



City of Arts & Innovation

BUDGET ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021 5 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
MAYOR'S CEREMONIAL ROOM
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

PRESENT: Vice-Chair Mendez, Commissioners Mounsey, Burns, Pelzer, Arballo, Scarano, Demshki, Hart, Garcia, and White

ABSENT: Chair Lyell, Commissioners Fine, Gonzalez-Kester, and Sanchez Jr.

STAFF PRESENT: Diana Alegria, Edward Enriquez, Ruby Leann Castillo, Phaedra Norton, Scott Brosious, Carl Carey, Lea Deesing, Larry Gonzalez, Kris Martinez, Kristie Thomas, and Brad Boneville

Vice-Chair Mendez convened the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Jason Hunter spoke regarding Measure C and personnel costs.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Commissioner Scarano and seconded by Commissioner Pelzer to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below, affirming the actions appropriate to each item. The motion carried with Commissioner Garcia abstaining.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of September 9, 2021, were approved as presented.

ATTENDANCE

The Budget Engagement Commission excused the absence of Commissioner Garcia from the September 9, 2021, meeting.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

UPDATE OF PROPOSED NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

Following discussion and without formal motion, the Budget Engagement Commission received a status update on the proposed new Police Department Headquarters.



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15 YEAR ANALYSIS OF CITYWIDE PERSONNEL COSTS AND BENEFITS

Following discussion and without formal motion, the Budget Engagement Commission received an update on a 15-year analysis of the Citywide personnel costs and benefits information.

PRESENTATION

BROWN ACT TRAINING

Following discussion and without formal motion, the Budget Engagement Commission received and ordered filed a presentation from the City Attorney's Office on the Brown Act, also known as California's Open Meeting Law.

COMMISSION MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER UPDATE

The Chief Financial Officer gave an update on bringing the 4th Quarter Financial Report in December and a User Fee and Charges Study in November for the Budget Engagement Commission.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BUDGET ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

Commissioner Burns requested the Budget Engagement Commission have a priority-based budgeting discussion and a discussion to understand what it means in the Ordinance that the Measure C money should stay in Riverside and not go to Sacramento. Vice-Chair Mendez requested to have an emergency meeting to discuss the City's financial options if Measure C does not pass.

During this item, Commissioner Mounsey lost internet connection and was dropped from the meeting. Vice-Chair Mendez adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m. for a lack of a quorum.

Respectfully submitted,

DIANA ALEGRIA
Deputy City Clerk