CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025, 1:00 P.M. ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER 3900 MAIN STREET

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PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Conder, and Councilmembers Falcone, Cervantes, Robillard,

Mill, Perry, and Hemenway

ABSENT: Mayor Lock Dawson

Mayor Pro Tem Conder called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., gave the invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS IN PERSON/TELEPHONE

Errol Koshewitz spoke regarding a letter he wrote to Kash Patel and Pam Bondi regarding City of Riverside's business with the United States Treasury Automatic Clearing House and vendor list. Rich Gardner spoke about the passing of Duane Roberts, requested a moment of silence, and mentioned a resolution City Council passed related to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) relations. Jose Bedolla spoke regarding seeking guidance in a lawsuit filed against him for property damage and personal injury.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Falcone reported on remembering Duane Roberts, Salute to Veterans Parade, Northside Improvement Association meeting, Neighbors of the Woodstreets, Downtown Alliance meetings, and groundbreaking of the Cesar Chavez Community Center renovation. Councilmember Cervantes reported on Day of the Dead Festival and requested City Council to consider taking up the matter early or if possible, to attend the City Council meeting virtually regarding items related to waving the Sunshine Ordinance to consider reallocating to an emergency food access program to provide food assistance to City of Riverside residents who are participants in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Councilmember Robillard reported on the passing of Duane Roberts, Halloween Carnival at Nichols Park, Celebration of Life event for Scott Wilson, and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Community Meeting. Councilmember Mill reported on addressing public comments directed toward City employees, condolences to the Roberts family for the passing of Duane Roberts, Your Money Your Voice community workshop and Veterans Parade. Councilmember Perry reported on the upcoming Tim Strack Park Grand Opening. Councilmember Hemenway expressed condolences to the Roberts family and reported on the CDBG Annual Action Plan meeting at La Sierra Senior Center. Councilmember Conder reported on the Association of Defense Communities (ADC) Installation Innovation Forum (IIF), Duane Roberts birthday, and joining the County to honor him posthumously.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The City Council Governmental Processes Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 9 a.m. in the Art Pick Council Chamber.

The City Council Land Use Committee is scheduled for Monday, November 10, 2025, at 9 a.m. in the Art Pick Council Chamber.

The City Council Finance Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 3 p.m. in the Art Pick Council Chamber.

COMMUNICATIONS

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

There were no updates from the City Manager's Office.

COUNCILMEMBERS DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND EX PARTE There were no conflicts of interest nor ex-parte communications declared at this time.

PRESENTATIONS

INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The City Council received a presentation on the Innovation and Technology Department overview and employee recognition.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The City Council received a presentation on Finance Department overview and employee recognition.

NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL HERITAGE MONTH

Mayor Pro Tem Conder presented a Proclamation recognizing Native American Cultural Heritage Month.

REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY

Councilmember Cervantes requested to leave the City Council meeting early and join remotely due to childcare. Per Government Code §54953, a Councilmember can attend meetings remotely if, a Member notifies the legislative body at the earliest opportunity possible, including at the start of the meeting, and articulates the need for just cause.

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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 except the item regarding the Mayor's request for approval of travel expenses for South Korea as it was pulled from the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARDS AND COMMISIONS APPOINTMENTS

The City Council appointed (1) Kathleen Fanning to Board of Ethics Ward 4 seat; and (2) Marion H. Cronin to Human Resources Board Ward 5 seat.

MINUTES

The minutes for meeting of October 21, 2025, were approved as presented.

CASE PR-2025-001793 - TITLE 19 ZONING CODE AMENDMENT - ORDINANCE ADOPTED The City Council adopted an Ordinance amending Title 19 (Zoning Code) of the Riverside Municipal Code amending numerous Sections of Title 19, including but not limited to Articles II (Zoning Code Administration, Interpretation, and Enforcement), V (Base Zones and Related Use and Development Provisions), VII (Specific Land Use Provisions), VIII (Site Planning and General Development Provisions), and IX (Land Use Development Permit Requirements/Procedures); and other minor, non-substantive changes and technical corrections as required to provide clarity, correct errors, or remove redundancy.

Whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waived, Ordinance No. 7743 of the City of Riverside, California, Amending Numerous Sections of Title 19, was presented and adopted.

