



City of Arts & Innovation

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024, 1 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET

PRESENT: Mayor Lock Dawson and Councilmembers Edwards, Cervantes, Fierro, Conder, Perry, and Hemenway and Councilwoman Plascencia

ABSENT: None

Mayor Lock Dawson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Councilmember Perry gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Plascencia joined the meeting during public comments.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Faye Marshman spoke regarding a halfway house in Arlington Heights neighborhood. Mary Humboldt spoke regarding a halfway house in Arlington Heights neighborhood, forming a task force for rehabilitation facilities and CalTrans meeting regarding freeway widening from Jackson Street to Mary Street. Michele Sheehe spoke regarding residential treatment housing. Malissa McKeith spoke regarding residential treatment housing and Urban Forestry Manual on the Consent Calendar. Mike McCarthy spoke regarding the March Air Force Base Upper Plateau Project and warehousing event at University of California, Riverside. One caller spoke regarding the Code of Ethics and Conduct. One caller spoke regarding retail theft and video with Governor Gavin Newsom. Warren Lacker spoke regarding Gavin Newsom video.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Edwards reported on the Annual Black History Parade and Expo, Northside Neighborhood improvement and Downtown Area Neighborhood Alliance meetings, and lunch office hours on Valentines Day. Councilmember Cervantes thanked the Volunteers for Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful event and reported on the Eastside Residents of Eastside Active Leadership meeting, University Neighborhood meeting, Black History Parade and Expo, flag raising ceremony for Black History Month, and recognition of the Judith Hernandez Exhibition at The Cheech Museum. Councilmember Fierro reported on Vicinity Healthcare Grand opening on Brockton Avenue. Councilmember Conder reported on Riverside County Transportation Commission workshop, Public Safety Neighborhood tour, Mission Banquet at Wood Crest Christian High School, constituent with water pressure was resolved and thanked staff for their assistance. Councilwoman



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Plascencia thanked Public Utilities and Public works for assisting on the streets with the weather impediments, University of California, Riverside for the invitation to participate in the Ignite Event, the Area Commander for coming to a community meeting to discuss public safety and reported on office hours and 91 Freeway and Adams Street interchange community meeting. Councilmember Perry reported on Kaiser dedication on the 5-story parking structure and clearing storm drains. Councilmember Hemenway reported on Alvord Spirit Run. Mayor Lock Dawson thanked Public Works, Fire, and Police Departments for all the rescues including 7 puppy rescues, Public Private Partnership Task Force meeting, Annual Black History Parade and Expo, Public Safety Neighborhood tour and Downtown Area Neighborhood Alliance meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETING

The City Council Governmental Processes Committee will conduct a meeting on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 3:30 p.m., in the Art Pick Council Chamber.

The City Council Mobility and Infrastructure Committee will conduct a meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., in the Art Pick Council Chamber.

COMMUNICATIONS

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The City Council received an update on intergovernmental relations and legislation.

HOMELESS SOLUTIONS UPDATE

The City Council received an update on homeless solutions.

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

The City Council received an update on sustainability.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2024 UPDATE

The City Council received an update on the 2024 Municipal Election.

LEGAL UPDATE

There was no legal update.



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COUNCILMEMBERS DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared at this time.

PRESENTATIONS

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

Mayor Lock Dawson presented a Proclamation to Dia De Los Muertos Founder, Cosme Cordova for 20 years in service to the City of Riverside.

CITY MANAGER DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW AND EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

The City Council received and ordered filed the City Manager Department overview of the City Manager's Office and employee recognition.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Hemenway and seconded by Councilmember Perry to approve the Consent Calendar as presented affirming the actions appropriate to each item. The motion carried unanimously with Mayor Lock Dawson voting aye on the filing of the resignation of Christine L. Roberts from the Planning Commission Ward 2 seat.

BOARD AND COMMISSION RESIGNATION

The Mayor and City Council filed the resignation of Christine L. Roberts from the Planning Commission Ward 2 seat.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings on January 9, 16, and 23, 2024, were approved as presented.

URBAN FORESTRY POLICY MANUAL UPDATES

The City Council approved the Land Use, Sustainability, and Resilience Committee recommendation to approve the updated Urban Forestry Policy Manual.

