



*City of Arts & Innovation*

## BUDGET ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 5 P.M.  
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE  
MAYOR'S CEREMONIAL ROOM  
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

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**PRESENT:** Chair Lyell, Vice-Chair Mendez, Commissioners Mounsey, Burns, Pelzer, Arballo, Scarano, Demshki, Fine, Gonzalez-Kester, Hart, Sanchez Jr., and White

**ABSENT:** Commissioners Kyles and Garcia

**STAFF PRESENT:** Diana Alegria, Edward Enriquez, Phaedra Norton, Brandi Becker, Carl Carey, Ruby Leann Castillo, Erin Christmas, Denny Corbett, Lea Deesing, Donna Finch, Larry Gonzalez, Angel Guo, Gilbert Hernandez, Angela King, Ryan Marty, Randy McDaniel, Robyn G. Peterson, Mike Staley, Chris Tavaglione, Chris Wagner, George Khalil, and Kris Martinez

Chair Lyell convened the meeting at 5 p.m.

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no one wishing to address the Commission.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner Arballo to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below, affirming the actions appropriate to each item. The motion carried unanimously.

### MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of August 12, 2021, were approved as presented.

### ATTENDANCE

The Budget Engagement Commission excused the absence of Commissioner Gonzalez-Kester from the August 12, 2021, meeting.

The Budget Engagement Commission excused the absence of Commissioner Demshki from the August 12, 2021, meeting.

The Budget Engagement Commission excused the absence of Commissioner Garcia from the August 12, 2021, meeting.



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### DISCUSSION CALENDAR

Commissioner Scarano left the meeting during the following discussion.

#### MEASURE Z - TWO AIRBUS H125 HELICOPTERS

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Fine and seconded by Commissioner Arballo to recommend that the City Council (1) approve the purchase of two (2) Airbus H125 Helicopters in the estimated amount of \$10,777,070 from Measure Z funds; and (2) purchase the helicopters by pay-as-you-go approach and pay for the entire acquisition cost up front from the available Measure Z fund balance. Motion carried with Chair Lyell, Vice-Chair Mendez, Commissioners Mounsey, Pelzer, Arballo, Demshki, Fine, Gonzalez-Kester, Hart, Sanchez Jr., White voting aye, and Commissioner Burns voting no.

Commissioner Demshki left the meeting during the following discussion.

#### YEAR 1 PRIORITY BASED BUDGETING PROCESS, TIMELINE AND GOALS FOR YEAR 2

Following discussion and without formal motion, the Budget Engagement Commission received an update on the completion of the Year 1 Priority Based Budgeting Year process and the timeline and goals for Year 2.

Commissioner Sanchez Jr. left the meeting during the following discussion.

#### MEASURE Z UPDATE ON CURRENT SPENDING PLAN

Following discussion, and without formal motion, the Budget Engagement Commission received an update on the current Measure Z Spending Plan and status of spending items.

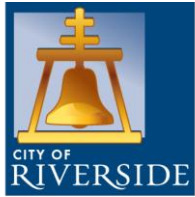
### COMMISSION MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

#### CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER UPDATE

There was no update from the Chief Financial Officer.

#### ITEMS FOR FUTURE BUDGET ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

Chair Lyell requested information regarding a 15-year analysis of Citywide personnel data via the Public Records Request portal W010246-090821 for discussion at the October



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meeting. Commissioner Arballo requested an update on the Police headquarters. Commissioner Fine requested an update on the General Fund Transfer.

The Budget Engagement Commission adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DIANA ALEGRIA  
Deputy City Clerk