CASE PR-2025-001800 - TITLES 18, 19, AND 20 ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENTS - ORDINANCE ADOPTED

The City Council adopted an Ordinance amending Title 18 (Subdivision Code), Title 19 (Zoning Code), and Title 20 (Cultural Resources Code) of the Riverside Municipal Code amending various Sections of Titles 18, 19, and 20 including but not limited to Title 18 Article III (Maps and Permits), Title 19 Article VII (Specific Land Use Provisions), and Title 20; and other minor, non-substantive changes and technical corrections as required to achieve consistency with California Government Code.



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Whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waived, Ordinance No. 7744 of the City of Riverside, California, Amending Various Sections of Title 18, 19 and 20, was presented and adopted.

GRANT 2025 NATIONAL URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE (USAR) RESPONSE SYSTEM READINESS COOPERATVE AGREEMENT - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

The City Council (1) accepted a grant awarded from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for the 2025 National Urban Search and Rescue Response System Readiness Cooperative Agreement in the amount of \$1,517,811; (2) upon receipt of the grant award, authorized the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record an increase in revenues in the amount of \$1,517,811, or the actual award amount, and appropriate an equal amount of expenditures in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, USAR 2025 revenue and expenditure accounts; and (3) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to sign related Urban Search and Rescue Response System funding documents from the Department of Homeland Security - FEMA, USAR 2025, including making minor and non-substantive changes.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL EXPENSE REQUEST - SOUTH KOREA This item was pulled from the agenda.

DEACCESSION OF OBJECTS - MUSEUM OF RIVERSIDE'S HERITAGE HOUSE PERMANENT COLLECTION

The City Council approved deaccession from the Heritage House permanent collection, where applicable, of four (4) objects: a table (O271), two chairs (A500-83; unknown accession number), and a lamp (RMA 8).

DEACCESSION OF OBJECTS - LISA L. ANDERSEN AND WILLIAM M. A. SWAFFORD COLLECTION - MUSEUM OF RIVERSIDE'S PERMANENT COLLECTION

The City Council approved deaccession from the permanent collection of the Lisa L. Andersen and William M. A. Swafford collection (A1814) comprised of sixteen (16) baskets, eight (8) woven plaques, four (4) gourds, thirteen (13) kachina figures, fifteen (15) masks, one (1) shield, three (3) wooden plaques, and one (1) totem pole.

LA84 FOUNDATION GRANT AGREEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 - AQUATIC PROGRAMS - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

The City Council (1) accepted the LA84 Foundation Grant in the amount of \$20,000 and authorized the City Manager or designee to execute the Grant Agreement and all



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necessary documents for acceptance of the grant; and (2) authorized the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record an increase in revenues in the amount of \$20,000 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Aquatics grant revenue and expenditure accounts.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2207 AGREEMENT - SECURITY SERVICES - FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS The City Council (1) approved the Services Agreement with Contemporary Services Corporation, Northridge, California, to provide security services for Festival of Lights for an initial term through January 31, 2027, in the amount of \$608,623.46 with an option to extend for one (1) additional one-year term; (2) authorized a 10 percent change order authority in the amount of \$60,862 to the agreement with Contemporary Services Corporation for changes including, but not limited to, visitor safety and unforeseen conditions; and (3) authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Services Agreement with Contemporary Services Corporation Northridge, California, including making minor and non-substantive changes, subject to availability of funds.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2474 AGREEMENT - HOLIDAY DÉCOR SERVICES - FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

The City Council (1) approved the Services Agreement with Southern California Lighting Inc., dba The Christmas Kings, Lake Elsinore, to provide holiday décor services for Festival of Lights for an initial term through January 31, 2027, in the amount of \$360,000 with an option to extend for one additional two-year term; (2) authorized a 10 percent change order authority to the agreement with Southern California Lighting Inc., dba The Christmas Kings, for changes including, but not limited to, visitor safety, repairs, and unforeseen conditions; and (3) authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Services Agreement with Southern California Lighting Inc., dba The Christmas Kings, Lake Elsinore, including making minor and non-substantive changes, subject to availability of funds.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT - OVERTIME REIMBURSEMENT - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

The City Council (1) approved the Memorandum of Agreement with the United States Department of Justice Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives for the reimbursement of overtime salary costs associated with participation in the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Task Force with a term ending September 30, 2030; (2) authorized the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record an increase in revenues and appropriate expenditures in the amount of \$21,740.50, or in amount of the award, in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms Task Force



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2025-2026 Program revenue and expenditure accounts; and (3) authorized the Chief of Police to execute the Memorandum of Agreement with the United States Department of Justice Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and explosives for the reimbursement of overtime salary costs associated with participation in the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Task Force for the term of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2030.

