

City of Arts & Innovation

BUDGET ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026, 5 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

- PRESENT: Vice Chair Vandenberg, Commissioner Ayra, Wroten, Hutchins, Ward, Tscherednikov, Langner
- ABSENT: Chair Williams, Commissioner Bello, Thomas, Benavidez, Scott-Coe
- STAFF PRESENT: Sergio Aguilar, Sean Murphy, Peter Kakos, Miranda Evens, Lee Withers, Pamela Galara, Chief Mckinster, Michelle Davis, David Garcia, Colene Torres, Stephanie Gallegos, Brian Seinturier, Nathan Mustafa, Robin Peterson, Prasad Mahale and others

The Budget Engagement Commission meeting was convened at 5:01 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF REMOTE PARTICIPATION PER ASSEMBLY BILL 2449

There were no Budget Engagement Commissioners requesting to participate remotely.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

We had a member of the public address the Commission during public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

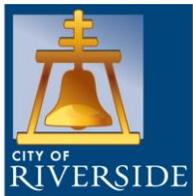
It was moved by Commissioner Hutchins and seconded by Commissioner Langner to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item. The motion was carried unanimously with Chair Williams, Commissioner Bello, Thomas, Benavidez, Scott-Coe absent.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of December 11, 2025 were approved as presented.

ATTENDANCE

The absence of Commissioner Tscherednikov and Lagner was excused from the December 11, 2025, meeting.



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DISCUSSION CALENDAR

ECONOMIC TRADE COMPARED TO OTHER CITIES

Following discussion, and without formal motion this item was received and filed.

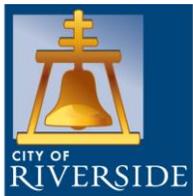
FISCAL YEAR 24/25 FOURTH QUARTER REPORT, CARRYOVER OF UNEXPENDED FUNDS, AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Following discussion, it was motioned by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Hutchins that the Budget Engagement Commission recommend that City Council; (1) Receive and provide input on the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Fourth Quarter Financial Report; (2) With at least five affirmative votes, approve a carryover of unexpended funds of approximately \$4.78 million in the General Fund and \$40.11 million in other City funds into Fiscal Year 2025/26; (3) With at least five affirmative votes, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record a FY 2025/26 supplemental appropriation from available fund balance and projected annual CUPA revenues of \$167,424 in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, CUPA, personnel expenditure accounts and increase 1.0 FTE for a Deputy Fire Marshal in the Fire Department; (4) With at least five affirmative votes, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record a FY 2025/26 net supplemental appropriation of \$400,000 from the General Fund Infrastructure Reserve and reallocation of \$400,000 from Goeske Center bathroom renovations to fund \$500,000 in Orange Terrace Community Park playground renovations and \$300,000 for the Hole Lake Master Plan; and (5) With at least five affirmative votes, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record a FY 2025/26 \$500,000 supplemental appropriation and interfund transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund to establish the Orange Terrace Community Park playground project funding. The motion was carried unanimously with Chair Williams, Commissioner Bello, Thomas, Benavidez, Scott-Coe absent.

COMMISSION MEMBER/ STAFF COMMUNICATION

DEPUTY FINANCE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Sergio Aguilar did not have an update for the Commission.



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ITEMS FOR FUTURE BUDGET ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

Commissioner Ayra requested the critical needs from the fire department and Cost of Childcare as it related to Measure Z funding.

Vice Chair Vandenberg adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH MARTINEZ
Executive Assistant