



## CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025, 3:00 P.M.  
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER  
3900 MAIN STREET

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PRESENT: Mayor Lock Dawson and Councilmembers Falcone, Cervantes, Robillard, Conder, Mill, Perry, and Hemenway

ABSENT: None

Mayor Lock Dawson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS IN PERSON/TELEPHONE

Errol Koshewitz spoke regarding the City's vendor list, and Aurora Chavez spoke regarding the senior meals program.

#### MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Falcone reported on the Lincoln Park Thanksgiving celebration and community meeting, Festival of Lights (FOL) Switch-On Ceremony, Snow Day at Bordwell Park, Northside Improvement Association Christmas Party, and the Riverside History Walk Rededication Ceremony. Councilmember Cervantes reported on the Riverside Firefighters Union senior meal events, thanked Athens Services for turkey giveaway sponsorship, Lincoln Park Thanksgiving celebration, thanked the Riverside Chamber of Commerce for the FOL Switch-On Ceremony, Sycamore Canyon community meeting, Taft Park Playground grand re-opening, Nuestra Navidad Riverside Latino Network event, Casa Blanca Community Action Group Holiday Potluck, Mission Grove Neighborhood Meeting, and the University Neighborhood Meeting. Councilmember Robillard reported on Sweet Moments at Midtown Christmas Edition and Mayor's Senior Forum at Janet Goeske Center. Councilmember Conder hoped everyone had a memorable and blessed Thanksgiving, reported on the FOL Switch-On Ceremony and asked residents to report any potholes created after the recent rains. Councilmember Mill reported on the new police officer swearing in ceremony, Jerry Pulido with the Casa Blanca Home and Neighborly Services Thanksgiving food giveaway, Country Club Mobile Home Park Thanksgiving dinner, and Bournes Family Youth Innovation Center signage placed along Van Buren leading to the center, Pickle Ball Court Grand Opening at Arlington Park, Winter Wonderland at Hunt Park, and breakfast with Santa at Villegas Park. Councilmember Perry reported on the grand opening of The Giving Machine and Christmas at Heritage House. Councilmember Hemenway reported on the La Sierra University 78th Annual Candlelight Concert. Mayor Lock Dawson reported on the Mission Belles Christmas Caroles, Senior Forum at Janet Goeske Center, opportunities to support the senior neighbors, public safety and veterans, visit to Fire Station 10, Riverside Police Department Swearing In Ceremony, and Veterans Court Graduation.



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#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETING

The City Council Land Use Committee is scheduled for Monday, December 8, 2025, at 9 a.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.

#### PRESENTATION

##### PEACE TOWER 100th ANNIVERSARY

Mayor Lock Dawson presented a Proclamation to the Friends of Mount Rubidoux to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the PEACE Tower at Mount Rubidoux trail.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

##### DOWNTOWN PARKING AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA AND LEVYING ASSESSMENTS - RESOLUTION

Public hearing was called to hear and rule on any protests to the annual assessment proposed for the Riverside Downtown Parking and Business Improvement District for Calendar Year 2026 and adopt a Resolution confirming the annual report of the Riverside Downtown Partnership, acting as the advisory board to the Riverside Downtown Parking and Business Improvement District, and levying assessments for Calendar Year 2026. One person spoke on the matter. The hearing was officially closed.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Falcone and seconded by Councilmember Cervantes to adopt a Resolution confirming the annual report of the Riverside Downtown Partnership, acting as the advisory board to the Downtown Parking and Business Improvement Area and levying assessments for Calendar Year 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

Whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waived, Resolution No. 24331 of the City Council of the City of Riverside, California, Confirming the Annual Report of



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the Riverside Downtown Partnership Acting in its Capacity as the Advisory Board to the Downtown Parking and Business Improvement Area and Levying Assessments for Calendar Year 2026, was presented and adopted.

### CLOSED SESSIONS

The Mayor and City Council adjourned to Closed Session at 3:42 p.m. pursuant to Government Code (1) §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning Jason Hunter v. Gage Canal Co. and City of Riverside, Riverside Superior Court Case No. CVRI2502247; (2) §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning Scott Wilson v. City of Riverside, WCAB Claim No(s): 260076; (3) §54956.9(d)(2) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning anticipated litigation regarding one case; (4) §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; (5) §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; (6) §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; and (7) §54957 for performance evaluation of City Manager.

The Mayor and City Council reconvened at 6:15 p.m. with Mayor Lock Dawson presiding and all Councilmembers present.

Councilmember Cervantes gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS IN PERSON/TELEPHONE

Errol Koshewitz spoke regarding the City's vendor list. Patrick Maloney spoke regarding Open Mic Night at Back to the Grind, Tuesdays at the Hideaway, Euryale Brewing Company's 10th year celebration, a feature in the Riversider Magazine, and wished everyone a happy holiday season. Jason Hunter spoke regarding Proposition 218 in relation to the Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) Fiscal and Cash Reserve Policy, Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA) Semi Annual Expenditure Report and audit.



