



City of Arts & Innovation

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021, 1 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET

PRESENT: Councilmembers Edwards, Cervantes, Fierro, Conder, Perry, and Hemenway and Councilwoman Plascencia

ABSENT: Mayor Lock Dawson

In the absence of Mayor Lock Dawson, Mayor Pro Tem Plascencia called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

City Manager Al Zelinka gave the welcoming remarks.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

William Bailey, Jr., spoke regarding food boxes provided by the Salvation Army. Chuck spoke regarding homelessness representatives and law enforcement. Rich Gardner spoke regarding protecting the lives of residents related to homelessness. Maribel Nuñez spoke regarding homelessness, crime free housing, and the five-year homelessness plan. Rich Wagner spoke regarding homelessness and mental health issues. One caller spoke regarding the five-year homelessness plan. Sandra Hughey spoke regarding illegal parking in her neighborhood and requested bright lights near the park. A. J. Olgaanio spoke regarding workforce housing. Beth Claassen Thrush spoke regarding University of California, Riverside partnership on the issue of homelessness. Nelly Chuqui Owens spoke regarding tax measures and mental aid addressing homelessness. Audryana spoke regarding the five-year homelessness plan and housing. Sarah Doyle spoke regarding homelessness and mental health awareness.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

WORKSHOP

HOMELESSNESS AND PUBLIC SAFETY - RIVERSIDE HOMELESS INITIATIVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

The City Council conducted a workshop on homelessness and public safety workshop.

The City Council recessed at 3:33 p.m. and reconvened at 3:46 p.m. with Mayor Lock Dawson and all Councilmembers present except Councilmember Fierro.



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Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Edwards to (1) conceptually approve a draft Memorandum of Understanding for the Riverside Homeless Initiative between the City and County of Riverside; (2) direct staff to bring a report to City Council on the prohibition of unauthorized patient drop-offs within the City of Riverside and (3) lobby the state legislature to invest in State Hospitals and Correctional facilities to meet the needs of California's population. The motion carried with Councilmembers Edwards, Cervantes, Conder, Perry, and Hemenway and Councilwoman Plascencia voting aye and Councilmember Fierro absent.

Following further discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Edwards to (1) put into place local and regional ordinances and other mechanisms to reinforce local responsibilities for individuals with drug addiction and/or behavioral health issues who also may be experiencing homelessness; (2) include the language mental health; and (3) direct staff to bring report on data plan in one month. The motion carried with Councilmembers Edwards, Cervantes, Conder, Perry, and Hemenway and Councilwoman Plascencia voting aye and Councilmember Fierro absent.

CLOSED SESSION

The Mayor and City Council adjourned to closed session at 6:20 p.m. pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning one case of anticipated litigation.

Mayor Lock Dawson and the City Council returned to open session at 7:31 p.m. with all Councilmember present except Councilmember Fierro.

COMMUNICATIONS

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSIONS

City Attorney Norton announced that the City Council provided direction concerning one case of anticipated litigation.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

There were no future items requested at this time.



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City Manager Al Zelinka thanked staff and everyone who helped to make the workshop a success.

The City Council adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk