



Budget Engagement Commission

Special Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 20, 2019 at 5:00 pm
Mayor Ceremonial Room

Chair Mendez called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

Present: Chair Mendez, Vice Chair Fine, Commissioners Mathis, Hart, Lyell, Plascencia, Mayes, Beatty, Scarano, Burns, Arballo and Fierro. Commissioner Segura arrived during agenda item #3 and Commissioner Plascencia left during agenda item #7.

Staff Present: Marie Ricci, Kristie Thomas, Peter Kakos, and Ruby Leann Castillo

Public Comments

No public speaker cards were submitted.

Approval of Minutes

After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hart to approve the minutes as presented with the exception of agenda item #4 from the March 27, 2019 meeting be corrected. Commissioner Beatty seconded the motion.

Ayes: 12

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for a Term of One (1) Year

Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice-Chair Fine to elect Commissioner John Lyell as the next Chair and seconded by Commissioner Mayes.

Ayes: 11

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 1

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hart to elect Vice-Chair Fine to remain as the Vice-Chair and seconded by Commissioner Beatty.

Ayes: 13

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Annual Review of Riverside Municipal Code Chapter 2.78 of Ethics and Conduct for Elected Officials and Members of Appointed Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Segura and seconded by Commissioner Arballo that this item be continued to the June meeting.

Ayes: 12

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 1

Amend Budget Engagement Meeting Rules Regarding Meeting Frequency and Other Matters

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Mayes and seconded by Vice-Chair Fine to adopt the proposed changes to the BEC meeting rules.

Ayes: 13

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Establishment of Section 115 Pension Trust Fund for Fiscal Management of California Public Employees Retirement System Long-Term Liability

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Fierro and seconded by Commissioner Arballo to recommend that City Council approve the establishment of the Section 115 Pension Trust Fund.

Ayes: 13

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Discussion on the formation of the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) Ad Hoc Committee

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Arballo and seconded by Commissioner Mayes for the BEC to establish an ad hoc committee to discuss the long-term financial management of CalPERS costs.

Ayes: 13

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

In addition, a motion was made by Vice-Chair Fine and seconded by Commissioner Arballo for the CalPERS ad hoc committee to be made up of five (5) members for a duration of one (1) year and for the first meeting to be under the guidance of the City's Finance department to establish the topics, sequence, and timing of meetings.

Ayes: 12

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

In addition, the following five (5) BEC members volunteered to be on the CalPERs ad hoc committee: Commissioner Fierro, Arballo, Lyell, Chair Mendez, and Vice-Chair fine. Commissioner Mayes motioned to accept these volunteers and Commissioner Hart seconded the motion.

Ayes: 12

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Proposed Mid-Cycle Amendment of Fiscal Year 2019/20 of the Previously Adopted Fiscal Year 2018-2020 Two-Year Budget

Following discussion, Commissioner Hart made a recommendation for staff to mention to City Council at the May 21, 2019 meeting that she approves of the supplemental appropriation request of \$2.4m in the electric fund to replace leased vehicles. Commissioner Arballo seconded the motion.

Ayes: 3

Noes: 8

Abstentions: 0

No other recommendations regarding the Mid-Cycle Update were made from the BEC for staff to address at the City Council meeting for May 21, 2019.

Absences from the Budget Engagement Commission Meeting on March 27, 2019 of Commissioner Plascencia, Tavaglione, St. Pierre, and Fierro

Following discussion, Commissioner Hart moved to approve Commissioner Plascencia's absence from the March 27, 2019 meeting and Commissioner Arballo seconded the motion.

Ayes: 12

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Following discussion, Commissioner Scarano moved to approve Commissioner Tavaglione's absence from the March 27, 2019 meeting and Commissioner Burns seconded the motion.

Ayes: 2

Noes: 9

Abstentions: 1

Following discussion, Commissioner Hart moved to approve Commissioner St. Pierre's absence from the March 27, 2019 meeting and Commissioner Fierro seconded the motion.

Ayes: 12

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Following discussion, Commissioner Beatty moved not to approve Commissioner Fierro's absence from the March 27, 2019 meeting and Commissioner Burns seconded the motion.

Ayes: 7

Noes: 2

Abstentions: 3

Items for Future Agendas and Updates from City Staff

- Clarification on the Meeting Minutes from March 27, 2019 regarding the BEC's vote on the homeless beds: Item will be clarified in updated March 27, 2019 minutes and the minutes will be resubmitted at the June 13, 2019 meeting for BEC approval.
- Opportunity for the BEC to review the Board of Ethics and revisit the item at the June meeting: The agenda item was continued to the June 13, 2019 meeting.
- Clarification on the BEC's vote regarding funding options for roads and street improvement: City staff will review the meeting video and provide an update at the June 13, 2019 meeting.
- Updated Measure Z plan: An updated Measure Z plan will accompany all future agenda items related to Measure Z.
- Clarification on the type of six heavy-duty vehicle being purchased for \$2.4m: City staff will provide clarification at the June 13, 2019 meeting.
- Measure Z funding of \$122k for the Library Security Guards be brought to the BEC: An agenda item will be added to the June 13, 2019 meeting.
- Information on the proposed Convention Center expansion: City staff will determine the project status and speak with Chair Lyell to determine if and when to agendize this item for a future BEC meeting.
- City staff will coordinate the first meeting for the ad hoc committee.

Adjournment

Chairperson Mendez adjourned the meeting at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ruby Leann Castillo

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