

City of Arts & Innovation

LAND USE, SUSTAINABILITY, AND RESILIENCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021, 1 P.M.
SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING
TELEPHONE PUBLIC COMMENT

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- PRESENT: Chair Plascencia, Vice-Chair Edwards, and Member Perry
- ABSENT: None
- STAFF PRESENT: Carmen Soto, Rafael Guzman, Karri Bates, Scott Brosious, Thomas Chisum, Chris Christopoulos, Adolfo Cruz, Edward Enriquez, Sandy Garcia, Margery Haupt, Lawayne Hearn, Gilbert Hernandez, Mary Kopaske-Brown, Ryan Marty, Mitchell Mason, Jennifer McDowell, Gary Merk, Paloma Montes, George Munoz, David Murray, Neil Okazaki, Nathan Mustafa, Nicholas Rice, Kristie Thomas and David Welch
- ALSO PRESENT: Enrique Ibarra and Cecilia Ibarra in their capacity as certified interpreters.

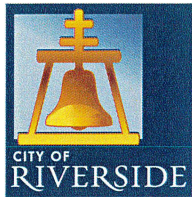
Chair Plascencia convened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Maribel Nunez, Lizeth, Adriana, Jessica, David, Jenny, Jose, Sergio Jimenez, Gabriela Mendez, and Yahaira Valdovinos spoke in support of street vendors. Cindy Roth of the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce recommended a one-year delay in making any proposed amendments to the Riverside Municipal Code to allow businesses and the environment to get back on their feet. Pompeya Rodriguez, Julieta, Elizabeth Ayala and a caller spoke in support of street vendors. Oz, on behalf of the Arlington Business Parentship, recommended a one-year postponement to any proposed amendments to the Riverside Municipal Code. Paneli Milan spoke in support of street vendors.

REGULATION OPTIONS FOR AMENDMENTS TO RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 5.36 REGARDING MOBILE FOOD TRUCKS

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Edwards and seconded by Chair Plascencia to (1) direct staff to draft an ordinance amending Riverside Municipal Code Chapter 5.36 to allow mobile food trucks to operate in compliance with State and County guidelines; (2) return a draft of the ordinance to this committee in September, 2021; and (3) engage in public and stakeholder outreach. The motion carried unanimously.



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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 5.38 SIDEWALK VENDING REGULATIONS

Following discussion, it was moved by Chair Plascencia and seconded by Member Edwards to (1) recommend that the City Council amend the Riverside Municipal Code 5.38 Sidewalk Vending, to include Options for Consideration as outlined in the staff report as follows: (a) options 1-7; (b) add the language for additional restrictions located in the first paragraph under option number 9, "Stationary vendors in public parks may be prohibited outright where a city has entered an exclusive concessionaire agreement. Otherwise, vendors may be restricted in a park owned or operated by the City, if the requirements are any of the following: (i) directly related to objective health, safety, or welfare concerns; (ii) necessary to ensure the public's use and enjoyment of natural resources and recreational opportunities; or (iii) necessary to prevent an undue concentration of commercial activity that unreasonably interferes with the scenic and natural character of the park."; (c) keep Regional Reserves/Open Spaces and remove Special Use Parks; (3) accept section B through E and not A of option number 10; and (d) prohibit vending in center medians; and (2) direct the City Attorney to prepare ordinance to be presented for City Council consideration in July, 2021. The motion carried with Member Perry voting no.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

There were no items requested for consideration at a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

CARMEN SOTO
Deputy City Clerk