



City of Arts & Innovation

BUDGET ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022, 5 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

PRESENT: Chair Lyell, Vice Chair Sanchez Jr., and Commissioners Fine, Weinrich, Williams, Burns, Pelzer, Scarano, Hart, White, and Garcia

ABSENT: Commissioners Gonzalez-Kester, and Arballo

STAFF PRESENT: Diana Alegria, Edward Enriquez, Kristie Thomas, Kris Martinez, Erin Christmas, Robyn Peterson, Brandi Becker, Ruby Leann Castillo, Sandy Cramer, Bryan Crawford, Eric Detmer, Nathan Freeman, Kristy Garcia, Rene Goldman, George Guzman, Gilbert Hernandez, Joyce Jong, Trevor Kamhiriri, Rosemary Koo, Mary Kopaskie-Brown, Edward Lara, Patricia Link, Gary Merk, Andy Misenheimer, Todd Corbin, Margery Haupt, Michael Moore, Brian Seinturier, Staci Sullivan, Kara Swanson, Colene Torres, Al Zelinka, and others

Chair Lyell convened the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

George Luna spoke regarding the Wildlands Public Safety Engagement Team, Riverbottom, and homelessness. Pete Aguilar spoke regarding mental and physical health and building a new Skate Park in Riverside. Megan Russo regarding the Public Safety Engagement Team.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Fine and seconded by Commissioner Scarano to approve the minutes of January 13, and March 10, 2022, meeting. Motion carried with all Commissioners voting aye and Vice Chair Sanchez Jr., abstaining.

ATTENDANCE

It was moved by Commissioner Fine and seconded by Commissioner Pelzer to approve the absence of Vice Chair Sanchez Jr., from the January 13, 2022, meeting. Motion carried with all Commissioners voting aye, and Commissioner Scarano and Vice Chair Sanchez Jr., abstaining.



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DISCUSSION CALENDAR

MEASURE Z - PURCHASING AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Fine and seconded by Vice Chair Sanchez Jr., to recommend that the City Council approve a supplemental appropriation of \$3,100,000 (plus any miscellaneous title, escrow, and related costs) from Measure Z unallocated fund reserves for temporary funding for the purchase of 4102 Orange Street to be renovated to serve as the new Police Headquarters. Motion carried unanimously.

FISCAL YEAR 2022-2024 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT - DEPARTMENTAL PRELIMINARY BUDGET PRESENTATIONS - CRITICAL UNFUNDED NEEDS

Following discussion, and without formal motion, the Budget Engagement Commission (1) received and ordered filed the preliminary budget proposals of the Riverside Public Library and Riverside Public Utilities Departments; and (2) formulated recommendations for City Council on the incorporation of critical unfunded needs in the Fiscal Year 2022-2024 proposed biennial budget as follows:

- (a) It was moved by Commissioner Fine and seconded by Commissioner White to fund the Technical Rescue Program, \$30,000 annually, ongoing. Motion carried with all Commissioners voting aye and Vice Chair Sanchez Jr., recusing.
- (b) It was moved by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Burns to fund the school fire drills, \$10,000 annually, ongoing. After further discussion, a substitute motion was made by Commissioner Fine and seconded by Commissioner Hart to not fund the school fire drills. Motion carried with Chair Lyell and Commissioners Williams, Weinrich, Burns, Scarano, Hart, Garcia, and Fine voting aye, Vice Chair Sanchez Jr., and Commissioner Pelzer voting no, and Commissioner White abstaining.

Commissioner White left during the following discussion.

- (c) It was moved by Commissioner Burns and seconded by Commissioner Williams to fund the Public Safety Engagement Team Expansion as outlined in the staff report. After further discussion, a substitute motion was made by Chair Lyell and seconded by Commissioner Scarano to fund \$5 million for Fiscal Year 2022/23 to the Public Safety Expansion incorporating urban and wildlands. After further discussion, a



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second substitute motion was made by Commissioner Fine and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to approve the Public Safety Expansion Team urban as proposed by staff, approve the Public Safety Expansion Team for Wildland Team as outlined with a dollar amount not to exceed \$3 million in 2022/23 and ongoing funding to fully implement the program. Motion carried with Chair Lyell, Vice Chair Sanchez Jr., and Commissioners Williams, Weinrich, Burns, Hart, Garcia, Pelzer, and Fine voting aye and Commissioner Scarano voting no.

(d) It was moved by Vice Chair Sanchez Jr., and seconded by Commissioner Fine to approve the Public Safety Communications Manager for \$146,965 for Fiscal Year 2022/23 and \$152,430 for Fiscal Year 2023/24, ongoing with escalating costs and approve Public Safety Enterprise Communication System (PSEC) Radios, \$343,438 annually, ongoing. Motion carried unanimously.

During discussion, Commissioner Scarano excused himself and left the meeting. Chair Lyell adjourned the meeting at 10 p.m. due to loss of quorum.

Respectfully submitted,

DIANA ALEGRIA
Deputy City Clerk