

*City of Arts & Innovation*

## CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023, 1 P.M.  
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ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER  
3900 MAIN STREET

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PRESENT: Mayor Lock Dawson, Councilmembers Edwards, Cervantes, Fierro, Perry, and Hemenway and Councilwoman Plascencia

ABSENT: Councilmember Conder

Mayor Lock Dawson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Errol Koschewitz spoke regarding City payments to Richard and Cindy Roth. Mary Humboldt spoke regarding Hidden Valley Wildlife Nature Center Junior Naturalist Summer Camp.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

##### INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

There was no update on intergovernmental relations and legislation.

##### HOMELESS SOLUTIONS UPDATE

There was no update on homeless solutions.

##### SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

There was no update on sustainability.

##### LEGAL UPDATE

There was no legal update.

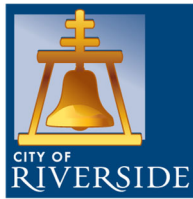
##### COUNCILMEMBERS DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared at this time.

#### PRESENTATIONS

##### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW AND EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Following discussion and without formal motion, the City Council received and ordered filed a presentation of the Public Works Department overview and employee recognition.



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#### NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Mayor Lock Dawson presented a proclamation to Public Works Director Gilbert Hernandez recognizing May 21 through 27, 2023, as National Public Works Week.

#### MEMORIAL DAY

Mayor Lock Dawson recognized Memorial Day with reflection and moment of silence.

#### WORKSHOP

##### WATER SYSTEMS WORKSHOP

Following discussion and without formal motion, the City Council received and ordered filed an update on the status of the City's water systems.

#### DISCUSSION CALENDAR

##### THE MISSION INN HOTEL AND SPA 30TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS UPDATE

Following discussion and without formal motion, the City Council received and ordered filed an update on The Mission Inn Hotel & Spa 30th Annual Festival of Lights and future plans for 2023.

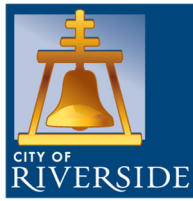
##### LEGISLATION REGARDING GENERAL PUBLIC SAFETY AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE FENTANYL UPDATE

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilwoman Plascencia to continue this item for future discussion on Public Safety Bills for City Council to take action and to hear from Riverside Police Department. The motion carried with Councilmembers Fierro, Perry, and Hemenway and Councilwoman Plascencia voting aye, Councilmember Edwards voting no, Councilmember Cervantes abstaining, and Councilmember Conder absent.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS/PLANNING REFERRALS AND APPEALS

##### EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT - RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE, GARBAGE, RECYCLABLE MATERIAL, AND ORGANIC WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES - ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

Hearing was called to consider comments relative to an Exclusive Franchise Agreement for Residential and Commercial Solid Waste, Garbage, Recyclable Material, and Organic Waste Collection Services, and introduce an ordinance granting an exclusive



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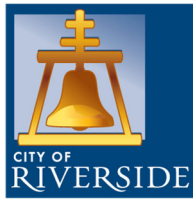
franchise to Arakelian Enterprises, Inc., doing business as Athens Services, Inc. Fifteen people spoke on the matter. The public hearing was officially closed.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Fierro and seconded by Councilwoman Plascencia (1) to introduce an ordinance granting an exclusive franchise to Arakelian Enterprises, Inc., doing business as Athens Services, Inc., to provide residential and commercial solid waste, garbage, recyclable material, and organic waste collection services in the City of Riverside for a fifteen-year term through June 30, 2038, with an option to extend for an additional five years through June 30, 2043; (3) following adoption of the Ordinance, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Exclusive Franchise Agreement for residential garbage, recyclable material, and organic waste collection services with Arakelian Enterprises, Inc., doing business as Athens Services, Inc., for a fifteen-year term through June 30, 2038, with an option to extend for an additional five years through June 30, 2043, and making minor and non-substantive changes; and (4) following adoption of the Ordinance, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Exclusive Franchise Agreement for commercial solid waste garbage, recyclable material, and organic waste collection services with Arakelian Enterprises, Inc., doing business as Athens Services, Inc., for a fifteen-year term through June 30, 2038, with an option to extend for an additional five years through June 30, 2043, and making minor and non-substantive changes. The motion carried with Councilmembers Edwards, Cervantes, Fierro, Hemenway and Councilwoman Plascencia voting aye, Councilmember Perry voting no and Councilmember Conder absent.

Whereupon an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance of the City of Riverside, California," Granting an Exclusive Franchise to Arakelian Enterprises, Inc., Doing Business As Athens Services for Residential and Commercial Solid Waste, Garbage, Recyclable Material, and Organic Waste Collection Services Along and Upon the Streets of the City of Riverside was presented and introduced.

#### CLOSED SESSIONS

The Mayor and City Council adjourned to closed sessions at 3:37 p.m. pursuant to Government Code (1) §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning John Henry Morales, et al. v. Sukhpal Brar, et al., Riverside Superior Court Case No. CVRI2300866; (2) §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive from legal counsel concerning Sara Locke Alger v. City of Riverside, WCAB Claim No. (s): 190067;



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(3) §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive from legal counsel concerning Jesse Schultz v. City of Riverside, WCAB Claim No.(s): 120274/ADJ8518681, 130096/ADJ8518682; (4) §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive from legal counsel concerning Kevin Ryan v. City of Riverside, WCAB Claim No.(s): 120288 ADJ9427240, 020471LTM ADJ2949141, 060170-LTM, ADJ986829, 160080 ADJ10710909; (5) §54957(a) for consultation with Chief of Police Larry Gonzalez, or his respective deputy, and Chief Information Officer George Khalil regarding threat to public services or facilities; (6) §54956.9(d)(2) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning anticipated litigation regarding one case; (7) §54956.9(d)(4) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning the City Council deciding whether to initiate litigation regarding one case; (8) §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 except the City Manager, 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; (9) §54957 for performance evaluation of City Attorney; (10) §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 unrepresented employee for City Attorney; (11) §54957 for performance evaluation of City Clerk; and (12) §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 unrepresented employee for City Clerk.

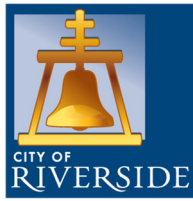
The Mayor and City Council reconvened at 6:15 p.m. with Mayor Lock Dawson presiding and all Councilmembers present except Councilmember Conder.

Councilmember Edwards gave the Invocation.

Fremont Elementary School students led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no one wishing to address the City Council at this time.



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#### CEREMONIAL PRESENTATION

##### HONORARY RECOGNITION

Mayor Lock Dawson called upon Councilmember Cervantes to present a Certificate of Honorary Recognition to Riverside resident Cattleya Jamaica Reid.

#### MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Edwards reported on office hours. Councilmember Cervantes thanked Canyon Tree Townhomes group for organizing neighborhood meeting and announced Eastside Community and Riverside Unified School District joint meeting. Councilwoman Plascencia reported on office hours, Peace Officer Memorial Ceremony, Casa Blanca community meeting, Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) family fun day and Heritage House Ice Cream Social. Councilmember Perry reported on National Peace Officer Memorial Week and American Legion Memorial Dedication Ceremony, Riverside County Peace Officer Memorial event, Memorial Run, and Heritage House Ice Cream Social. Councilmember Hemenway reported on Heritage Ice cream Social and graduations. Mayor Lock Dawson announced that the Riverside Art Museum received the National Medal of Museum and Library Service and reported on Ice cream with the Mayor Art Crawl, Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony, Heritage House Ice Cream Social, and Coffee with the Mayor at La Sierra Senior Center.

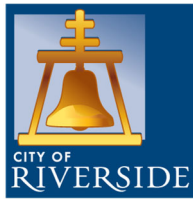
#### CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Hemenway and seconded by Councilmember Perry to approve the Consent Calendar as presented affirming the actions appropriate to each item. The motion carried with Councilmember Conder absent.

The minutes of the meetings of May 9, 2023, were approved as presented.

#### BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

The Mayor and City Council (1) appointed Melinda Moore-Reins to the Commission of the Deaf Ward 7 seat for a term through March 1, 2025; (2) appointed Blair Rasmus to the Commission of the Deaf Ward 3 seat for a term that will be decided during the first Commission meeting; (3) appointed August A. Olague to the Commission of the Deaf Youth Ex Officio seat for a term that will be decided during the first Commission meeting;



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(4) filed resignation of Rosa Jimenez from the Commission on Aging Ward 6 seat; and  
(5) filed resignation of Jenna Pontious from the Board of Library Trustees Ward 6 seat.

#### FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 - LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 88-1 (SYCAMORE HIGHLANDS - LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS - PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED - RESOLUTION

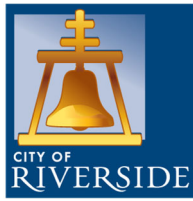
The City Council (1) adopted a Resolution declaring the City's intention to levy and collect assessments for Fiscal Year 2023-24 within Landscape Maintenance District 88-1 (Sycamore Highlands), approving the Preliminary Engineer's Report; and (2) set a Public Hearing for final approval of the levy of special assessments within Landscape Maintenance District 88-1 (Sycamore Highlands) for June 27, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.; whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waived, Resolution No. 23988 of the City Council of the City of Riverside, Initiating Proceedings to Levy and Collect Assessments for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in Landscape Maintenance District No. 88-1 (Sycamore Highlands) Pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, Appointing the Engineer of Record and Ordering Preparation of an Engineer's Report, was presented and adopted.

#### FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 - RIVERWALK LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT - LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS - PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED - RESOLUTION

The City Council (1) adopted a Resolution declaring the City's intent to levy and collect assessments for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 within the Riverwalk Landscape Maintenance District, approving the Preliminary Engineer's Report; and (2) set a Public Hearing for final approval of the levy of special assessments within the Riverwalk Landscape Maintenance District for June 27, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.; whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waived, Resolution No. 23989 of the City Council of the City of Riverside, Declaring its Intention to Levy and Collect Assessments for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Within the Riverwalk Landscape Maintenance District, Pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, Approving Report, and Giving Notice of the Time and Place of a Public Hearing on the Proposed Assessments, was presented and adopted.

#### FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 - STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1 - LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS - PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED - RESOLUTION

The City Council (1) adopted a declaring the City's intent to levy and collect assessments for Fiscal Year 2023-24 within Street Lighting District No. 1 and approving the Preliminary Engineer's Report; and (2) set a Public Hearing for final approval of the levy of special



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assessments within the District for June 27, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.; whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waived, Resolution No. 23990 of the City Council of the City of Riverside, Declaring its Intention to Levy and Collect Assessments for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Within Street Lighting District No. 1, Approving Report, and Giving Notice of the Time and Place of a Public Hearing on the Proposed Assessments, was presented and adopted.

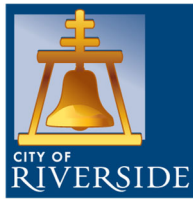
#### PURCHASE ORDER - TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE SERVICES - INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY JOB

The City Council (1) authorized an increase to Purchase Order 214151 with Peak Technical Services, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in the amount of \$15,000 to provide temporary employee services for various Innovation and Technology job classifications for a revised Purchase Order amount of \$74,600; and (2) authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Purchase Order and associated documents pertaining to the Change Order.

#### LEASE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT - RENTABLE SPACE - MISSION SQUARE OFFICE BUILDING - 3750 UNIVERSITY, SUITE 570

The City Council (1) approved a Seventh Amendment to the Lease Agreement with Raincross Hospitality Corporation, doing business as Riverside Convention & Visitors Bureau, Riverside, to extend the lease for an additional 64-month term from March 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028; and (2) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Seventh Amendment to the Lease Agreement, including making minor, non-substantive changes, and to sign all documents and instruments necessary to complete the transaction.

The Mayor and City Council recessed at 6:41 p.m. and reconvened at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Lock Dawson presiding and all Councilmembers present except Councilmember Conder.



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#### PUBLIC HEARINGS/PLANNING REFERRALS AND APPEALS

##### REDISTRICTING RESHAPE RIVERSIDE - ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

Hearing was called to consider the Reshape Riverside Redistricting process and criteria for establishing new ward boundaries. Thirty-one people spoke on the matter. The public hearing was officially closed.

Councilmember Conder entered the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

The Mayor and City Council recessed at 8:31 p.m. and reconvened at 8:39 p.m. with Mayor Lock Dawson presiding and all Councilmembers present.

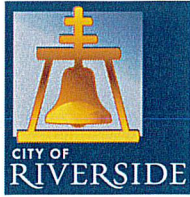
Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Fierro and seconded by Councilwoman Plascencia to introduce an Ordinance establishing new ward boundaries as directed by City Council on March 28, 2023, as outlined in Draft Map A4-A with Mount Rubidoux edits.

Following further discussion, a substitute motion was made by Councilmember Cervantes and seconded by Councilmember Conder to redraw Draft Map A2.2 to add Presidential Tract to Ward 4. The motion failed with Councilmembers Cervantes, Conder, and Hemenway voting aye and Councilmembers Edwards, Fierro, Perry, and Councilwoman Plascencia voting no.

The main motion to approve Draft Map A4-A with Mount Rubidoux edits carried with Councilmembers Edwards, Fierro, Perry, and Hemenway and Councilwoman Plascencia voting aye and Councilmembers Cervantes and Conder voting no.

Whereupon, an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance of the City of Riverside, California, Amending Chapter 1.12 of The Riverside Municipal Code in its Entirety to Establish the Boundaries of the Seven Councilmanic Wards in the City of Riverside as a Result of the 2020 Federal Decennial Census", was presented and introduced.





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#### COMMUNICATIONS

##### CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSIONS

City Attorney Norton announced there were no reportable action taken during closed session.

##### ITEMS FOR FUTURE CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

There were no future items requested at this time.

The City Council adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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DONESIA GAUSE  
City Clerk