



## **Budget Engagement Commission**

### **Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 5:00 pm  
Virtual Meeting

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**Chair Lyell called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm.**

**Present:** Chair Lyell, Vice-Chair Mendez, Commissioner Arballo, Burns, Demshki, Fine, Garcia, Gonzalez-Kester, Hart, Kyles, Mounsey, Pelzer, Scarano, Segura, and St. Pierre. Commissioner Kyles and Gonzalez-Kester joined the meeting at 5:15 pm during Item #4 and Commissioner Segura left the meeting at 9:41 pm during Item #7.

**Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Al Zelinka, Edward Enriquez, Kristie Thomas, Kristi Smith, Angel Guo, Lieutenant Dan Warren, David Welch, Carl Carey, Michelle Davis, Dulce Gomez, Margery Haupt, Moises Lopez, and others

#### **Public Comments**

Caller 1 expressed opposition to the sale of the Fox Theater and urges to City to remove it from the list of surplus property.

#### **Approval of Consent Calendar**

A motion was made by Commissioner Fine and seconded by Commissioner Arballo to approve the Budget Engagement Commission Consent Calendar. The following items were approved by one motion confirming the actions appropriate to each item:

- Minutes from August 13, 2020
- Excused Commissioner St. Pierre's absence from the Budget Engagement Commission meeting on August 13, 2020

Ayes: 13

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

**Measure Z – Supplemental Appropriation in the annual amount of \$45,000 for Establishment of an Account for Reimbursement of Towing Companies for Removal and Disposal of Junk Motorhomes Beginning Fiscal Year 2020/21**

Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice-Chair Mendez and seconded by Commissioner Fine to recommend to City Council to approve \$45,000 annually for the removal and disposal of junk motor homes.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Scarano and seconded by Commissioner Arballo to recommend to City Council to approve \$25,000 for the first year and revisit this item annually. Following discussion, a vote was taken on the substitution motion.

Ayes: 1

Noes: 13

Abstentions: 1

The substitute motion did not pass, so a vote on the original motion was taken.

Ayes: 9

Noes: 4

Abstentions: 2

**Review City-owned properties for declaration as surplus to generate sale revenue or reduce operating costs to address CalPERS challenge and financial impacts associated with COVID-19**

Public Comments

- Virginia Blumenthal – Requests that the City to remove the Fox Performing Arts Center from the surplus list and opposes the proposed sale
- Scott Magnon, General Manager of the Riverside Convention Center and President of Raincross Corporate Group – Opposes the proposed sale of the Riverside Convention Center as it generates revenue
- Richard Jenkins – Opposes the proposed sale of the Fox Performing Arts Center as it is a cultural icon for the City.
- Lorna Jenkins – Opposes the proposed sale of the Fox Performing Arts Center and the Convention Center as Riverside is a city of arts and culture.
- Lou Monville, Senior Vice President of the Raincross Corporate Group – Opposes the proposed sale of the Convention Center and asks that the City remove this property from the surplus list.

Property #1 - A1 Grit

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Fine and seconded by Commissioner Hart to recommend to City Council to accept City staff recommendation to retain the property.

Ayes: 14  
Noes: 0  
Abstentions: 1

Property #2 - Parking Garage 1

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Fine and seconded by Commissioner Arballo to recommend to City Council to accept City staff recommendation to sell the property to a private entity.

Ayes: 14  
Noes: 1  
Abstentions: 0

Property #3 - Parking Garage 2

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Demshki and seconded by Commissioner St. Pierre to recommend to City Council to accept City staff recommendation to sell the property to a private entity.

Ayes: 11  
Noes: 4  
Abstentions: 0

Property #4 - Brockton Arcade Parking

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Demshki and seconded by Commissioner Arballo to recommend to City Council to accept City staff recommendation to sell the property to a private entity.

Ayes: 15  
Noes: 0  
Abstentions:

Property #5 - Lot adjacent to Casa Blanca Library

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Mounsey and seconded by Commissioner St. Pierre to recommend to City Council to accept City staff recommendation to lease or sell the property to a private entity.

Ayes: 15  
Noes: 0  
Abstentions: 0

Property #6 - Magnolia/Van Buren Parking Lot

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner Scarano to recommend to City Council to accept City staff recommendation to sell the property to a private entity.

Ayes: 15

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Property #7 - 8700 Cypress Avenue

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Vice-Chair Mendez to recommend to City Council to accept City staff recommendation to lease or sell the property to a private entity or community corporation.

