



City of Arts & Innovation

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023, 1 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Cervantes, Councilmembers Edwards, Fierro, Conder, Perry, and Hemenway and Councilwoman Plascencia

ABSENT: Mayor Lock Dawson

Mayor Pro Tem Cervantes called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Errol Koschowitz spoke on library operating hours, grant appropriations, and permits for a booth on public right-of-way. Aurora Chavez spoke on the Riverside Transmission Reliability Project and thanked the City Fire Department for their service. Lea Petersen spoke on the Southern California Gas Company rate increases and programs.

COMMUNICATIONS

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

There was no update on intergovernmental relations and legislation.

HOMELESS SOLUTIONS UPDATE

The City Council received an update on homeless solutions.

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

The City Council received an 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

Councilwoman Plascencia recused herself from the item regarding removal of library fines for overdue materials for library card holders citing conflict of interest due to personal overdue fine.



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DISCUSSION CALENDAR

ESTABLISH PROPER FLAG HANDLING AND DISPLAY POLICY ON ALL CITY-OWNED OR CITY-MAINTAINED FACILITIES - RESOLUTION

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Cervantes and seconded by Councilwoman Plascencia to (1) approve the Inclusiveness, Community Engagement and Governmental Processes Committee recommendation to adopt a resolution establishing a policy for the proper display and handling of flags at City facilities and for approval and display of commemorative flags; and (2) forward future commemorative flags to the Human Relations Commission for consideration and input. The motion carried with Councilmembers Edwards, Cervantes, Fierro, Hemenway and Councilwoman Plascencia voting aye and Councilmembers Conder and Perry voting no.

Whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waived, Resolution No. 23947 of the City Council of the City of Riverside, California, Establishing a Proper Flag Handling and Display Policy for Flags on all City-Owned or City-Maintained Facilities and for the Display of Commemorative Flags, was presented and adopted.

MASTER FRINGE BENEFITS AND SALARY PLAN AMENDMENT - CALPERS RETIREMENT COST-SHARING - UNREPRESENTED POLICE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES - RESOLUTIONS

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilwoman Plascencia and seconded by Councilmember Perry to (1) approve an amendment to the contract between CalPERS and the City of Riverside for the implementation of a cost-sharing provision of 5.5 percent for all Tier 1 and Tier 2 unrepresented Police Management employees in the Police Safety group to pay the employer contribution of five and one-half percent (5.5%) of pensionable income pursuant to Government Code Section 20516 effective as soon as administratively possible; and (2) amend the Master Fringe Benefits and Salary Plan to reflect the CalPERS cost-sharing provisions for Unrepresented Police Management. The motion carried with Councilmembers Edwards, Cervantes, Fierro, Perry, Hemenway and Councilwoman Plascencia voting aye and Councilmember Conder abstaining.

Whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waived, Resolution No. 23948 of the City Council of the City of Riverside, California, Relating to CALPERS Retirement Cost-Sharing Under Government Code Section 20516 by Unrepresented Police



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Management Employees in the Police Safety Group; and Resolution No. 23949 of the City Council of the City of Riverside, California, Amending Resolution No. 21052 and the Master Fringe Benefits and Salary Plan to Reflect the CALPERS Cost-Sharing Provisions for Unrepresented Police Management, were presented and adopted.

CLOSED SESSIONS

The Mayor Pro Tem and City Council adjourned to closed sessions. pursuant to Government Code (1) §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning City of Riverside v. Pepe's Inc., Riverside Superior Court Case No. CVRI2205025; (2) §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning Friends of Riverside's Hills v City of Riverside, et al, RCSC Case No. CVRI2105366; (3) §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning Francisco J. Ojeda v City of Riverside, Riverside Superior Court Case No. RIC2003184; (4) §54956.9(d)(2) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning anticipated litigation regarding one case; (5) §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; (6) §54957(a) for consultation with Chief of Police Larry Gonzalez and Chief Information Officer George Khalil regarding threat to public services or facilities; and (7) §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 Pro Tem and City Council adjourned at 2:20 p.m. and reconvened at 6:15 p.m. with Mayor Pro Tem Cervantes presiding and all Councilmembers.

Mayor Pro Tem Cervantes gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Edwards reported on the Public Works Department community meeting regarding Downtown parking at Main Library and Ward 1 office hours. Councilmember



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Fierro reported on the Martin Luther King, Jr., Walk. Councilmember Conder reported on the Martin Luther King, Jr., Walk, the War Memorial Dog Park grand opening, and offered condolences to the Riverside Sheriff's Department for the loss of Deputy Darnell Calhoun. Councilwoman Plascencia reported on Ward 5 office hours at Renck Community Center, a community meeting on homelessness, and the Martin Luther King, Jr., Walk. Councilmember Perry reported on the Martin Luther King, Jr., Walk, the memorial vigil for Deputy Darnell Calhoun, and violence against law enforcement officers. Councilmember Hemenway reported on the Martin Luther King, Jr., Walk, need for volunteers for the Point-in-Time Count, and offered condolences to Deputy Darnell Calhoun's family and the Sheriff's Department. Mayor Pro Tem Cervantes reported on the Martin Luther King, Jr., Walk and acknowledged that Councilmember Edwards was the Honoree for the Martin Luther King, Jr., Walk.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETING

The City Council Housing and Homelessness Committee will conduct an in-person and virtual meeting at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, January 23, 2023, in the Art Pick Council Chamber.

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATION

RIVERSIDE PROSPERS SUCCESS REPORT

Councilmember Edwards presented a report on Virtue Built Homes.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

FORMATION OF WORKING GROUP, CONSISTING OF FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEADERS TO IDENTIFY AND SECURE FUNDING SOURCES FOR FURTHER UNDERGROUNDING OF RIVERSIDE TRANSMISSION RELIABILITY PROJECT

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Conder and seconded by Councilmember Hemenway to (1) form a working group consisting of federal, state, and local leaders, to identify and secure funding sources for further undergrounding of Riverside Transmission Reliability Project and provide an update in May or June 2023, and the final report to City Council no later than October 24, 2023; and (2) request the City to take the lead on the project with Councilmember Conder and Hemenway serving as



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members. The motion carried with Councilmembers Edwards, Cervantes, Fierro, Conder, Perry, and Hemenway voting aye and Councilwoman Plascencia voting no.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Steven Johnson spoke on the flag policy. Pete Elliot spoke on the Riverside Transmission Reliability Project. Scott Andrews spoke on City Manager communication items and Measure Z funding allocations.

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 (1) purchase of three Freightliner 114SD dump trucks from PB Loader Corporation and one Crafcro Super Shot 250 Melter from Crafcro, Inc., and (2) removal of library fines for overdue materials for adult and juvenile library card holders removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD AND COMMISSION RESIGNATIONS

The Mayor and City Council filed the resignations of (1) Bobby S. Hawkins from the Community Police Review Commission Ward 3 seat; (2) John P. Lyell from the Budget Engagement Commission Ward 4 Resident seat; (3) Angel Sanchez, Jr. from the Budget Engagement Commission Citywide Business seat; and (4) Michael Scarano from the Budget Engagement Commission Ward 3 Resident seat.

ANNUAL BOARD AND COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENTS

The Mayor and City Council (1) approved the following reappointments for terms through March 1, 2027; (a) Mary D. Welch to the Citywide and Nora Moti to the Ward 2 seats on the Commission on Aging; (b) Rico Alderette to the Citywide seat on the Airport Commission; (c) Pete Benavidez to the Ward 6 (Business) seat on the Budget Engagement Commission; (d) Carmen S. Payne and Eileen M. Teichert to the Citywide and Isaac Hiraes to the Ward 1 seats on the Community Police Review Commission; (e) John E. Brown and Carol McDoniel to the Citywide seats on the Cultural Heritage Board; (f) Jeffrey P. Wright to the Citywide seat on the Human Relations Commission; (g) Kerry L. Pendergast to the Ward 4 seat on the Human Resources Board; (h) Luz Negron to the Ward 2 seat on the Museum of Riverside Board; (i) Cecelia W. Fairfax to the Ward 2 seat on the Park and Recreation Commission; (j) Christine L. Roberts to the Ward 2 and



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Johnny R. Wilder to the Ward 6 seats on the Planning Commission; and (k) Ignacio Carrillo to the Ward 7 seat on the Transportation Board; and (2) referred remaining board and commission vacancies for Citywide seats to the Mayor and Ward specific seats to respective Councilmembers for appointment.

FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN - FIRE DEPARTMENT

The City Council approved the Safety, Wellness, and Youth Committee recommendation to approve a five-year Strategic Plan for the Riverside Fire Department.

SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT - PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES TO HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS RELEASED FROM RIVERSIDE PRESLEY DETENTION CENTER

The City Council (1) approved a Subrecipient Agreement for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Round 3 with Victory Outreach Church for \$280,216 to connect homeless individuals being released from the Riverside Presley Detention Center to programs and resources; and (2) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Subrecipient Agreement for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Round 3 with Victory Outreach Church, including making any minor, non-substantive changes.

COMMERCIAL LEASE AGREEMENT - MAGNOLIA PLACE SHOPPING CENTER - 10560 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, SUITE C

The City Council (1) approved a City of Riverside Commercial Lease Agreement with Cynthia Ann Bleier, dba Picasso's Colour Studio, Riverside, in the amount of \$2,710.36 per month with 2.5 percent increases annually for the balance of the lease agreement; and (2) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute the City of Riverside Commercial Lease Agreement and optional three five-year options to extend including making any minor and non-substantive changes.

BID 7937 - FORD F350 UTILITY TRUCK - POLICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

The City Council awarded Bid 7937 to Fritts Ford, Riverside, for the purchase of one current model Ford F350 utility truck for the Police Department Special Operations Division in the total amount of \$75,223.01.



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PURCHASE - FORD F350 UTILITY TRUCKS - VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

The City Council (1) approved the purchase of four current model Ford F350 Utility trucks from PB Loader Corporation that will be assigned to various City departments in the total amount of \$504,792.28; and (2) by at least five affirmative votes, authorized a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$138,100 to Central Garage Fund, General Services Department Motor Pool, Automotive Equipment account from available fund balance.

AGREEMENT - LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE AND IRRIGATION REPAIR SERVICES - VARIOUS CITY FACILITIES

The City Council (1) approved the agreement with BrightView Landscape Services, Inc., for landscape maintenance and irrigation repair services for the term of January 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$120,600.23; (2) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Agreement with BrightView Landscape Services, Inc., including making minor and non-substantive changes; and (3) authorized the City manager or designee to execute a 25 percent change order authority in the amount of \$30,150.06.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

MEASURE Z - PURCHASE - FREIGHTLINER 114SD DUMP TRUCKS - PUBLIC WORKS STREET MAINTENANCE DIVISION

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Conder to forward the purchase of three Freightliner 114SD dump trucks from PB Loader Corporation and one Crafco Super Shot 250 Melter from Crafco, Inc., for the Public Works Street Maintenance Division in the total amount of \$1,009,990.51 to the Budget Engagement Commission. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Following further discussion, motion was made by Councilwoman Plascencia and seconded by Councilmember Cervantes to approve the purchase of three Freightliner 114SD dump trucks from PB Loader Corporation and one Crafco Super Shot 250 Melter from Crafco, Inc., for the Public Works Street Maintenance Division in the total amount of \$1,009,990.51 using Section 602(f) of Purchasing Resolution 23914; and (2) authorized 15 percent change order authority up to \$151,498.58 for equipment cost inflation for a total amount of \$1,161,489.09. The motion carried with Councilmembers Edwards, Cervantes,



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Fierro, Perry, and Hemenway and Councilwoman Plascencia voting aye and Councilmember Conder voting no.

REMOVAL OF LIBRARY FINES FOR OVERDUE MATERIALS FOR ADULT AND JUVENILE LIBRARY CARD HOLDERS

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Cervantes to (1) approve the removal of library fines for overdue materials for adult and juvenile library card holders; and (2) report back to the City Council within six months with a program update. The motion carried with Councilmembers Edwards, Cervantes, Fierro, Perry, and Hemenway voting aye, Councilmember Conder voting no, and Councilwoman Plascencia recusing herself.

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 Perry requested an update from our State lobbyists to the City Council Safety, Wellness, and Youth Committee by March regarding potential legislation related to serious bodily injury and violence against police officers. Councilmember Cervantes requested the Human Relations Commission review the five commemorative flags identified in the flag policy for recommendations to the City Council during the 2023 cycle.

The City Council adjourned at 7:57 p.m. in honor of fallen Sheriff Deputy Darnell Calhoun.

Respectfully submitted,

DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk