

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**



**JOINT SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES**

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2020, 11 A.M.

VIRTUAL/IN PERSON MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE

ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER

3900 MAIN STREET

PRESENT: Mayor Bailey and Councilmembers Edwards, Melendrez, Fierro, Conder, Perry, and Hemenway, and Councilwoman Plascencia

Community Police Review Vice Chair Evans and Commissioners DeBrier, Hiraes, Huerta, Levine, Smith, and Teichert

Human Relations Commission Chair Ahmed, and Commissioners Armster, Ayra, Barth, Imaku, Motley-Kanatzar, Mabon, Rooths, Scoggins, Stancil, and Wright

ABSENT: Human Relations Commissioners Bennett and McNulty and Community Police Review Commissioner Berrellez

Mayor Bailey convened the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Monique Hernandez spoke regarding Riverside Community Hospital nurse staffing. Theresa Newham spoke regarding her daughter Stacie. Mr. Young spoke regarding homelessness. Frank and Renee spoke regarding Riverside Community Hospital nurse staffing. Keith Nelson spoke regarding a disability sports festival. Rosanna Mendez and two other persons spoke regarding Riverside Community Hospital nurse staffing. Matthew Rispy spoke regarding homelessness and the Riverside Police Department. One person spoke regarding Riverside Community Hospital nurse staffing. Eddie Page spoke regarding Riverside Community Hospital nurse staffing and masks. One person spoke regarding Riverside Community Hospital nurse staffing. Aurora Chavez spoke regarding the Fourth of July Fireworks and Riverside Community Hospital nurse staffing. One person spoke regarding Riverside Community Hospital nurse staffing. Don Gallegos spoke regarding live streaming of the City Council meeting. Two persons spoke regarding Riverside Community Hospital nurse staffing.

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DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES MINIMUM STAFFING ORDER

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Fierro to (1) receive and order filed the review of the Order of the Director of Emergency Services to provide for minimum staffing in order to slow down the spread of COVID-19 among City staff; (2) continue Minimum Staffing order; and (3) return to City Council in thirty days with a further review of minimum staffing.

Following further discussion, a substitute motion was made by Councilwoman Plascencia and seconded by Councilmember Perry to extend the Minimum Staffing Order to July 7, 2020, with an update on every City Council agenda including the County of Riverside employee return to work progress. The motion carried unanimously.

PROTECTION FOR GROCERY, PHARMACY, AND OTHER RETAIL WORKERS

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Fierro and seconded by Councilwoman Plascencia to (1) receive and order filed an update on existing protections for grocery and pharmacy retail workers under Resolution No. 23569 adopted on April 21 2020; and (2) continue these protections to the grocery and pharmacy establishments within the City limits and return in sixty days for further review. The motion carried unanimously.

AGREEMENT - FORENSIC REVIEW - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PUBLIC POWER AUTHORITY

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Hemenway and seconded by Councilmember Fierro to (1) approve the Professional Consultant Services Agreement from RFP 1963 for forensic review of the City of Riverside participation in the Southern California Public Power Authority with Eide Bailly, LLP, in an amount not-to-exceed \$115,500 and a term ending December 31, 2020; (2) fully fund the contract from Public Utilities Administration Professional Services Account; and (3) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents pursuant to the Professional Consultant Services

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Agreement with Eide Bailly, LLP, and any other documents as necessary to effectuate the agreement including making minor non-substantive changes. The motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS POSTING OF STATEWIDE MASK ORDER - CHECKLIST OF SAFETY AND PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Fierro and seconded by Councilmember Edwards to (1) require opened businesses to post notice of the statewide mask order and a checklist with safety and protective measures they have implemented in a easily-accessible place in their establishment; (2) direct staff to conduct comprehensive and sustained outreach to businesses and residents regarding the statewide mask order and the subsequent public health need for all residents to wear face masks while in public to curb the spread of COVID-19 and continue to reopen our economy by (a) contacting a targeted list of customer-facing businesses about the new mask mandate and the required notice, coordinating with the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce, the Greater Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Riverside Arlington Business Partnership, the Riverside County Black Chamber of Commerce, the Riverside Downtown Partnership, and other community business groups; and (b) conducting a social media campaign explaining the public health reasons to wear a mask to curb the spread of COVID-19 and protect our community and economy; (3) review current City messaging and communications on COVID-19 and discussing other possible methods to encourage utilization of protective measures; and (4) return to the City Council with a comprehensive communication plan as soon as possible. The motion carried with Councilmembers Edwards, Melendrez, Fierro, and Hemenway, and Councilwoman Plascencia voting aye and Councilmembers Conder and Perry voting no.

CLOSED SESSIONS

The Mayor and City Council adjourned to closed session pursuant to Government Code (1) §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning

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William R. ("Rusty") Bailey III v City of Riverside, RCSC Case No. RIC 1804755; R. Ben Clymer, Jr. v City of Riverside, et al., RCSC Case No. RIC 1806669, and (2) §54957 for appointment of Acting City Attorney by City Council.

The Mayor and City Council reconvened in open session with Mayor Bailey presiding.

PRESENTATION

RIVERSIDE YOUTH COUNCIL - 25 MOST REMARKABLE TEENS

The Mayor and City Council unanimously and without formal motion received and ordered filed an update and visual presentation of Riverside's 25 Most Remarkable Teens presented by Riverside Youth Council.

RECESS

The City Council recessed at 3:24 p.m. and reconvened at 6:21 p.m. with Mayor Bailey presiding and all Councilmembers present except Councilmember Conder.

A Boy Scout Troop led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENTATION

Mayor Bailey presented the 2019 City Spirit Award to Zack Earp for his extraordinary deeds, community spirit, citizenship, and dedication to enhancing the quality of life in the City of Riverside.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

One person spoke regarding the resolution declaring racism as a public health crisis. One person spoke regarding accountability, hate, and the Mount Rubidoux Cross. Paul Anterrante spoke regarding fear, the resolution declaring racism as a public health crisis, and closure of churches. Cynthia Mendoza Collins spoke regarding the resolution

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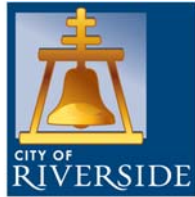
declaring racism as a public health crisis. William Bailey, Jr., spoke regarding Riverside Police Department and County Sheriff protection of City facilities during demonstrations and vandalism on Mount Rubidoux. Kate Mallory and Paul Chavez spoke regarding the resolution declaring racism as a public health crisis. Tony Stanislaus spoke regarding COVID and the economy. Sharon spoke regarding Mount Rubidoux vandalism. Raychele Sterling spoke regarding racism, Riverside Police Department, and the Community Police Review Commission. One person spoke regarding Riverside Police Department. One person spoke regarding transparency and racism. Jason Hunter spoke regarding government process and the Southern California Public Power Authority audit. One person and Ben Clymer, Jr., spoke regarding the resolution declaring racism as a public health crisis. Sue Rosinski spoke regarding the resolution declaring racism as a public health crisis and wearing of masks. Monrow Mabon spoke regarding hatred and inclusion. Edward spoke regarding the City of Riverside, racism, and police funding. One person spoke regarding the resolution declaring racism as a public health crisis, diversity, and inclusion. One person spoke regarding quality of life. Morris Mendoza spoke regarding Riverside Police Department. Deborah Mitchell spoke regarding Riverside Police Department funding and the resolution declaring racism as a public health crisis. Beth spoke regarding the resolution declaring racism as a public health crisis. Latonya spoke regarding the resolution declaring racism as a public health crisis and Riverside Police Department funding. Ms. Lopez spoke regarding the resolution declaring racism as a public health crisis and Councilmember Conder. One person spoke regarding Riverside Community Hospital nurse staffing and the resolution declaring racism as a public health crisis. Annie Chestnut spoke regarding the resolution declaring racism as a public health crisis and Riverside Police Department funding.

COMMUNICATIONS

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Following discussion and without formal motion, the City Council received and ordered filed the intergovernmental relations and legislative update.

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CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM CHALLENGE/FINANCIAL SOLVENCY UPDATE

The California Public Employees Retirement System challenge/financial solvency update was not held.

HOMELESS SOLUTIONS UPDATE

Following discussion and without formal motion, the City Council received and ordered filed the homeless solutions update.

HEALTH, SAFETY, AND SECURITY UPDATES

Following discussion and without formal motion, the City Council received and ordered filed the health, safety, and security update on COVID statistics and safety protections.

WORKSHOP

JOINT ITEM WITH COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION AND HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION - POLICE DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

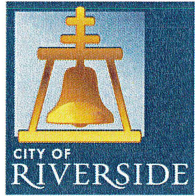
Following discussion and without formal motion, the City Council, Human Relations Commission, and Community Police Review Commission received and ordered filed the overview and update of the Police Department.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

RACISM - PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS - RESOLUTION

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilwoman Plascencia and seconded by Councilmember Melendrez to approve the recommendation of Councilwoman Plascencia to adopt a resolution declaring racism as a public health crisis. The motion carried with Councilmembers Edwards, Melendrez, Fierro, Perry, and Hemenway and Councilwoman Plascencia voting aye and Councilmember Conder absent.

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Whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waived, Resolution No. 23593 of the City Council of the City of Riverside, California, Finding that Racism is a Public Health Crisis, was presented and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSIONS

Chief Assistant City Attorney Smith announced there were no reportable actions on closed sessions.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Councilmember Edwards requested a review of Human Relations Commission and Community Police Review Commission scope of work.

The City Council, Community Police Review Commission, and Human Relations Commission adjourned at 12:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

COLLEEN J. NICOL
City Clerk