

City of Arts & Innovation

## BUDGET ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2023, 5 P.M.  
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE  
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER  
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

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PRESENT: Chair Burns, Vice Chair Benavidez, Commissioner Williams, Weinrich, Bello, Wroten, Hutchins, Thomas, Valiente, Holley, Langner, Vandenberg, Scott-Coe

ABSENT: Commissioners Adame

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Martinez, Kristie Thomas, Phadra Norton, Edward Enriquez, Rafael Guzman, Margery Haupt, Michelle Davis, Gilbert Hernandez, George Khalil, Lee Withers, Erin Christmas, Brandi Becker, Carl Carrie, Gabriella Garcia, Rene Goldman, Angel Guo, Trevor Kamhiriri, Angela King, Edward Lara, Noemi Lopez, Robyn Peterson, Michael Moore, Kaitlin Reiersen, Shari Call, Tracy Sato, Jeff DeLaurie, and others

The Budget Engagement Commission meeting convened at 5:04 p.m.

### CONSIDERATION OF REMOTE PARTICIPATION PER ASSEMBLY BILL 2449

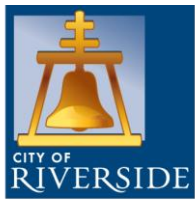
There were no Budget Engagement Commissioner requesting to participate remotely.

### ELECTION OF CHAIR

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas and second by Vice Chair Benavidez to reelect Chair Burns for a term of one year. The motion was carried with Commissioner Williams, Bello, Wroten, Hutchins, Thomas, Valiente, Holley, Langner, Vandenberg, Scott-Coe voting aye, Chair Burns, Vice Chair Benavidez, and Commissioner Weinrich abstaining, and with Commissioner Adame absent.

### ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hutchins and second by Commissioner Weinrich to reelect Vice Chair Benavidez for a term of one year. The motion carries unanimously with Commissioner Adame absent.



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### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Patricia Reynolds spoke regarding Item #14 for the Cheech Marin Center for Chicano Art & Culture. Tom Evans spoke on item #10 regarding the Measure Z Spending Plan. Susan Grey spoke regarding item #14 for the Cheech Marin Center for Chicano Art & Culture.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Commissioner Hutchins and seconded by Commissioner Weinrich to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item. The motion was carried unanimously with Commissioners Adame absent.

### MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of January 11, 2024, and February 8, 2024 were approved as presented.

### ATTENDANCE

The absence of Commissioner Valiente from the Budget Engagement Commission meeting on January 11, 2024, was excused.

The absence of Commissioner Thomas, Smith, Valiente, Vandenberg, and Scott- Coe from the Budget Engagement Commission meeting on February 8, 2024, was excused.

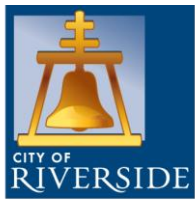
### DISCUSSION CALENDAR

#### ABSENCE

It was moved by Commissioner Hutchins and Second by Vice Chair Benavidez to excuse the absence of Commissioner Weinrich, Smith and Swayzer from Budget Engagement Commission meeting on January 11, 2024. The motion was carried unanimously with Commissioner Adame absent.

#### ABSENCE

It was moved by Commissioner Scott- Coe and Second by Hutchins to excuse the absence of Commissioner Williams, and Holley from the Budget Engagement Commission meeting on February 8, 2024. The motion was carried with Commissioner Williams, Weinrich, Bello, Wroten, Hutchins, Valiente, Holley, Langner, Vandenberg, Scott-Coe voting aye, Commissioner Thomas voting nay, and Commissioner Adame absent.



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### MEASURE Z SPENDING PLAN REVIEW

Following discussion, it was motioned by Commissioner Vandenburg and seconded by Commissioner Bello to (1) add a specific line item to the Measure Z spending plan for seniors and disabled programming in the upcoming FY 2024-2026 biennial budget; (2) recommend staff, during budget development, make it a priority to ensure the Measure Z spending plan does not further the deficit; (3) recommend Measure Z is not proposed as a solution to possible General Fund deficit issues in relation to the General Fund Transfer (GFT); and (4) recommend future community engagement on the budget employs the City's new community engagement policy. Motion passes with Chair Burns, Vice Chair Benavidez, Commissioner Williams, Weinrich, Bello, Wroten, Hutchins, Thomas, Holley, Langner, Vandenburg and Scott-Coe voting aye, and Commissioner Valiente abstaining, and with Commissioner Adame absent.

Commissioner Weinrich requested a five-minute recess before this item.

### UPDATE ON OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

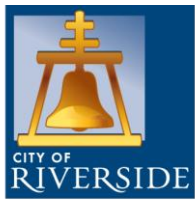
Following discussion and without formal motion, the Budget Engagement Commission received and ordered filed the update on Office of Sustainability.

### PERFORMANCE AND FISCAL IMPACT FOR THE RIVERSIDE CONVENTION CENTER, RIVERSIDE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU, AND RIVERSIDE SPORTS COMMISSION

Following discussion and without formal motion, the Budget Engagement Commission received and ordered filed the Performance and fiscal impact for the Riverside Convention Center, Riverside Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Riverside Sports Commission.

### PERFORMANCE AND FISCAL IMPACT FOR THE FOX PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM, AND THE BOX

Following discussion and without formal motion, the Budget Engagement Commission received and ordered filed the Performance and fiscal impact for the Fox Performing Arts Center, Riverside Municipal Auditorium, and the Box.



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### PERFORMANCE AND FISCAL IMPACT FOR THE CHEECH MARIN CENTER FOR CHICANO ART & CULTURE

Following discussion and without formal motion, the Budget Engagement Commission received and ordered filed the Performance and fiscal impact for the Cheech Marin Center for Chicano Art and Culture.

### COMMISSION MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

#### CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER UPDATE

The Budget Engagement Commission received an update from Assistant Chief Finance Officer/ Finance director, Kristie Thomas.

#### ITEMS FOR FUTURE BUDGET ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

Vice Chair Benavidez requested information on reducing the number of members needed for quorum to reflect on how many seats are actively filled. Commissioner Weinrich requested that the Office of Sustainability provide the Public benefit program for the electric and water utilities, and the cost for the Compost program.

Chair Burns adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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ELIZABETH MARTINEZ  
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