



*City of Arts & Innovation*

## **CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2021, 6:15 P.M.  
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE  
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER  
3900 MAIN STREET

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

**ABSENT:** None

Mayor Lock Dawson called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

Councilmember Hemenway led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

Assembly Member Sabrina Cervantes, Councilmember Melendrez, Greg Cervantes, Jr., and Autumn Sky administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Ward 2 Councilmember Clarissa Cervantes.

Councilmember Melendrez left the meeting at this time.

Councilmember Cervantes took her seat on the dais.

Pete Esquivel administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Ward 4 Councilmember Chuck Conder.

Diana Medina and Sandy Garcia-Vasquez administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Ward 6 Councilmember Jim Perry.

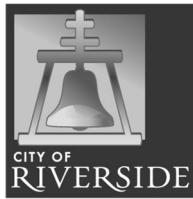
Councilmembers Cervantes, Conder, and Perry gave their incoming speeches.

The Mayor and City Council recessed at 6:50 p.m. and reconvened 7:07 p.m.

### **DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT FUNDING IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE - EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REVIEW - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Fierro and seconded by Councilwoman Plascencia (1) to receive and order filed a final report on the implementation of the approved Expenditure Plan for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and



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Economic Security (CARES) Act funding; (2) upon receipt of the American Rescue Plan Act award, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or his designee, to record an increase in revenue and appropriate expenditures in an equal amount of \$36,747,594, to accounts to be established by the Finance Department; and (3) direct staff to return to City Council for a special meeting for discussion regarding the proposed expenditure categories for the development of the Expenditure Plan for the American Rescue Plan Act funding. The motion carried unanimously.

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

William Bailey Jr., congratulated incoming Councilmembers, elected Vice President of Victoria Avenue Forever, and spoke regarding the preservation and advancement of Victoria Avenue. Sierra Vehawn spoke regarding community safety. David Stolls spoke regarding homelessness, crime, and safety. Mary Brent spoke regarding homelessness, and community safety. Keith Nelson spoke regarding independent oversight. Cynthia Hickling spoke regarding an incident with a homeless person with mental health issues. Linda Baker spoke regarding homelessness and community safety. Harden and John Hickling spoke regarding homelessness. Lindsey Belding Heaslet spoke regarding Angel Street Ministry and advocacy for the homeless.

The Mayor and City Council recessed at 8:23 p.m. and reconvened 8:29 p.m.

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Kevin Dawson spoke regarding rooftop solar, and Pecker plants. Jason Hunter spoke regarding public comment portion of the City Council meeting, crime, and housing.

### CLOSED SESSIONS

The Mayor and City Council adjourned at 8:38 p.m. to closed sessions pursuant to Government Code (1) §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning Summer Parada, et al. v City of Riverside, Riverside Superior Court Case No. RIC 1818642; (2) §54956.9(d)(2) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning one case of anticipated litigation; and (3) §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 including the 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



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Supervisory Units), Service Employees International Union #721, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers #47, and Riverside Police Administrators Association.

The Mayor and City Council reconvened to open session at 9:41 p.m.

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSIONS

Assistant City Attorney Wilson announced there were no reportable actions on closed sessions.

#### ITEMS FOR FUTURE CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Councilmember Perry requested a special meeting/workshop to discuss the American Rescue Expenditure Plan. Councilmember Edwards requested the number of hours required to administer the CARES Act, discussion on the use of funding for outdoor space, support for businesses, building non-profit capacity, and to coordinate with County to avoid redundancy.

The City Council adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DONESIA GAUSE  
City Clerk