



Budget Engagement Commission

Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2017 – 5:00 pm,
Mayor Ceremonial Room

Commission Chairperson Calls Meeting to Order

Commission Chairperson Mendez called to order the special meeting of the Budget Engagement Commission Meeting at 5:02 pm on May 4, 2017 at the Mayor Ceremonial Room located on the seventh floor of Riverside City Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commission Chairperson Mendez

Commission Secretary Calls Roll – Commissioners Mackenroth, Segura, Plascencia, and Vice Chairperson Lee were not present during roll call. All other commissioners were present. Commissioners Mackenroth and Plascencia arrived during the public comment.

Public Comment

1. Public Comment

Chairperson Mendez called for public comments. The following speakers made comments:

- Virginia Field expressed concern regarding City Council's support for BEC recommendation. Expressed support for Measure Z spending housing for the homeless.
- Dwight Tate expressed opposition to statements the pension plan deficits are as severe as reported.
- William Bailey, Jr. expressed support for Measure Z spending on housing for the homeless.
- Tom Evans expressed opposition to Measure Z spending for an increase in reserve levels. Expressed support for Measure Z spending on main library move and construction. Handout provided to Commission.
- Diana Ruiz expressed support for Measure Z spending on an urban forest management plan. Handout provided to Commission.
- Karen Wright expressed concern about the fiscal viability of the city. Opposed spending for hiring Fires personnel outside city, leases, debt annual capital funding for city council. Expressed support of spending for tree. Provided written comments to the Commission.

- Phyllis Purcell expressed support for Measure Z spending for debt reduction, children/youth, and housing for seniors.
- Scott Andrews expressed concern regarding City Council comments regarding the BEC's role.

Discussion Calendar

2. Select Alternate BEC Representative for May 9, 2017 Council Meeting (Verbal Discussion)

Chairperson Mendez opened the item for discussion and called for public comments. The following members of the community made comments:

- Phyllis Purcell expressed support for an alternate that shares the view of the Commission.
- Karen Wright expressed opposition to the selection of an alternate and recommended all Commissioners speak at the meeting.
- Scott Andrews opposed use of Measure Z spending for the Historical Society, General Plan update, and Library.

Commission Hart nominated Commissioner Mayes as an alternate. Commissioner Mayes declined the nomination as she would not be available. Commissioner Mathis moved that Commissioner Montgomery serve as an alternate. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved by 15 commissioners. Commissioner Montgomery abstained from the vote. Commissioner Segura and Vice Chairperson Lee were not present for the vote.

3. Commission and Boards Report (Verbal Discussion)

The Commission Chairperson called for the City Commissions and Boards to provide reports. Commissioners asked the representatives from the Commissions and Boards questions. After the reports were completed, Chairperson Mendez called for public comments. The following speakers, members of the community made comments:

- Scott Andrews opposed use of Measure Z spending for employee training and the Harada House restoration.
- Gloria Huerta supports use of Measure Z spending for employee training.
- Phyllis Purcell opposed use of Measure Z spending for the homeless, seniors, and education.

- Karen Wright requested handouts of all items that are available online be printed and provided to the public at the meeting.

The following are Commission or Boards that had a representative present to present to the BEC the recommendations presented:

Commission and Representative	Recommendation (Cost – if Provided)
Board of Ethics, Gloria Huerta – Vice Chairperson	- Expressed support of Measure Z spending for public safety, cybersecurity, and homelessness.
Human Resources Board Deanna Brown – Vice Chairperson	- Increase Education Reimbursement (\$100,000 – 5 year) - Increase Employee Training (\$100,000 – 5 year)
Mayor’s Commission on Aging Bud Fish – Vice Chairperson	- Commission Activity funding (\$1,500)
Metropolitan Museum Board Elio Palacios – Board Member	- Expressed support for funding for the recruitment of a director and the Harada house restoration.

4. Prioritization of Recommendations (continued from April 19, 2017 Meeting)

Adam Raymond, City Assistant Chief Financial Officer provided more information about the item. The Commissioners continued to discuss items on the list of top priorities voted on items that would remain on the list of priorities.

Mary Humboldt, Scott Andrews, Phyllis Purcell, Karen Wright, and Tom Evans, members of the community, made comments regarding prioritization of Measure Z spending.

The Commissioners continued to discuss items on the list of top priorities and voted on the final list of Measure Z spending priorities.

Approval of Minutes

5. The March 30, 2017 and April 6, 2017 minutes were approved by 16 commissioners. Commissioner Segura and Vice Chairperson Lee were not present for the vote.

Miscellaneous Budget Engagement Commission Items

6. Items for Future Agendas and Updates from City Staff

No items.

7. Approve absence of Commissioner Tavaglione from the April 19, 2017 Budget Engagement Commission Special Meeting.

The absence was approved by 16 commissioners. Commissioner Segura and Vice Chairperson Lee were not present for the vote.

Adjournment

Chairperson Mendez adjourned the meeting at 9:48 pm and announced the next special and regular meeting dates.

Respectfully Submitted,



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