

FINANCE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020, 2 P.M.
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair Hemenway, Vice Chair Fierro, and Member Edwards

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Lorena Verduco, Kristi Smith, Lea Deesing, Edward Enriquez, Nancy Garcia, Kristie Thomas, Marie Ricci, Ruby Castillo, Caleb Ragan, Staci Sullivan, Brian Seinturier, Stephanie Holloman, Miriana Gonzalez, Joanne Snowden, and others

ALSO PRESENT: Tom Evans, Jason Hunter, Doug Shackelton, and others

Chair Hemenway called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

LANCE, SOLL & LUNGHARD, LLP AUDIT REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 - REAPPOINTMENT AS INDEPENDENT AUDITOR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20

Following discussion, motion was made by Vice Chair Fierro and seconded by Member Edwards to (1) receive and order filed the annual audit reports from external independent auditor, Lance, Soll & Lunghard, LLP on the City of Riverside Financial Results for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 as required by the Riverside City Charter; and (2) reappoint Lance, Soll & Lunghard, LLP, to serve as the City's independent auditor to conduct the annual audit of Fiscal Year 2019/20. Motion carried unanimously.

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM CONCEPTUAL USE OF PENSION OBLIGATION BONDS TO RESTRUCTURE UNFUNDED ACCRUED LIABILITY

Following discussion, motion was made by Vice Chair Fierro and seconded by Member Edwards (1) to forward the conceptual use of pension obligation bonds to restructure the City's Unfunded Accrued Liability with California Public Employees' Retirement System CalPERS to create the potential for General Fund savings and longer-term financial stability including a fiscal analysis of the financial benefits realized in previous pension bond issuances to the City Council for further consideration; and (2) recommending that City Council provide direction to the Finance Department to continue the required due diligence, to engage an underwriting team, legal team, and actuary in order to fully assess options, conduct sensitivity analysis, and develop an optimal Restructuring Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Tom Evans spoke regarding City Council Consent Calendar items and employee pensions. Jason Hunter spoke regarding City's Unfunded Accrued Liability.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE FINANCE COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no items requested for future Finance Committee meetings.

The Finance Committee adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


LORENA VERDUSCO
Deputy City Clerk