

City of Arts & Innovation

BUDGET ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2026, 5 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

PRESENT: Vice Chair Vandenberg, Commissioner Wroten, Hutchins, Ward, Benavidez, and Langner

ABSENT: Chair Williams, Commissioner Ayra, Bello, and Tsherednikov

STAFF PRESENT: Peter Kakos, Susan Wilson, Miranda Evans and others

The Budget Engagement Commission meeting was convened at 5:02 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no one wishing to address the Commission.

CONSENT CALENDAR

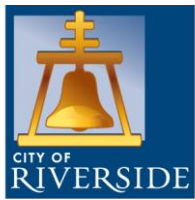
It was moved by Commissioner Hutchins and seconded by Commissioner Benavidez to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item. The motion carried unanimously with Chair Williams, Commissioner Ayra, Bello, and Tsherednikov absent.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of June 11, 2026, were approved as presented.

ATTENDANCE

The absences of Commissioners Tsherednikov from the June 11, 2026, meeting was excused as presented.



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DISCUSSION CALENDAR

CANNABIS RETAIL PROGRAM UPDATE

Following discussion and without formal motion this item was received and filed

COMMISSION MEMBER/ STAFF COMMUNICATION

FINANCE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Peter Kakos, Budget Manager, provided an update for the Commission

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BUDGET ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

Commissioner Hutchins requested the BEC Scope and Q3 Financial update be moved to the September BEC meeting. Commissioner Ward requested to agendize an economic update as it relates to Measure Z funding. Commissioner Langner requested an update on the impact of the drones this year.

Vice Chair Vandenberg adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Martinez
Executive Assistant