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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 with Councilmember Falcone voting no on the adoption of an Ordinance amending Section 2.08.010 and 2.08.020 and adding Section 2.09 of the Riverside Municipal Code regarding Office of the Inspector General. The motion carried unanimously.

**CHANGE ORDER TO BID 8179 - RENOVATIONS - CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - 3750 UNIVERSITY**  
The City Council (1) approved a change order in the total amount of \$111,211.34 to Bid 8179 to add Phases 1-3 for flooring replacement including moving furniture and a carpeting substitution, plus 10 percent contingency in the amount of \$11,121 for a revised total project of \$172,296.65; and (2) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute Change Order 001 and all related documents.

### **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS**

The Mayor and City Council filed the resignations of (1) Nora Moti from the Commission on Aging Ward 2 seat; and (2) Steven Herrera from the Cultural Heritage Board Ward 2 seat, effective immediately.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes for the meeting of November 18, 2025, were approved as presented.

### **CITY COUNCIL MEETING CANCELLATION**

The City Council cancelled the regularly scheduled City Council meeting of Tuesday, December 16, 2025, for lack of agenda items.

### **PLANNING CASE PR-2023-001595 SUMMARY STREET/ALLEY VACATION - RESOLUTION**

The City Council (1) determined that this proposal is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense) of the CEQA Guidelines, as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the project will have a significant effect on the environment; (2) approved Planning Case PR-2023-001595 (VC-S) for the Summary Street/Alley Vacation of 10,254 square feet of existing unimproved alleys and a portion of 11th Street, subject to the recommended conditions of approval; (3) adopted a Resolution vacating the exiting unimproved alley pursuant to the Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation Law; and



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(4) authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to execute quitclaim deeds associated with the summary street vacation as necessary.

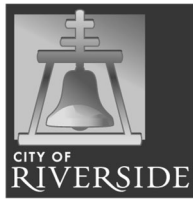
Whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waived, Resolution No. 24332 of the City Council of the City of Riverside, California, Providing for the Summary Vacation (Case No. PR-2023-001595) of an Approximately 10,254-Square-Foot Excess Right-of-Way Street, Located on the West Side of Howard Avenue, Between 10th and 12th Streets, was presented and adopted.

**JOINT COMMUNITY FACILITES AGREEMENT - RESOLUTION - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**  
The City Council (1) approved a Joint Community Facilities Agreement between the City of Riverside, Riverside Unified School District, and Century Communities of California, LLC.; (2) adopted a Resolution approving the execution of the Joint Community Facilities Agreement by the City Manager, or designee, which will allow formation of the Community Facilities District No. 42 of the Riverside Unified School District; (3) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Joint Community Facilities Agreement, related documents and the ability to make minor non-substantive changes; and (4) authorized the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record supplemental appropriation and all other accounting and financial transactions, to record bond proceeds to eligible tax-exempt capital projects.

Whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waived, Resolution No. 24333 of the City Council of the City of Riverside, Approving a Joint Community Facilities Agreement with Riverside Unified School District and Century Communities of California, LLC., for Community Facilities District No. 42 of Riverside Unified School District, was presented and adopted.

**COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2025-2 SAGECREST - ORDINANCE ADOPTED**  
The City Council adopted an Ordinance authorizing the levy of special taxes within Community Facilities District 2025-2 Sagecrest.

Whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waive, Ordinance No. 7750 of the City Council of the City of Riverside, Acting in its Capacity as the Legislative Body of Community Facilities District No. 2025-2 (Sagecrest) of the City of Riverside Authorizing the Levy of Special Taxes, was presented and adopted.



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### CALIFORNIA FIRE FIGHTER JOINT APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE FIRE TRAINING SUPPORT REIMBURSEMENT - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

The City Council (1) authorized acceptance of training reimbursement funds from California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee in the amount of \$100,000; and (2) authorized the Chief Financial Officer, or his designee, to record an increase in revenue and appropriate expenditures in the equal amount of \$100,000 in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee revenue and expenditure accounts.

### AGREEMENT - DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN CONSULTANT AND INVESTMENT ADVISOR

The City Council (1) approved the Professional Services Agreement with Shuster Advisory Group, LLC., in accordance with Purchasing Resolution 24101, Section 702 (f) through December 31, 2028, with an option to extend for two additional one-year terms; and (2) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Professional Services Agreement with Shuster Advisory Group, LLC., and all related documents, including making any minor non-substantive changes as necessary to effectuate the Agreement.

### RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT - SECTION 2.09 - ORDINANCE ADOPTED

The City Council adopted an Ordinance amending Sections 2.08.010 and 2.08.020 and adding Section 2.09 to the Riverside Municipal Code regarding the Office of the Inspector General as an administrative office and department of the City and retention of outside counsel by the Inspector General, if needed, was presented and adopted. Councilmember Falcone voted no.

Whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waive, Ordinance No. 7751 of the City of Riverside, California, Amending Sections 2.08.010 and 2.08.020 and Adding Section 2.09 of the Riverside Municipal Code Regarding the Office of the Inspector General as an Administrative Office and Department of the City and Retention of Outside Council by the Inspector General, was presented and adopted.

### INCREASE PURCHASE ORDER 260025 - LIBRARY MATERIALS AND SERVICES

The City Council (1) approved an increase in Purchase Order 260025 with Brodart Co., McElhattan, Pennsylvania, in the amount of \$116,829 for a revised purchase order amount of \$206,829 for the purchase of library materials and services; and (2) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to complete the purchase including making minor and non-substantive changes and extensions.



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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2444 AGREEMENT - DIGITAL RADIOS AND INSTALLATIONS

The City Council (1) approved the Digital Radios and Installations Services Agreement, from Request for Proposal 2444 for the Special Transportation Division with Rivcomm, Inc., Riverside, in the amount of \$203,695.75, for a one-year term with the option to extend for one additional one-year term; (2) authorized 10 percent change order authority on the base contract price in the amount of \$20,369.57, for a total contract amount of \$224,065.32; and (3) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Agreement for Digital Radios and Installations Services for the Special Transportation Division with Rivcomm, Inc., including an extension for an additional one-year term subject to budget approval, and making minor and non-substantive changes.

### RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES FISCAL AND CASH RESERVE POLICY UPDATE

The City Council approved the updated Riverside Public Utilities Fiscal and Cash Reserve Policy to establish the Section 115 Pension Trust - Unfunded Accrued Liability Reserve, including the approved Water Treatment Reserve, water fund only, and to clarify certain existing policy definitions.

### ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DEMAND REDUCTION

The City Council approved the Riverside Public Utilities updated Energy Efficiency and Demand Reduction ten-year target of 0.36 percent of annual projected retail energy sales for the period beginning 2026 through 2035.

### FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PUBLIC POWER AUTHORITY SEMI-ANNUAL EXPENDITURE REPORT

The City Council received the Southern California Public Power Authority semi-annual expenditure report for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

### AWARD BID 8201 - STORM DRAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - HOUGHTON

The City Council (1) awarded Bid 8201 for the construction of Houghton Avenue Storm Drain Improvements to GHC Pipeline, LLC., Riverside, in the amount of \$248,489; and (2) authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the construction contract with GHC Pipeline, LLC., including making minor non-substantial changes.



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#### VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION IN WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED MITIGATION PROGRAM - CREDIT GENERATOR PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

The City Council (1) approved the City's participation in the voluntary Western Riverside Council of Governments Vehicle Miles Traveled Mitigation Program; (2) authorized the City Manager or designee to enter into a Credit Generator Participation Agreement with the Western Riverside Council of Governments; and (3) directed staff to coordinate with Western Riverside Council of Governments to add Vehicle Miles Traveled reducing improvement projects into the voluntary program to address development projects with transportation related Vehicle Miles Traveled impacts.

#### CITY GENERAL PLAN CIRCULATION AND COMMUNITY MOBILITY ELEMENT - STREET CROSS-SECTION REDUCTION

The City Council approved a street cross-section reduction from the City General Plan Circulation and Community Mobility Element when the Public Works Department is completing street improvement projects.

#### RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT - CHAPTER 3.30 - ORDINANCE ADOPTED

The City Council adopted an Ordinance revising Chapter 3.30, Section 3.30.030 XI of the Riverside Municipal Code to add an additional category under titled Valet Parking under Schedule of Regulation, Products and Services, subsection XI - Public Parking - Public Works.

Whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waive, Ordinance No. 7752 of the City of Riverside, California, Amending Chapter 3.30 of the Riverside Municipal Code, to add one Subsection to the Schedule of Regulation, Products, and Services, was presented and adopted.

#### DISCUSSION CALENDAR

#### SHAREHOLDER PROXY AUTHORITY AND ASSIGNMENT OF SHARES - MUTUAL WATER COMPANIES

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Mill and seconded by Councilmember Perry to (1) confirm the shareholder proxy authority for individuals and alternates holding the positions; (2) delegate authority to any designated individual holding the positions or alternates to vote the City's shares as the City's proxy at all meetings for the respective mutual water companies; (3) confirm the Mutual Water





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Company Board nomination eligibility list; (4) authorize the City Manager's Office and the Public Utilities General Manager to solicit interest from the Mutual Water Company nominee list in Attachment A of the staff report and direct the City's proxy to vote the City's shares in the relevant Mutual Water Company board elections in a manner consistent with the City's adopted policies; and (5) authorize the assignment and recalling of shares and authorize the Mayor to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the shareholder proxy authority, as necessary for each Council, Board, or City staff representative serving on the mutual water companies; consistent with the City's adopted policies. One person spoke on the matter. The motion carried unanimously.

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSIONS

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

#### ITEMS FOR FUTURE CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY MAYOR OR MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL - CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

There were no items for future consideration requested.

The City Council adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m., in memory of Art Lopez.

Respectfully submitted,

DONESIA GAUSE  
City Clerk