GRANT AGREEMENT - UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING, 2025-2026 LAW ENFORCEMENT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS ACT GRANT AWARD - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

The City Council (1) approved an agreement accepting the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, 2025-2026 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Implementation Projects grant award in the amount of \$200,000 for the period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2027; (2) upon receipt of the grant award, authorized the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record an increase in revenue in the amount of \$200,000, or the actual the grant award, and appropriate expenditures in the same amount in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, 2025-2026 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Implementation Program revenue and expenditure accounts; and (3) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute all grant documents and any subsequent amendments or modifications with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, 2025-2026 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Implementation Projects Grant Program, including making minor and non-substantive changes.

AGREEMENT AMENDMENT - TRANSPORTATION UNIFORM MITIGATION FEE PROGRAM - VAN BUREN BOULEVARD WIDENING PROJECT - JURUPA/SANTA ANA RIVER BRIDGE - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

The City Council (1) approved the First Amendment to the Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee Program Agreement with the Western Riverside Council of Governments for the Van Buren Boulevard Widening Project from Jurupa Avenue to the Santa Ana River Bridge for the planning, engineering, and construction phases in the amount of \$4,475,000, increasing the total agreement amount to \$4,635,000; (2) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute the First Amendment to the Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee Program Agreement with the Western Riverside Council of Governments, including making minor and non-substantive changes; and (3) authorized the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record an increase in revenues and appropriate an equal amount in expenditures in the amount of \$4,568,911.37 in the Transportation



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Uniform Mitigation Fee Fund, Van Buren Boulevard - Jurupa SAR Bridge project revenue and expenditure accounts.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY - PURCHASE, SALE, AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT - SOUTHEAST CORNER OF HOLE AND BUSHNELL - RESOLUTION The Successor Agency (1) adopted a resolution authorizing the execution of the Purchase, Sale, and Development Agreement with R.C. Hobbs Company, Inc., for the sale of the property for \$560,000 to facilitate the development of a multi-family residential project with 15 percent affordable housing; (2) recommended that the Countywide Oversight Board adopt a Board resolution authorizing the execution of the Purchase, Sale, and Development Agreement with R.C. Hobbs Company, Inc., for the sale of the property in accordance with the California Department of Finance approved Long-Range Property Management Plan to be presented to the Countywide Oversight Board for final consideration and approval; and (3) authorized the Executive Director, or designee, to take all actions, including making minor and non-substantive changes, and execute the Purchase, Sale, and Development Agreement with R.C. Hobbs Company, Inc.

Whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waived, Resolution No. 58 of the City Council of the City of Riverside, California, as Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Riverside Approving a Purchase, Sale, and Development Agreement with R. C. Hobbs Company, Inc., for the Sale of 0.945 Acres of Successor Agency-Owned Vacant Land, Identified as Assessor Parcel Numbers 146-231-016, -017, -027, -031, -032, -033, -034, and -036, Located on the Southeast Corner of Hole and Bushnell Avenues, Riverside, California, for the Development of a 33-Unit, 15 percent Affordable Multi-Family Residential Project in the Sale Amount Of \$560,000, was presented and adopted.

CLOSED SESSIONS

The Mayor and City Council adjourned to Closed Session at 2:04 p.m. pursuant to Government Code (1) §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning Katie Mendonca v. City of Riverside, WCAB Claim No(s): ADJ13163911; (2) §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning Ronald Nunan v. City of Riverside, WCAB Claim No(s): ADJ4378973, ADJ15593503, ADJ14573066, ADJ9004740, ADJ4670259, ADJ21208677, ADJ21219328, ADJ2239108, ADJ9482712; (3) §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning Marvin Braun v. City of Riverside, WCAB Claim No(s): 230045;

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ADJ18242600; (4) §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning Goodrich Corporation, et al. v. City of Riverside, et al., U.S. District Court Central Case No. 5:24-cv-2640-KK-DTB and City of Riverside v. Black & Decker (U.S.), Inc., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC410878; (5) §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning Friends of Riverside's Hills v. City of Riverside, Riverside Superior Court Case No. CVRI2505311; (6) §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning City of Riverside v. Sun Trust, Riverside Superior Court Case No. CVRI2501973; (7) §54956.9(d)(2) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning anticipated litigation regarding one case; (8) §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; (9) §54957(a) for consultation with Larry Gonzalez, Riverside Chief of Police, or his respective deputy, and George Khalil, Chief Innovation Officer regarding threat to public services or facilities; and (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.

