



City of Arts & Innovation

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2020, 1 P.M.

VIRTUAL/IN PERSON MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE

ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER

3900 MAIN STREET

PRESENT: Mayor Bailey and Councilmembers Edwards, Melendrez, Fierro, Conder, Perry, and Hemenway and Councilwoman Plascencia

ABSENT: None

Mayor Bailey convened the meeting at 1 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Gloria Nezahualcoyotl spoke regarding the Building and Safety Division and Internet connectivity. One person spoke regarding reopening of Mount Rubidoux. Ben Clymer, Jr., spoke regarding the loss of Bob Stockton, settlement of his lawsuit with the City, job losses, bulky item pickups, paying City employees not working, facial coverings, and the Keep California Safe Act. Philip Dempson spoke regarding reopening of Mount Rubidoux and the City. One person spoke regarding COVID-19 protections. Deborah Laskowitz spoke regarding reopening of the City and resurgence of COVID-19. Rafael Garcia spoke regarding reopening of Mount Rubidoux. One person spoke regarding COVID-19 public health protections and reopening of the City. Ramona Gamash spoke regarding reopening of businesses. Loy Alvarez spoke regarding SEIU process and rights. Manual Caldera Ibarra, Jr., spoke regarding homelessness and first responders. One person spoke regarding Riverside's Road to Recovery Plan and arts and culture. Ted Becklas spoke regarding Riverside's Road to Recovery Plan. Steve Kafra spoke regarding SEIU process and rights. Frances Hernandez and Susan Harris spoke regarding the reopening of Mount Rubidoux. Jordan Donahue spoke regarding COVID-19 statistics and health precautions. Camilla Allen spoke regarding facial coverings. Jason Hunter spoke regarding public comment, public hearings, and City Council special meetings. Gina Stoll spoke regarding reopening of the City. Drew Oberjuerge spoke regarding Riverside's Road to Recovery, arts and culture, and the Shop Riverside campaign. Christina Valadez spoke regarding reopening of Mount Rubidoux. Jerry Tidwell spoke regarding face coverings. One person spoke regarding reopening of Mount Rubidoux, City parks, and trails. Maria spoke regarding reopening of the City. Collette Lee spoke regarding Riverside's Road to Recovery Plan and arts and culture. Rebecca Burnard spoke regarding reopening of Mount Rubidoux. Marissa Yeager spoke regarding Riverside Community College District



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and Riverside's Road to Recovery Plan. Mr. Lozano spoke regarding reopening of the City. Keith Nelson spoke regarding COVID-19 statistics and mortality rates. Jovani Novanato spoke regarding COVID-19 health restrictions. Brett Varner spoke regarding reopening of parks, trails, and athletic fields. Linda Viva spoke regarding high school graduations. Lea spoke regarding Riverside's Road to Recovery Plan, high risk individuals, and reopening guidelines. Joe Allard spoke regarding COVID-19 statistics. Jeanette spoke regarding reopening of the City, facial coverings, and social distancing. Malissa McKeith spoke regarding pension obligation bonds. Kevin spoke regarding reopening of the City.

COMMUNICATIONS

The City Manager and Emergency Services Manager reported on shifting from the response to recovery phase of the COVID-19 pandemic.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

RIVERSIDE'S ROAD TO RECOVERY

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilwoman Plascencia and seconded by Councilmember Perry to (1) receive and order filed the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Riverside's Road to Recovery update; (2) direct staff to comprehensively integrate Riverside's Road to Recovery Framework in all City Departments; (3) approve as top priorities upon announcements and guidance released from state and county officials to reopen the economy (a) maintain public health objectives; (b) facilitate restoration of economic activities in a manner that enables businesses to operate safely and viably and keeps COVID-19 transmissions very low; (c) ensure the response, recovery, and thrive phases are centered on the safety, equity, and inclusion of our community; and (d) facilitate City activities that keep the workforce safe and provide public services that ensure public health, safety, and welfare; and (4) direct staff to return monthly with updates to the City Council that address specific programs, resources, etc., being implemented with and for the community. Motion carried unanimously.

MOUNT RUBIDOUX RE-OPENING OPTIONS

Following discussion of options for the re-opening of Mt. Rubidoux Park following the COVID-19 related closure, it was moved by Councilmember Edwards and seconded by



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Councilwoman Plascencia to (1) reopen Mt. Rubidoux Park beginning May 22, 2020, to allow time to review the reopening plan with Riverside County Health Department and the Friends of Mount Rubidoux; (2) reopen as outlined in Option A of the written staff report for one-way trails and designating the gentler slope for the up trail; (3) keep the Ninth Street gate closed for the foreseeable future and communicate with the Ninth Street neighbors to use this as an opportunity to permanently improve the mountain; (4) close the mountain and parking lots at night for safety; (5) remove the discouragement of strollers and pets on the trail; (6) prohibit bicycles on the trails; and (6) return to the City Council on June 16, 2020, for an update. Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

The Mayor and City Council adjourned to closed session pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 to review the City Council's position and instruct designated representatives regarding salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of all Executive Management employees including the City Attorney and City Clerk, all Management and Confidential employees as defined by PERS, Fire Management Unit, Riverside City Firefighters Association, Riverside Police Officers Association (Police and Police Supervisory Units), Service Employees International Union #721, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers #47, and Riverside Police Administrators Association.

The Mayor and City Council reconvened in open session Mayor Bailey presiding.

COMMUNICATIONS

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSIONS

Chief Assistant City Attorney Smith announced there were no reportable actions on closed sessions.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

There were no items requested for future City Council consideration. The City Manager announced that normal street sweeping operations will resume on Monday with enforcement suspended. Graffiti abatement is ongoing.

The City Council adjourned at 6:57 p.m.



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Respectfully submitted,

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City Clerk