Ayes: 13

Noes: 2

Abstentions: 0

Property #8 - Parking Lot 3

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Demshki and seconded by Commissioner Arballo to recommend to City Council to accept City staff recommendation to retain the property.

Ayes: 15

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Property #9 - Parking Lot 18

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner Demshki to recommend to City Council to accept City staff recommendation to retain the property.

Ayes: 14

Noes: 1

Abstentions: 0

Property #10 - 980 and 1006 Dalton Road

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner St. Pierre and seconded by Commissioner Hart to recommend to City Council to accept City staff recommendation to retain the property.

Ayes: 15  
Noes: 0  
Abstentions: 0

Property #11 - Downtown Main Library

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Demshki and seconded by Commissioner Mendez to recommend to City Council to accept City staff recommendation to retain the property.

Ayes: 15  
Noes: 0  
Abstentions: 0

Property #12 - Parking Lot 1

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Segura and seconded by Commissioner St. Pierre to recommend to City Council to accept City staff recommendation to retain the property.

Ayes: 15  
Noes: 0  
Abstentions: 0

Property #13 - Parking Garage 3

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner St. Pierre and seconded by Commissioner Mounsey to recommend to City Council to accept City staff recommendation to retain the property.

Ayes: 15  
Noes: 0  
Abstentions: 0

Property #14 - Parking Garage 6

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner St. Pierre and seconded by Commissioner Demshki to recommend to City Council to accept City staff recommendation to retain the property.

Ayes: 15  
Noes: 0  
Abstentions: 0

Property #15 - Museum of Riverside

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Hart to recommend to City Council to accept City staff recommendation to retain the property.

Ayes: 15

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Property #16 - Parking Lot 16

Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice-Chair Mendez and seconded by Commissioner Pelzer to recommend to City Council to accept City staff recommendation to sell the property to a private entity.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Demshki and seconded by Commissioner Pelzer to recommend to City Council to reject City staff recommendation and for the City to retain the property.

Ayes: 12

Noes: 2

Abstentions: 1

Property #17 - Riverside Municipal Auditorium and Parking Lot 41

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Fine and seconded by Commissioner Segura to recommend to City Council to accept City staff recommendation to retain or lease the property.

Ayes: 14

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 1

Property #18 - Magnolia Retail Center/Police Station

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner St. Pierre to recommend to City Council to accept City staff recommendation to retain the property.

Ayes: 15

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Property #19 - Fairmount Golf Course

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner St. Pierre and seconded by Commissioner Mounsey to recommend to City Council to accept City staff recommendation to lease or sell the property to a private entity.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Fine and seconded by Commissioner Scarano to recommend to City Council to reject Staff recommendation to lease or sell the property to a private entity, for Staff to perform an extensive community engagement process in the next 18 to 24 months for the future use of the property, and present the results to the Budget Engagement Commission which would then formulate a recommendation to City Council on whether the property should be retained, leased, or sold.

Ayes: 13

Noes: 2

Abstentions: 0

Property #20 - Riverside Golf Course

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Fine and seconded by Commissioner Demshki to recommend to City Council to accept City staff recommendation to lease or sell the property to a private entity.

Ayes: 13

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 2

Property #21 - Fox Performing Arts Center and Parking Garage 7

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Fine and seconded by Commissioner St. Pierre to recommend to City Council to reject City staff recommendation to lease or sell the property to a private entity or community corporation and for the City to retain the property.

Ayes: 12

Noes: 1

Abstentions: 2

Property #22 - Riverside Convention Center

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner St. Pierre and seconded by Commissioner Demshki to recommend to City Council to reject City staff recommendation to lease or sell the property to a private entity or community corporation and for the City to retain the property.

Ayes: 13  
Noes: 1  
Abstentions: 1

**Proposed expenditure plan for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES)  
Act funding from the State of California totaling \$27,991,888**

A motion was made by Commissioner Arballo and seconded by Commissioner Scarano to forego Staff presentation and to receive and file.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Fine and seconded by Vice-Chair Mendez to forego the Staff presentation and not receive and file this report.

Ayes: 12  
Noes: 2  
Abstentions: 0

**Update from Chief Financial Officer**

- Performance Based Budgeting (PBB) has begun and City staff will return with updates as needed

**Items for Future Agendas**

- 2020 Strategic Plan and how it fits with the mission of the Budget Engagement Commission

**Adjournment**

Chairperson Lyell adjourned the meeting at 9:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Angel Guo  
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