The Mayor Pro Tem and City Council reconvened to open session at 3:00 p.m. with Mayor Pro Tem Conder presiding and all Councilmembers present except Councilmember Cervantes.

PUBLIC HEARING

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2452 AGREEMENT - PARK RIVERSIDE DOWNTOWN VALET PROGRAM - ORDINANCE INTRODUCED - RESOLUTION

Public hearing was held to consider approval of a service agreement to operate a six-month pilot program for the Park Riverside Downtown Valet Program. No one spoke on the matter. The public hearing was officially closed.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Falcone and Councilmember Robillard to accept the Mobility and Infrastructure Committee recommendations to (1) approve Agreement with Ace Parking III, LLC., to operate a six-month pilot program



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Riverside for the Park Downtown Valet Program for \$334,595.85 10 percent change order authority of \$33,460 beginning January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026, with two, one-year extensions, not-to-exceed a total term of two years and six months; (2) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the agreement including making minor, non-substantiative changes, and contract extensions; (3) amend the City of Riverside's Master Fees and Charges Schedule; (4) introduce and subsequent adopt an Ordinance amending the Riverside Municipal Code (RMC) Chapter 3.30 Section 3.30.030 - Schedule of Regulations, Products and Services, subsection XI - Public Parking - Public Works, to add one additional category titled Valet Parking; (5) adopt a Resolution approving the addition of one new category and two new fees related to valet parking to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Master Fees and Charges Schedule; and (6) direct staff to return to City Council with a status update on the program by the sixth month of operation for future consideration. The motion carried unanimously with Councilmember Cervantes absent.

Whereupon, an ordinance entitled "an Ordinance of the City of Riverside, California, amending Chapter 3.30 of the Riverside Municipal Code, to Add One Subsection to the Schedule of Regulations, Products, and Services", was presented and introduced.

Whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waived, Resolution No. 24324 of the City Council of the City of Riverside, California, Amending the City's Master Fees and Charges Schedule as Set Forth in Resolution No. 21960, as Amended, Establishing the Valet Parking Fee, and Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Amend the Master Fees and Charges Schedule, was presented and adopted.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

WAIVE SUNSHINE ORDINANCE - SENIOR SUPPLEMENTAL RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Mill and seconded by Councilmember Perry to waive the Sunshine Ordinance pursuant to Riverside Municipal Code Section 4.05.050(D)(2) to hear the item to consider reallocating \$100,000 from the Senior Supplemental Rental Assistance Program to an emergency food access program to assist households impacted by the federal government shutdown. The motion carried unanimously with Councilmember Cervantes absent.

Councilmember Cervantes participated remotely.



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AGREEMENT - SENIOR SUPPLEMENTAL RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - REALLOCATE FUNDS

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Mill and seconded by Councilmember Perry to (1) approve reallocating \$100,000 from the Senior Supplemental Rental Assistance Program to the Salvation Army Emergency Food Access Program to provide food assistance to City of Riverside residents who are participants in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and federal employees financially impacted by the federal government shutdown; (2) approve a Professional Consulting Services Agreement with the Salvation Army for the expansion of the Emergency Food Access Program, and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Agreement to be prepared by the City Attorney's Office, including making minor and non-substantive changes; (3) approve a carryover of unexpected funds of \$100,000 from Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in the General Fund, Senior Supplemental Rental Assistance Program account into Fiscal Year 2025-2026; and (4) authorize the City Manager of designee to execute the Professional Consulting Services Agreement with the Salvation Army, including making minor and non-substantive changes. The motion carried unanimously.

WAIVE SUNSHINE ORDINANCE - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Mill and seconded by Councilmember Robillard to waive the Sunshine Ordinance pursuant to Riverside Municipal Code Section 4.05.050(D)(2) to hear the item authorizing Mayor Lock Dawson, or her designee, to execute a nonbinding Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Riverside and Chaevi Co., Ltd. The motion carried unanimously.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Robillard and seconded by Councilmember Perry to authorize Mayor Lock Dawson, or her designee, to execute the Memorandum of Understanding including making minor and non-substantive changes. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSIONS

City Attorney Rebecca Reimbold-McKee announced there were no reportable actions taken in Closed Session.



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ITEMS FOR FUTURE CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY MAYOR OR MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL - CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORT Councilmember Mill requested an update on the Riverside City Non-Profit Resilient Fund.

The City Council adjourned the meeting at 3:56 p.m. in memory of Duane Roberts.

Respectfully submitted,

DONESIA GAUSE City Clerk