



Budget Engagement Commission

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 5:00 pm
Virtual Meeting

Chair Lyell called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm.

Present: Chair Lyell, Vice-Chair Mendez, Commissioner Arballo, Burns, Demshki, Fine, Garcia, Gonzalez-Kester, Hart, Kyles, Mounsey, Pelzer, Scarano, Segura, and St. Pierre. Commissioner Kyles and Gonzalez-Kester joined the meeting at 5:15 pm during Item #4 and Commissioner Segura left the meeting at 9:41 pm during Item #7.

Absent: None

Staff Present: Al Zelinka, Edward Enriquez, Kristie Thomas, Kristi Smith, Angel Guo, Lieutenant Dan Warren, David Welch, Carl Carey, Michelle Davis, Dulce Gomez, Margery Haupt, Moises Lopez, and others

Public Comments

Caller 1 expressed opposition to the sale of the Fox Theater and urges to City to remove it from the list of surplus property.

Approval of Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Commissioner Fine and seconded by Commissioner Arballo to approve the Budget Engagement Commission Consent Calendar. The following items were approved by one motion confirming the actions appropriate to each item:

- Minutes from August 13, 2020
- Excused Commissioner St. Pierre's absence from the Budget Engagement Commission meeting on August 13, 2020

Ayes: 13

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Measure Z – Supplemental Appropriation in the annual amount of \$45,000 for Establishment of an Account for Reimbursement of Towing Companies for Removal and Disposal of Junk Motorhomes Beginning Fiscal Year 2020/21

Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice-Chair Mendez and seconded by Commissioner Fine to approve \$45,000 annually for the removal and disposal of junk motor homes. A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Scarano and seconded by Commissioner Arballo to approve \$25,000 for the first year and revisit this item annually. Following discussion, a vote was taken on the substitution motion.

Ayes: 1

Noes: 13

Abstentions: 1

The substitute motion did not pass, so a vote on the original motion was taken.

Ayes: 9

Noes: 4

Abstentions: 2

Review City-owned properties for declaration as surplus to generate sale revenue or reduce operating costs to address CalPERS challenge and financial impacts associated with COVID-19

Public Comments

- Virginia Blumenthal – Requests that the City to remove the Fox Performing Arts Center from the surplus list and opposes the proposed sale
- Scott Magnon, General Manager of the Riverside Convention Center and President of Raincross Corporate Group – Opposes the proposed sale of the Riverside Convention Center as it generates revenue
- Richard Jenkins – Opposes the proposed sale of the Fox Performing Arts Center as it is a cultural icon for the City.
- Lorna Jenkins – Opposes the proposed sale of the Fox Performing Arts Center and the Convention Center as Riverside is a city of arts and culture.
- Lou Monville, Senior Vice President of the Raincross Corporate Group – Opposes the proposed sale of the Convention Center and asks that the City remove this property from the surplus list.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Fine and seconded by Commissioner Hart to accept City staff recommendation to keep Property #1 (A1 Grit).

Ayes: 14

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 1

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Fine and seconded by Commissioner Arballo to accept City staff recommendation to sell Property #2 (Parking Garage 1).

Ayes: 14
Noes: 1
Abstentions: 0

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Demshki and seconded by Commissioner St. Pierre to accept City staff recommendation to sell Property #3 (Parking Garage 2).

Ayes: 14
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 1

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Demshki and seconded by Commissioner Arballo to accept City staff recommendation to sell Property #4 (Brockton Arcade Parking).

Ayes: 15
Noes: 0
Abstentions:

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Mounsey and seconded by Commissioner St. Pierre to accept City staff recommendation to sell Property #5 (lot adjacent to Casa Blanca library).

Ayes: 15
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner Scarano to accept City staff recommendation to sell Property #6 (Magnolia/Van Buren Parking Lot)

Ayes: 15
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Vice-Chair Mendez to accept City staff recommendation to sell Property #7 (8700 Cypress Avenue).

Ayes: 13
Noes: 2
Abstentions: 0

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Demshki and seconded by Commissioner Arballo to accept City staff recommendation to keep Property #8 (Parking Lot 3).

Ayes: 15
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner Demshki to accept City staff recommendation to keep Property #9 (Parking Lot 18).

Ayes: 13
Noes: 2
Abstentions: 0

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner St. Pierre and seconded by Commissioner Harti to accept City staff recommendation to keep Property #10 ((980 and 1006 Dalton Road).

Ayes: 15
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Demshki and seconded by Commissioner Mendez to accept City staff recommendation to keep Property #11 (Downtown Main Library).

Ayes: 15
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Segura and seconded by Commissioner St. Pierre to accept City staff recommendation to keep Property #12 (Parking Lot 1).

Ayes: 15
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner St. Pierre and seconded by Commissioner Mounsey to accept City staff recommendation to keep Property #13 (Parking Garage 3).

Ayes: 15
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner St. Pierre and seconded by Commissioner Demshki to accept City staff recommendation to keep Property #14 (Parking Garage 6).

Ayes: 15
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Hart to accept City staff recommendation to keep Property #15 (Museum of Riverside).

Ayes: 15
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice-Chair Mendez and seconded by Commissioner Pelzer to accept City staff recommendation to sell Property #16 (Parking Lot 16). A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Demshki and seconded by Commissioner Pelzer to reject Staff recommendation and for the City to retain the property.

Ayes: 12
Noes: 2
Abstentions: 1

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Fine and seconded by Commissioner Segura to accept City staff recommendation to keep Property #17 (Riverside Municipal Auditorium and Parking Lot 41).

Ayes: 14
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 1

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner St. Pierre to accept City staff recommendation to keep Property #18 (Magnolia Retail Center/Police Station).

Ayes: 15
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner St. Pierre and seconded by Commissioner Mounsey to accept City staff recommendation to sell Property #19 (Fairmount Golf Course). A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Fine and seconded by Commissioner Demshki to reject Staff recommendation, for Staff to perform an extensive community engagement process in the next 18 to 24 months for the future use of the property, and present the results to the Budget Engagement Commission which will then decide if the property should be kept or sold.

Ayes: 13
Noes: 2
Abstentions: 0

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Fine and seconded by Commissioner Demshki to accept City staff recommendation to keep Property #20 (Riverside Golf Course).

Ayes: 13
Noes: 2
Abstentions: 0

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Fine and seconded by Commissioner St. Pierre to reject City staff recommendation to sell Property #21 (Fox Performing Arts Center and Parking Garage 7) and for the City to retain the property.

Ayes: 12
Noes: 1

Abstentions: 2

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner St. Pierre and seconded by Commissioner Demshki to reject City staff recommendation to sell Property #22 (Riverside Convention Center) and for the City to retain the property.

Ayes: 12

Noes: 1

Abstentions: 2

Proposed expenditure plan for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding from the State of California totaling \$27,991,888

A motion was made by Commissioner Arballo and seconded by Commissioner Scarano to forego Staff presentation and to receive and file. A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Fine and seconded by Vice-Chair Mendez to forego the Staff presentation and not receive and file.

Ayes: 12

Noes: 2

Abstentions: 0

Update from Chief Financial Officer

- Performance Based Budgeting (PBB) has begin and City staff will return with updates as needed

Items for Future Agendas

- 2020 Strategic Plan and how it fits with the mission of the Budget Engagement Commission

Adjournment

Chairperson Lyell adjourned the meeting at 9:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



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