



Budget Engagement Commission

Special Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2018 – 4:00 pm,
Mayor's Ceremonial Room

Commission Chairperson Calls Meeting to Order

Commission Chairperson Mendez called to order the special meeting of the Budget Engagement Commission Meeting at 4:04 pm on January 31, 2018 at the Mayor's 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 Badger, Lyell, Scarano, Tavaglione, and Vice Chairperson Lee were not present during roll call. All other Commissioners were present. Vice Chairperson Lee arrived during public comment.

Public Comment

1. Public Comment

Chairperson Mendez called for public comments. There were no requests for comment from the public.

Discussion Calendar

2. 2018-2020 Baseline Biennial Budget Presentations by City Departments

Adam Raymond, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, introduced the item. Following his presentations, the Commission heard budget Presentations from:

4:10pm Mayor presentation by Cheryl-Marie Hansberger, Mayor Chief of Staff

4:23pm Police presentation by Police Chief Sergio Diaz

4:38pm Fire presentation by Fire Chief Michael Moore

4:57pm General Services including contracts with the Raincross Group presentation by Carl Carey, General Services Director

5:12pm Museum presentation by Ann Lovell, Museum Operations Manager

5:19pm Library presentation by Erin Christmas, Assistant Library Director

5:24pm Public Utilities presentation by Todd Jorgenson, Interim General Manager, Public Utilities

Following all of the presentations by City personnel, Chairperson Mendez called for public comment. Michael Yonezawa expressed support for adequate funding for Library services and programs.

After public comment, each department was then asked to return to the podium to answer questions and discuss the presentation with the Commission. Below is an overview of the discussion:

- Mayor – There was some discussion about the Mayor’s budgetary requests and needs including unfunded personnel costs. There was also some discussion about the risk for any homeless housing services provided.
- Police – There was a general discussion about funding that will allow the department to provide proactive services that will prevent/reduce future crime. There was also some discussion about the status of Measure Z funded programs and functions. Chief Sergio Diaz also clarified a few Measure Z items from the department’s presentation and provided information about patrol officer levels as well as the impact of homelessness on police operations. There was also a discussion about unfunded needs, other funding sources, and the number of officers needed to adequately serve the City’s population level.
- Fire – There was some discussion of the nature of emergency calls to fire department including homeless related calls. There was also some discussion about the department’s unfunded needs, Measure Z funding, possible revenue enhancements, and Fire bonds.
- General Services including contracts with the Raincross Group – No questions or discussion.
- Museum – There was some discussion about the department’s reaccreditation, archives, Smithsonian association, and department related CIP projects.
- Library – There was some discussion about funding options for the Eastside library, museum archives, and Measure Z spending.
- Public Utilities – There was a question about General Fund transfers, personnel levels, rate increases and infrastructure needs, the Riverside Transmission Reliability Project (RTRP), equipment maintenance, marketing costs for electric and water divisions, and peaker plants.

Approval of Minutes

3. No minutes to approve.

Miscellaneous Budget Engagement Commission Items

4. Items for Future Agendas and Updates from City Staff

- Commissioner Segura requested a future update on the progress of the homeless housing program, funding used to date, and activities by the various City departments.
- Commissioner Montgomery asked a question about potential savings for the increased personnel costs due to the Partnership Compensation Model.

Adjournment

Chairperson Mendez announced the next meeting would be Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 5:00pm and adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Castillo', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ruby Castillo
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