TITLE 20 CULTURAL RESOURCES AMENDMENT - ORDINANCE ADOPTED

The City Council adopted an Ordinance amending numerous sections of Title 20 the Riverside Municipal Code regarding Cultural Resources; whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waived, Ordinance No. 7657 of the City Council of the City



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of Riverside, California, Amending Numerous Sections of Title 20 the Riverside Municipal Code Regarding Cultural Resources, was presented and adopted.

AIRCRAFT HANGAR DONATION - MUNICIPAL AIRPORT - 6951 FLIGHT

The City Council (1) authorized the acceptance of one donated 1,058 square-foot aircraft hangar, valued in the amount of \$30,000, as a gift to the Riverside Municipal Airport; and (2) authorized the Chief Financial Officer, or his designee, to execute the bill of sale.

RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT FUEL FLOWAGE FEE INCREASE

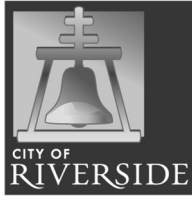
The City Council approved an increase to the Riverside Municipal Airport Fuel Flowage Fee from \$.05 to \$.10 per gallon.

MASTER FRINGE BENEFITS AND SALARY PLAN - RESOLUTION

The City Council (1) approved the creation of the new classifications and salary ranges for the Wastewater Maintenance Mechanic I and the Senior Treasury Representative; (2) approved the title changes for the existing Wastewater Maintenance Mechanic and the Revenue Representative classifications; (3) adopted a Resolution amending the Master Fringe Benefits and Salary Plan to reflect the creation of the new classifications and salary ranges for the Wastewater Maintenance Mechanic I and the Senior Treasury Representative; and the title changes for the existing Wastewater Maintenance Mechanic and the Revenue Representative Classifications; whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waived, Resolution No. 24081 of the City Council of the City of Riverside, California, Amending Resolution No. 21052 and the Master Fringe Benefits and Salary Plan to Approve the Creation of the New Classifications and Salary Ranges for the Wastewater Maintenance Mechanic I and the Senior Treasury Representative; and the Title Changes to the Existing Wastewater Maintenance Mechanic and Revenue Representative Classifications, was presented and adopted.

CHANGE ORDER AUTHORITY - GAGE CANAL MULTI-PURPOSE RECREATIONAL TRAIL

The City Council authorized an increase in change order authority from 10 percent (\$53,243.17) to 20 percent (\$106,486.33) in the amount of \$106,486.33, increasing the not-to-exceed total compensation amount to \$638,917.98 for project changes including, but not limited to, unforeseen conditions or necessary design changes.



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DECLARE HELICOPTERS AS SURPLUS PROPERTY

The City Council (1) declared two Hughes/McDonnell Douglas 500E helicopters as surplus property to the needs of the City; and (2) approved the sale of the two Hughes/McDonnell Douglas 500E helicopters.

FEDERAL HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CYCLE XI PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT - PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS - VARIOUS LOCATIONS - MEDIAN AND HIGH FRICTION SURFACE TREATMENT - MISSION INN/REDWOOD/SCOUT - RESOLUTION

The City Council (1) approved the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle XI Program Supplemental Agreement, No. 08-5058F15-F051-ISTEA, with Caltrans; and (2) adopted the resolution designating the City Manager, or designee, as the official to execute all Master Agreements, Program Supplemental Agreements, and/or subsequent supplements and amendments thereto with Caltrans for federal and/or state funded projects; whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waived, Resolution No. 24082 of the City Council of the City of Riverside, California, for Designation of the City Manager, or his Designee, to Execute Agreements with the State of California, Department of Transportation, for Certain Federal and/or State Funded Transportation Projects; and Rescinding Resolution No. 23870, was presented and adopted.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 2023 SAFE STREETS FOR ALL PROGRAM GRANT - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Cervantes to (1) approve the acceptance of a grant award in the amount of \$11,104,807, under the 2023 Safe Streets For All (SS4A) Program as administered by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) for the construction of the South Main Complete Streets Project and the development of Citywide supplemental safety action plans; (2) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary documents in the process of securing funds under the 2023 Safe Streets For All (SS4A) Program, including making minor and non-substantive changes and executing agreement amendments and extensions, subject to the availability of budgeted funds; (3) authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record an increase in grant revenue and appropriate expenditures in the amounts of \$10,784,807 in the Capital Outlay-Grants Fund, South Main Complete Streets Project revenue and expenditure



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accounts and \$320,000 in the Capital Outlay-Grants Fund, Speed Limit Reduction Project revenue and expenditure accounts; and (4) authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record a supplemental appropriation in the amounts of \$2,696,202 in the Measure A Fund, South Main Complete Streets expenditure account and \$80,000 in the Measure A Fund, Speed Limit Reduction Project expenditure account, for the City match portion of the grant. The motion carried unanimously.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION 2024 DRAFT TRAFFIC RELIEF PLAN UPDATE

Following discussion and without formal motion, the City Council received and ordered filed an update from the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) regarding the 2024 Draft Traffic Relief Plan.

CONSIDER RETENTION OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL OR REALLOCATE FUND TO HIRE ADDITIONAL CITY ATTORNEY OFFICE STAFF

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Cervantes and seconded by Councilmember Edwards to authorize an increase in 5.0 Full Time Equivalent positions in the Liability Trust Fund, City Attorney's Office, and approve re-allocation of \$220,855 from the Liability Trust Fund, Outside Legal Services account to the Liability Trust Fund, Salary and Benefits accounts to hire 2 additional Sr. Deputy City Attorneys, 1 Paralegal, and 2 Legal Secretaries to handle this matter and other matters currently being handled by outside counsel. The motion carried with Councilmember Conder voting no.

CLOSED SESSIONS

The City Council adjourned to closed sessions at 3:58 p.m. pursuant to Government Code (1) §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning (a) Tony Platt v City of Riverside, Riverside County Superior Court Case No. RIC1822011; and (b) City of Riverside v. Tony Platt, et al., Riverside County Superior Court Case No. COC1900185; (2) §§54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive from legal counsel concerning Timothy Roy v. City of Riverside, WCAB Claim No.(s): 220010/ADJ14870826, 220024/ADJ14832404, 200007/ADJ13336391; (3) 54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive from legal counsel concerning Lawrence Gonzalez v. City of Riverside, WCAB Claim No. (s): ADJ18284298; (4) §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive from legal counsel concerning Frank Assumma v. City of Riverside, WCAB Claim No.(s): 210270; (5) §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning



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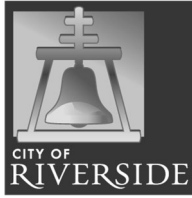
Dezsanee Jones v. City of Riverside, et. al., United States Central District Court Case No. 5:22-cv-1764-SSS-SP; (6) §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning Scott Simpson, et. al. v. City of Riverside; all persons interested in the matter of the validity of City of Riverside Resolution no. 24042 regarding setting new rates for water utility service, adopted September 19, 2023, et. al., Riverside County Superior Court Case No. CVRI2400374; (7) §54957(a) for consultation with Chief of Police Larry Gonzalez, or his respective deputy, and Chief Information Officer George Khalil regarding threat to public services or facilities; (8) §54956.9(d)(2) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning anticipated litigation - one case; (9) §54956.9(d)(4) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning the City Council deciding whether to initiate litigation regarding one case; (10) §54957.6 to review the City Council's position and instruct designated representatives regarding salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of all Executive Management employees except the City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk, all Management and Confidential employees as defined by PERS, Fire Management Unit, Riverside City Firefighters Association, Riverside Police Officers Association (Police and Police Supervisory Units), Service Employees International Union #721, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers #47, and Riverside Police Administrators Association; (11) §54957 for performance evaluation of City Manager; and (12) §54957.6 to review the City Council's position and instruct designated representatives regarding salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of unrepresented employee for City Manager.

The City Council returned to open session at 6:33 p.m. with Mayor Lock Dawson presiding and all Councilmembers present except Councilmember Conder and Councilwoman Plascencia.

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CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSIONS

City Attorney Norton announced there were no reportable actions taken during closed session.



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ITEMS FOR FUTURE CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Councilmember Cervantes requested (1) a report on (1) industrial warehouses by March 2024 and (2) discussion to determine the City's position on legislative bills. Councilwoman Plascencia referred Assembly Bill 1960 Retail Theft Bill to the Safety, Wellness, and Youth Committee.

The City Council adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk