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CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024, 3 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Hemenway and Councilmembers Edwards, Cervantes, Fierro, Conder, and Perry

ABSENT: Mayor Lock Dawson and Councilwoman Plascencia

Mayor Pro Tem Hemenway called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Rich Gardner spoke regarding Caregivers month, and City of Grants Pass v Johnson related to outdoor camping. Errol Koschewitz spoke regarding State of California finances. Jason Hunter spoke regarding Gage Canal reform. Alan Ridley spoke regarding Land is a Big Deal article. Malissa McKeith spoke regarding Gage Canal, water rights, and cease fire.

COMMUNICATIONS

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

There was no update on intergovernmental relations and legislation.

HOMELESS SOLUTIONS UPDATE

There was no update on homeless solutions.

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

There was no update on sustainability.

LEGAL UPDATE

There were no legal updates given at this time.

COUNCILMEMBERS DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared at this time.

CLOSED SESSIONS

The City Council adjourned to closed sessions at 3:17 p.m. pursuant to Government Code (1) § 54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning Eric H. Saldivar v. Police Officers Evan Wright, Abel Soria, et al., United States Central



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District Court Case No. 2:20-cv-02081-CAS-PD; (2) §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning Shawn Casteel v. City of Riverside, et al., Riverside County Superior Court Case No. RIC 1906046; (3) §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning Jerald Frates v. City of Riverside, et. al., Riverside County Superior Court Case No. CVRI2305900; (4) §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning Carl Pongs and Richard Moslenko v. City of Riverside; and all persons interested in the matter of the validity of City of Riverside Resolution No. 24042 (1) approving and establishing the FY 2023/24-2027/28 Water Rates by amending Water Rate Schedules WA-1A, WA-1B, WA-2, WA-4, WA-7, WA-10, WA-11, and WA-12; to be effective October 1, 2023 and upon Council approval; (2) making related findings of fact, adopted September 19, 2023, Riverside County Superior Court Case No. CVRI2400475; (5) §54956.8 to instruct City's Negotiator, Charles M. Futrell, regarding price and terms of payment for the purchase, sale, exchange, or lease of Garage 1 and Garage 2 located on Orange Street between Mission Inn Avenue and 9th Street in Riverside, California, bearing Assessor's Parcel Numbers 213-271-012, 213-301-006 and -015, by Orange Street Living, LLC; Richard Hamm, Negotiator; (6) §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; (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; and (9) §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 City Council recessed at reconvened at 6:15 p.m. with Mayor Pro Tem Hemenway presiding and all Councilmembers present.

Mayor Pro Tem Hemenway gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.



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ePlanet Thunderstriker spoke regarding homelessness care at University of California, Riverside. Pam Nusser spoke regarding Ballot Measure Prop 1. One caller spoke about Board of Ethics and Conduct provisions.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Edwards reported on office hours, Mayor's Public Safety meeting with Downtown Neighborhood Alliance. Councilmember Cervantes reported on Dale and Carmen Roberts annual Black History Month parade, and opening of the Judith Hernandez Exhibition at the Cheech. Councilmember Conder reported on Raincross Group legislative luncheon.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The City Council Finance Committee will conduct a meeting on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in the Art Pick Council Chamber.

The City Council Safety, Wellness and Youth Committee will conduct a meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., in the Art Pick Council Chamber.

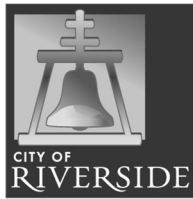
PRESENTATION

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This item was continued to the City Council meeting on February 27, 2024.

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 with Councilwoman Plascencia absent and Councilmember Fierro recusing from the Request for Proposals with Riggs Ward Design at the 3580 Mission Inn Avenue citing property interest within 500 feet of the project.



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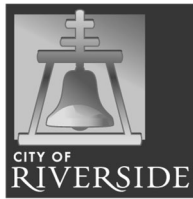
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ANNUAL BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS, REAPPOINTMENTS, AND REDESIGNATION

The City Council (1) approved the following reappointments for terms through March 1, 2028; (a) Debra C. Keller to the Citywide and Mark D. DeBus to the Ward 3 seats on Commission on Aging; (b) Briggs A. H. