



Budget Engagement Commission

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 5:00 pm
Virtual Meeting

Chair Lyell called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

Present: Chair Lyell, Vice-Chair Mendez, Commissioner Burns, Demshki, Fine, Garcia, Hart, Kyles, Mounsey, Pelzer, Scarano, Segura, and St. Pierre. Commissioner Kester joined at 5:07pm. during public comment.

Absent: Commissioner Arballo

Staff Present: Edward Enriquez, Kristie Thomas, Kristi Smith, Ruby Leann Castillo, Susan Wilson, Moises Lopez, Al Zelinka, and others

Public Comments

There were twelve callers; Sue Mitchell, Ben Climber, Tom Evans, Shelby Worthington Luna, Tom Powell, Joe Ramos, Kevin Dodson, Terry Walling, Jason Hunter, Paul Granillo, Tim Maloney, and Jose Medina.

Approval of Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner Pelzer to approve the Budget Engagement Commission Consent Calendar. The following items were approved by one motion confirming the actions appropriate:

- Minutes of November 12, 2020
- Minutes of November 24, 2020
- Excusal of Commissioner Gonzalez-Kester's Absence from the November 12, 2020 meeting
- Excusal of Commissioner St. Pierre's Absence from the November 12, 2020 meeting
- Excusal of Commissioner Segura's Absence from the November 12, 2020 meeting
- Excusal of Commissioner Gonzalez-Kester's Absence from the November 24, 2020 meeting
- Excusal of Commissioner St. Pierre's Absence from the November 24, 2020 meeting

Ayes: 10
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 4

Budget FY 2021/22 Baseline Budgets for the General Fund and Measure Z

Edward Enriquez, the City's Chief Financial Officer Presented the FY 2021/22 Baseline budget as it relates to the General Fund and Measure Z. The commissioners discussed the item, including removing the Measure Z balancing measure from the General Fund baseline budget to show the General Fund deficit prior to that balancing measure. The commissioners also discussed having a separate agenda item on Measure Z in a future meeting to discuss Measure Z priorities and spending items. The Budget Engagement Commission did not vote on this item.

Management Agreement for the Cheech Marin Center for Chicano Art and Culture with the Riverside Art Museum for an Initial Term of 25 Years

This item was presented by Deputy City Manager, Moises Lopez and Riverside Art Museum Executive Director, Drew Oberjuege.

During the discussion, Commissioner Demshki moved to approve the City's recommendation and the motion was seconded by Commissioner St. Pierre.

After the discussion, Vice-Chair Mendez made a substitute motion that the City review the agreement and for the City to participate more in merchandise, concession, and rental fees and to shorten the review period from ten years to three years and to remove the automatic renewal of two additional five year terms. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia.

Substitute Motion

Ayes: 6
Noes: 8
Abstentions: 0

Original Motion

Ayes: 8
Noes: 6
Abstentions: 0

Update from the Chief Financial Officer

- The CFO provided an update on the allocation and distribution of CARES Act Funds.

- The fourth quarter report and the year-end update will be brought to the BEC at the January meeting.
- Three BEC meetings will be scheduled for April 2021 to received department presentations for their FY 2021/22 proposed budgets. Two special meeting dates will be recommended; the meeting dates will be decided by a vote of the commissioners at the January meeting.
- The CFO provided an update on the Santa Ana River Outreach Plan to Prevent Fires in the River Bottom item that the BEC heard at the November meeting and that went to City Council on December 1, 2020.
- The CFO clarified that a previous request from Commissioner Hart regarding the long-term strategic plan for Rapid Link Busses is a County of Riverside program and is not under BEC purview.
- The CFO provided an update on the review of City-owned properties that the BEC heard at its September meeting and that was subsequently heard by the Financial Performance and Budget Committee in October.

Items for Future Agendas

- Discuss the final allocation of all CARES Act funding
- Revisit and review the Measure Z long-term spending plan
- Review the Pension Obligation Bond and its performance

Adjournment

Chairperson Lyell adjourned the meeting at 9:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



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