiscal Year 2022-23; and (3) approved staff's recommendation on the use of the projected \$34.7 million in surplus reserves in the General Fund. The motion carried unanimously.



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#### BIENNIAL REVIEW OF COMPENSATION - SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFITS OF MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL PURSUANT TO SECTION 403 OF RIVERSIDE CITY CHARTER

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilwoman Plascencia and seconded by Councilmember Cervantes to (1) call a public hearing regarding current compensation, including salary and benefits, of the Mayor and City Council and determine whether to revise the compensation; and (2) bring back for further discussion the City Council staffing and operating budget. The motion carried with Councilmembers Edwards, Cervantes, Fierro, Hemenway and Councilwoman Plascencia voting aye and Councilmembers Conder and Perry voting no.

#### CLOSED SESSIONS

The Mayor and City Council adjourned to closed sessions pursuant to Government Code (1) §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive from legal counsel concerning William Shoemaker v. City of Riverside, WCAB Claim No. (s): 170166; (2) §54956.9(d)(2) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning anticipated litigation regarding two cases; (3) §54956.9(d)(4) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning the City Council deciding whether to initiate litigation regarding one case; (4) §54957(a) for consultation with Chief of Police Larry Gonzalez and Chief Information Officer George Khalil regarding threat to public services or facilities; and (5) §54957.6 to review the City Council's position and instruct designated representatives regarding salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of all Executive Management employees except the City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk, all Management and Confidential employees as defined by PERS, Fire Management Unit, Riverside City Firefighters Association, Riverside Police Officers Association (Police and Police Supervisory Units), Service Employees International Union #721, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers #47, and Riverside Police Administrators Association.

The Mayor and City Council adjourned at 4:45 p.m. and reconvened at 6:15 p.m. with Mayor Lock Dawson presiding and all Councilmembers.



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#### PUBLIC HEARING

##### RESHAPE RIVERSIDE REDISTRICTING PROCESS

Hearing was called to consider the draft ward maps referred by the Inclusiveness, Community Engagement and Governmental Processes Committee on the Reshape Riverside Redistricting process and criteria for establishing new ward boundaries. Thirteen people spoke on the matter. The public hearing was officially closed.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilwoman Plascencia and seconded by Councilmember Edwards to (1) uplift Community of Interest (COI) Map D5 to a draft map for further consideration; and (2) request demographer modify Draft Maps A3, C2, C3, and D3 as requested by the City Council. The motion carried unanimously.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Steve Johnson and Stacy Ridder spoke on the flag policy. Mike McCarthy spoke in support of Redistricting Draft Map D5, Riverside Good Neighbor Guidelines and the flag policy. Scott Andrews spoke on the Mayor and City Council compensation. One person spoke on the flag policy. One person spoke on communications with the Mayor and City Council and the flag policy. Pam Nusser spoke on the flag policy.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Hemenway and seconded by Councilmember Perry to approve the Consent Calendar as presented affirming the actions appropriate to each item with the City of Riverside's Biennial Legislative Platform removed from the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

#### MINUTES

The minutes of the January 10, 2023, meeting were approved as presented.

#### MEASURE Z - REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2208 - AGREEMENT - UNARMED SECURITY GUARD SERVICES AT CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES ON HULEN PLACE

The City Council (1) approved a Professional Consultant Services Agreement with Power Security Group, Inc., for security guard services at City-owned properties on Hulen Place in the amount of \$176,121.84 with a term through November 30, 2023; and (2) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Professional Consultant Services



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Agreement with Power Security Group, Inc., including making any minor and non-substantive changes.

CITY OF RIVERSIDE BIENNIAL LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM FOR 2023-2024 AND DIRECTION ON CITY'S LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY TEAMS FOR LEGISLATIVE AND FUNDING PRIORITIES  
This item was removed from the agenda.

FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 FOURTH QUARTER CASH, INVESTMENTS, AND DEBT REPORTS  
The City Council received and ordered filed the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Fourth Quarter Cash, Investments, and Debt Report.

INCREASE PURCHASE ORDER 232701 - ADDITIONAL POSSE USER LICENSES FOR CITY'S PERMIT TRACKING SYSTEM  
The City Council (1) authorized an increase to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Computronix Purchase Order 232701 by \$38,430 for the purchase of additional Posse User Licenses; (2) authorized 10 percent change order authority in the amount of \$18,534 for minor supplemental purchases and/or system upgrades; (3) with at least five affirmative votes, authorized a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$56,964 in the Community Development Building and Safety, Grants and Restricted Programs Account, with funds from the Technical Fee Surcharge Fund; and (4) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary documents to Purchase Order 232701 including making minor and non-substantive changes.

PROHIBIT AND ENFORCE WATER THEFT AND UNAUTHORIZED WATER USE - ORDINANCE ADOPTED  
The City Council adopted an Ordinance adopting Chapter 14.23 of the Riverside Municipal Code to prohibit and enforce water theft and unauthorized water use; whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waived Ordinance No. 7621 of the City Council of the City of Riverside, California, Adopting Chapter 14.23 of the Riverside Municipal Code to Prohibit and Enforce Water Theft and Unauthorized Water Use, was presented and adopted.

ESTABLISH AXLE RESTRICTIONS - LA SIERRA/STATE ROUTE 91 - ORDINANCE ADOPTED  
The City Council adopted an Ordinance amending Section 10.56.050 of the Riverside Municipal Code to establish an axle restriction prohibiting use by commercial vehicles



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exceeding three axles on La Sierra Avenue from the southerly City limits to the SR-91 Freeway; whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waived Ordinance No. 7622 of the City Council of the City of Riverside, California, Amending Section 10.56.050 of the Riverside Municipal Code to Establish Axle Restrictions on La Sierra Avenue," was presented and adopted.

### DISCUSSION CALENDAR

#### ESTABLISH A COMMISSION OF THE DEAF - ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Fierro and seconded by Councilmember Cervantes to (1) introduce and subsequently adopt an Ordinance of the City of Riverside, California, establishing a Commission of the Deaf by amending Title 2 of the Riverside Municipal Code by adding Chapter 2.100 and shall include three Citywide members, two youth ex officio members, one representative from each Ward with two representatives from the Ward in which the California School for the Deaf, Riverside is located to advise the City Council on matters affecting members of the deaf community; (2) for inaugural appointments only, assign one youth ex officio seat to a one-year term through March 1, 2024; assign Ward seats 1, 5, and 7, one Ward 3 seat, one Citywide seat, and one youth ex officio seat to a two-year term through March 1, 2025; and assign Ward seats 2, 4, and 6, one Ward 3 seat, and two Citywide seats to a four-year term through March 1, 2027. The motion carried unanimously.

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSIONS

City Attorney Norton announced there were no reportable action taken during closed session.

#### ITEMS FOR FUTURE CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Councilmember Cervantes requested the Cultural Heritage Board review and discuss designating the historical FMC Building as a City and State historical landmark. Councilmember Perry requested a financial report on The Cheech Marin Center progress from its representatives.



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The City Council adjourned at 8:49 p.m. in honor of Dr. Lalit Acharya, the victims of the Monterey Park and Half Moon Bay shootings, and Ali Maserati.

Respectfully submitted,

DONESIA GAUSE  
City Clerk