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CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023, 1 P.M.
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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 1:02 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Malissa McKeith spoke regarding the newly established Department of Housing and Human Services, infrastructure projects, and City Attorney's budget. Errol Koschewitz spoke regarding Governor Gavin Newsom, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, and the State Employment Development Department (EDD) budget and workers compensation. Patrick Maloney spoke regarding Doors Open event, Meet and Greet at Back to the Grind, and thanked Councilmember Edwards. Jon Johnson spoke regarding the rate increases. One caller spoke regarding Riverside Unified School District Measure O litigation and building new schools in Casa Blanca and the Eastside. Alan Ridley spoke regarding Cost-of-Living initiatives. One caller spoke regarding underground electric towers and recommended adopting a resolution establishing that any Councilmember charged with Driving Under the Influence should have perks removed.

Concilwoman Plascencia entered the meeting at 1:22 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

HOMELESS SOLUTIONS UPDATE

The City Council received an update on homeless solutions.

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

There was no update on sustainability.

LEGAL UPDATE

There was no legal update.



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COUNCILMEMBERS DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councilmember Hemenway recused himself from the discussion item regarding the proposed American Rescue Plan Act Subrecipient Professional Consultant Services Agreement citing a financial conflict of interest.

PRESENTATION

BEAUTIFY RIVERSIDE ANNUAL UPDATE

The City Council received an annual update on Beautify Riverside.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

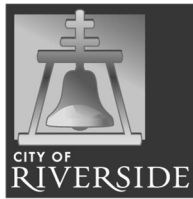
CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS LICENSE REQUIREMENTS - ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Fierro and seconded by Councilmember Cervantes to approve the City Council Economic Development, Placemaking, and Branding/Marketing Committee recommendation to introduce an Ordinance amending Chapters 5 and 16 of the Riverside Municipal Code to amend Section 5.04.300 – Business Tax and add Section 16.04.300 relating to license requirements of contractors and subcontractors. The motion carried with Councilmembers Edwards, Cervantes, Fierro, Perry, and Hemenway and Councilwoman Plascencia voting aye and Councilmember Conder voting no.

Whereupon, an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance of the City of Riverside, California, Amending Chapters 5.04 and 16.04 of the Riverside Municipal Code Relating to License Requirements of Contractors and Subcontractors,” was presented and introduced.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT - SMALL AND MICRO-BUSINESS COVID RECOVERY GRANT PROGRAM

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Cervantes to approve the City Council Economic Development, Placemaking, and Branding/Marketing Committee recommendation to (1) approve the proposed American Rescue Plan Act Subrecipient Professional Consultant Services Agreement with Community Connect for \$779,948.05 of American Rescue Plan Act Funds to administer a City of Riverside small and micro-business COVID recovery grant program;



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and (2) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the American Rescue Plan Act Subrecipient Professional Consultant Services Agreement with Community Connect, including making minor and non-substantive changes to complete the transaction. The motion carried with Councilmembers Edwards, Cervantes, Fierro, Perry, and Councilwoman Plascencia voting aye, Councilmember Conder voting no, and Councilmember Hemenway recused.

The Mayor and City Council adjourned to closed session at 2:18 p.m. and returned to open session at 3:01 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/PLANNING REFERRALS AND APPEALS

CASE PR-2022-001429 - 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE/HOUSING IMPLEMENTATION PLAN - MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT OF DWELLING UNITS - 1575 UNIVERSITY

Public Hearing was called to consider the appeal, requested by Lozeau Drury, LLP, on behalf of Supporters Alliance for Environmental Responsibility (SAFER), of the City Planning Commission approval of a proposal by Matthew Keenen of CGI+ | Real Estate Investments for a Site Plan Review of project plans for a mixed-use development consisting of 257 dwelling units and 4,918 square feet of commercial space. Five people spoke on the matter. The public hearing was officially closed.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilwoman Plascencia and seconded by Councilmember Cervantes to (1) uphold the decision of the Planning Commission and determine the project is consistent with the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the 2021-2029 Housing Element Update/Housing Implementation Plan certified in October 2021 (SCH No. 2021040089) subject to compliance with the approved Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and (2) deny the appeal and uphold the Planning Commission approval of Planning Case PR-2022-001429 Site Plan Review, based on the findings summarized in the staff report and subject to the conditions. The motion carried unanimously.

MOBILE HOME PARKS RENT STABILIZATION ANNUAL REVIEW

Public Hearing was called pursuant to Section 5.75.080 of the Riverside Municipal Code relative to activities associated with the Mobile Home Parks Rent Stabilization Ordinance



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over the preceding 12-month period from September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023. Four people spoke on the matter. The public hearing was officially closed.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Hemenway to (1) direct staff to notify mobile home park owners and tenant representatives on record of the maximum allowable rent increase of 2.7% for calendar year 2024 pursuant to Section 5.75.040 of the Riverside Municipal Code; and (2) receive a report on all activities that have taken place relative to the Mobile Home Parks Rent Stabilization Ordinance for the 2022 report from September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCING TEAM APPROVAL - ISSUANCE OF REFUNDING ELECTRIC REVENUE BONDS - RESOLUTION

Hearing was called to receive comments relative to the proposed financing transaction to refund all or a portion of the outstanding 2013A Refunding Electric Revenue Bonds, 2008A Variable Rate Refunding Electric Revenue Bonds, 2008C Variable Rate Refunding Electric Revenue Bonds, and 2011A Variable Rate Refunding Electric Revenue Bonds, approve the City's Financing Team and the financing documents described in the staff report, and approve the Resolution to authorize the issuance of the 2023 Refunding Electric Revenue Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not-to-exceed \$165,000,000. One person spoke on the matter. The public hearing was officially closed.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Hemenway and seconded by Councilmember Perry to (1) approve the City's Financing Team described in the staff report for the transaction and authorize the Chief Financial Officer or any duly authorized designee to pay the costs of such firms in connection with the issuance of the 2023 Refunding Electric Revenue Bonds from bond proceeds; (2) adopt a Resolution and other financing documents referenced in the staff report to authorize the issuance of the 2023 Refunding Electric Revenue Bonds; (3) delegate to the City's Financing Team, at the time of Bond sale, the determination of specific maturities to be refunded, the amount of interest rate swaps to be terminated and the form of new bonds as outlined in Recommendation No. 2 above; (4) authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and Chief Financial Officer, or their designee, to execute the documents and make certain changes as may be required to close the transaction; and (5) authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to make the necessary budget adjustments and/or



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appropriations to properly record the refunding and financing expenses in accordance with governmental accounting standards. The motion carried unanimously.

Whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waived, Resolution No. 24036 of the City Council of the City of Riverside, California, Authorizing the Issuance of Refunding Electric Revenue Bonds of the City in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to exceed \$165,000,000 and Providing the Terms and Conditions of Such Bonds (Twentieth Supplemental Resolution), was presented and adopted.

Councilwoman Plascencia announced Hispanic Heritage celebration on Main Street.

CLOSED SESSIONS

The Mayor and City Council adjourned to closed sessions at 4:17 p.m. pursuant to Government Code (1) §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning Buckley v. Wisniewski, et al., Riverside Superior Court Case No. CVRI2303618; (2) §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive from legal counsel concerning La Vaun Johns v. City of Riverside, WCAB Claim No.(s): 220073/ADJ16165931; (3) §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning Shawn Casteel v. City of Riverside, et al., Riverside Superior Court Case No. RIC 1906046; (4) §54957(a) for consultation with Chief of Police Larry Gonzalez, or his respective deputy, and Chief Information Officer George Khalil regarding threat to public services or facilities; (5) §54956.9(d)(2) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning anticipated litigation regarding one case; (6) §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; (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; (8) §54957 for performance evaluation of City Attorney; and (9) §54957.6 to review the City Council's position and instruct designated representatives regarding salaries, salary schedules, or



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compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of unrepresented employee for City Attorney.

The Mayor and City Council reconvened at 6:15 p.m. with Mayor Lock Dawson presiding, all Councilmembers present.

Councilmember Perry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor Ruben Guitron gave the Invocation.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Tim Roche spoke regarding Friends of Mount Rubidoux presentation on the History of Mount Rubidoux. Jerry Shearer spoke regarding Upper Plateau project. Peggy Adaskaveg and Gary Stewart spoke regarding utility rates increases. Partick Maloney spoke regarding Orange Blossom Festival, music Downtown, Raincross Gazette article, and Meet and Greet at Back to the Grind. Lewis Allen spoke regarding the ordinance to establish axle restrictions.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Edwards reported on World Rivers Day celebration and thanked everyone who attended Ward 1 office hours. Councilmember Cervantes welcomed new Council Assistant Bill Kester, University of California, Riverside Campus Fair, Resident Eastside Active Leadership meeting, University Neighborhood Association meeting, and Duality Show at Eastside Art House. Councilmember Fierro reported on the closure of Made shop. Councilmember Conder reported on the 48th Annual Military Affairs Committee event and thanked all the volunteers and vendors. Councilwoman Plascencia reported on the grand opening for Mud Hut Pottery Art Studio and announced the cancellation of office hours. Councilmember Hemenway reported on the opening of the British Tea House and the Freedom in Motion Parkour Gym. Mayor Lock Dawson reported on Community Climate Action Day and World Rivers Day, First Responder Appreciation Tour, welcomed back college students, and thanked Country Folks Restaurant for hosting Coffee with the Mayor.



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ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETING

The City Council Housing and Homelessness Committee will conduct a meeting on Monday, September 25, 2023, at 3:30 p.m., in the Art Pick Council Chamber.

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATION

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Mayor Lock Dawson presented a Proclamation to Professor Scott Hernandez, Latino Network President, Nancy Melendez, Spanish Town Heritage Foundation President, and Professor Alex Cortez, UCR Chicano Latino Alumni Association, recognizing September as Hispanic Heritage Month.

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. The motion carried unanimously.

OUTSIDE COUNSEL BUDGET

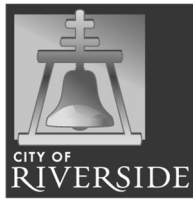
The City Council received and ordered filed the Outside Counsel Expenditure Report for the period of April 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023, in accordance with the outside counsel policy approved by City Council on June 16, 2015.

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The Minutes of the meeting on September 5, 2023, were approved as presented.

ESTABLISH AXLE RESTRICTIONS - TRAUTWEIN/ALESSANDRO/VAN BUREN - ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

The City Council approved the Mobility and Infrastructure Committee recommendation to introduce an ordinance, amending Section 10.56.050 of the Riverside Municipal Code to establish axle restriction prohibiting use of commercial vehicles exceeding three axles on Trautwein Road from Alessandro Boulevard to Van Buren Boulevard; whereupon, an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance of the City of Riverside, California, Amending Section 10.56.050 of the Riverside Municipal Code to Establish Axle Restrictions on Trautwein Road," was presented and introduced.



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AGREEMENT - SCOPE AND BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO DEVELOPMENT OF INCLUSIONARY HOUSING PROGRAM

The City Council (1) approved the Second Amendment to the Professional Consultant Services Agreement with Economic and Planning Systems, Inc., to extend the contract term for one additional year and amend the scope and budget to complete tasks related to the development of an Inclusionary Housing Program for \$40,120 with a total budget of \$120,420; and (2) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Second Amendment to the Professional Consultant Services Agreement with Economic and Planning Systems, Inc., including making minor and non-substantive changes.

PURCHASE SALE AGREEMENT - VACANT CITY-OWNED LAND - VAN BUREN/MAGNOLIA

The City Council (1) approved the Purchase, Sale and Development with Van Buren Magnolia LLC, for approximately 48,352 square feet of vacant City-owned land for the sales price of \$170,000; and (2) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Agreement, including making minor and non-substantive changes, to sign all documents and instruments necessary to complete the transaction, and to expend up to \$10,000 for title, escrow, and miscellaneous related closing costs.

ARLINGTON BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP - FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 - ANNUAL ASSESSMENT - PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED - RESOLUTION

The City Council (1) received and approved the Annual Report of the Arlington Business Partnership, acting in its capacity as the Advisory Board to the Arlington Business Improvement District; (2) adopted a Resolution to declare the City of Riverside's intention to levy the annual assessment in the Arlington Business Improvement District for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; and (3) scheduled a public hearing for October 3, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. on the levy of the proposed assessment; whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waived, Resolution No. 24037 of the City Council of the City of Riverside, California, Declaring its Intention to Levy an Annual Assessment in the Arlington Business Improvement District for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024, Generally Describing the Improvements and Activities to be Undertaken, and Fixing the Time and Place for a Public Hearing Before the City Council of the City of Riverside on the Levy of the Proposed Assessment Pursuant to Section 36534 of the California Street and Highways Code, was presented and adopted.



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REIMBURSEMENT - FIRE TRAINING - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

The City Council (1) authorized acceptance of training reimbursement funds from California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee in the amount of \$80,000; and (2) authorized the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record an increase in revenue and appropriate expenditures in the equal amounts of \$80,000 in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee account.

PURCHASE - COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS VACTOR TRUCK - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

The City Council (1) approved the purchase of one compressed natural gas Vactor truck from Haaker Equipment Company, La Verne, California, for Public Works Engineering Division, in the total amount of \$736,634.44; (2) authorized the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record an increase in revenues and supplemental appropriations in the same amount of \$336,634.44 in the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Storm Drain Fund; (3) authorized the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record a supplemental appropriation of \$400,000 in the Air Quality Improvement Fund; and (4) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to complete the financing, including making minor and non-substantive changes.

AVIATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT AMENDMENT - AS-NEEDED EMERGENCY AIR SUPPORT SERVICES - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

The City Council (1) approved the Sixth Amended Aviation Program Agreement between the City of Riverside and the City of Corona for a one-year term for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 for a total amount of \$120,000; (2) authorized the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record an increase in revenues in the General Fund, Aviation Miscellaneous Revenue account in the amount of \$120,000 and appropriate expenditures in the amount of \$120,000 to Helicopter Maintenance and Repair account; and (3) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute the necessary contract documents with the City of Corona including making minor and non-substantive changes.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2263 - AGREEMENT - WASTEWATER AND OTHER AMBIENT WATERS TOXICITY TESTING - REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLANT

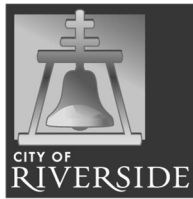
The City Council (1) awarded a Professional Consultant Services Agreement for the Riverside Regional Water Quality Control Plant Toxicity Testing of Wastewater and Other Ambient Waters with Enthalpy Analytical, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company authorized to do business in California with a local San Diego location, for the term of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$47,600 per fiscal year for a total amount of \$142,800; and (2) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Professional Consultant Services Agreement, including making minor and non-substantive changes.

BID 8030 - ANNUAL STREET MAINTENANCE CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

The City Council (1) awarded Bid 8030 to Vulcan Materials Company, Corona, for as-needed annual road maintenance/construction materials for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$606,707.50, with four-optional one-year extensions; (2) authorized an increase to Purchase Order No. 241198 with Vulcan Materials Company, Corona, in the amount of \$557,707.50 for a total revised amount of \$606,707.50; and (3) authorized four optional one-year extensions in accordance with Bid 8030 in an annual amount of \$606,707.50, subject to the availability of budgeted funds.

BID 8029 - ROSTER OF MUNICIPAL PARKING FACILITIES AND GROUND LEASES - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - 3460 ORANGE - RESOLUTION

The City Council (1) awarded a construction contract for Bid 8029 for a City Parking Lot at 3460 Orange Street to All American Asphalt, Corona, in the amount of \$767,426; (2) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute the construction contract with All American Asphalt, including making minor and non-substantive changes, subject to availability of budgeted funds; (3) authorized the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$900,000 from General Fund insurance reimbursement reserves, to be fully offset by an insurance reimbursement received and reserved in the prior fiscal year, to cover construction costs for the City Parking Lot at 3460 Orange Street and adjacent intersections; (4) authorized the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record an interfund transfer from the General Fund to the Public Parking Fund, Temporary Parking Lot Project, in the amount of \$900,000; and (5) adopted a Resolution amending the Roster of Municipal Parking Facilities and Ground



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Leases for Parking adding new Lot 52; whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waived, Resolution No. 24038 of the City Council of the City of Riverside, California, Creating a Roster of Municipal Parking Facilities & Ground Leases for Parking; and Repealing Resolution No. 23735, was presented and adopted.

FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 SENATE BILL 1 PROJECT LIST - THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017 - RESOLUTION

The City Council adopted a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2023-24 project list to be completed utilizing the projected revenues from the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account created by Senate Bill 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017; whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waived, Resolution No. 24039 of the City Council of the City of Riverside, California, Adopting a List of Projects for Fiscal Year 2023/24 Funded by SB 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, was presented and adopted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/PLANNING REFERRALS AND APPEALS

FISCAL YEAR 2023/24 - 2027/28 PROPOSED RATE INCREASE FOR RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE - RESOLUTION

Public Hearing was called pursuant to Proposition 218 to consider oral comments and written protests to the proposed solid waste rate increase and consider adoption of a resolution authorizing residential collection and processing rates from November 1, 2023, through June 30, 2028. Twelve people spoke on the matter. A motion was made by Councilmember Conder and seconded by Councilmember Fierro to officially close the public hearing. The motion was carried unanimously.

The City Clerk announced there were 195 written protests received and a majority protest was not reached.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilwoman Plascencia and seconded by Councilmember Edwards to adopt a Resolution approving the residential solid waste rate structure from November 1, 2023, through June 30, 2028.

Following further discussion, a substitute motion was made by Councilmember Hemenway and seconded by Councilmember Conder to (1) approve a 1.5 percent



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supplemental increase; (2) return to City Council in 6-9 months with a study of equitable distribution of cost/rates; and (3) establish a shared program.

Following discussion, Councilmember Hemenway withdrew the substitute motion.

Following further discussion, it was moved by Councilwoman Plascencia and seconded by Councilmember Edwards to (1) adopt a Resolution approving the residential solid waste rate structure from November 1, 2023, through June 30, 2028; (2) return to City Council before July 2024 with a matrix on refuse; (3) provide data and study on alternate bin sizes, and SHARE program with the ability to reduce rates; and (4) provide City Council with an annual review moving forward. The motion carried with Councilmembers Edwards, Fierro, Perry, Hemenway and Councilwoman Plascencia voting aye and Councilmembers Cervantes and Conder voting no.

Whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waived, Resolution No. 24040 of the City Council of the City of Riverside, California, (1) Recording Receipt of Written Protests to Proposed FY 2023/24 – 2027/28 Rate Increase for Residential Solid Waste Collection Services; (2) Approving the FY 2023/24 – 2027/28 Rate Increase for Residential Solid Waste Collection Services, Effective November 1, 2023, was presented and adopted.

The Mayor and City Council recessed at 9:05 pm and reconvened at 9:15 p.m. with Mayor Lock Dawson presiding and all Councilmembers present.

FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 - 2027-28 ELECTRIC RATES - INCREASE SHARING HOUSEHOLDS ASSIST RIVERSIDE ENERGY PROGRAM - RESOLUTION

Public Hearing was called to receive input related to the electric utility five-year rate plan proposal; consider adoption of a Resolution approving and establishing Fiscal Year 2023-24 – 2027-28 electric rates, to be effective January 1, 2024; and consider approving an increase to the Sharing Households Assist Riverside Energy Program. Thirteen people spoke on the matter. A motion was made by Councilmember Conder and seconded by Councilmember Perry to officially close the public hearing. The motion was carried unanimously.



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Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Edwards and seconded by Councilwoman Plascencia to (1) adopt a Resolution approving and establishing Fiscal Year 2023-24 – 2027-28 electric rates, to be effective January 1, 2024; and (2) approve an increase to the Sharing Households Assist Riverside Energy Program from \$16 per month to \$20 per month for qualifying customers. The motion carried with Councilmembers Edwards, Fierro, Conder, and Councilwoman Plascencia voting aye and Councilmembers Cervantes, Perry, and Hemenway voting no.

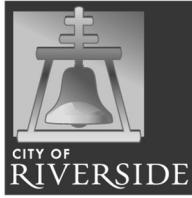
Whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waived, Resolution No. 24041 of the City Council of the City of Riverside, California, (1) Approving and Establishing the FY 2023/24 – 2027/28 Electric Rates by Amending Electric Rate Schedules A, D, D-TOU, EV, LS-1, LS-2, OL, PA, PW-1, S, TC AND TOU; Creating New Electric Rate Schedule SMEVC; to be Effective January 1, 2024 and Upon Council Approval; (2) Making Related Findings of Fact, was presented and adopted.

FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 - 2027/28 WATER RATES - RESOLUTION

Public Hearing was called to consider oral comments and written protests to the water utility five-year rate plan proposal, consider adoption of a Resolution approving and establishing Fiscal Year 2023-24 – 2027-28 water rates to be effective October 1, 2023, and consider approving an increase to the low-income water assistance program. Six people spoke on the matter. A motion was made by Councilmember Fierro and seconded by Councilmember Conder to officially close the public hearing. The motion was carried unanimously.

The City Clerk announced there were 176 written protests received and a majority protest was not reached.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Edwards and seconded by Councilwoman Plascencia to (1) adopt a Resolution approving and establishing the Fiscal Year 2023/24 - 2027/28 water rates, to be effective October 1, 2023; (2) approve an increase to the low-income water assistance program from \$3.25 per month to \$4.25 per month for qualifying customers; and (3) place all future Water General Fund Transfer collections into a reserve account, amend General Fund budget accordingly until conclusion of litigation and further direction by City Council. The motion carried with



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Councilmembers Edwards, Fierro, and Hemenway and Councilwoman Plascencia voting aye and Councilmembers Cervantes, Conder, and Perry voting no.

Whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waived, Resolution No. 24042 of the City Council of the City of Riverside, California, (1) Approving and Establishing the FY 2023/24 – 2027/28 Water Rates by Amending Water Rate Schedules WA-1A, WA-1B, WA-2, WA-4, WA-6, WA-7, WA-10, WA-11, AND WA-12; to be Effective October 1, 2023 and upon Council Approval; (2) Making Related Findings of Fact, was presented and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSIONS

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

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

There were no items requested at this time.

The City Council adjourned at 11:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk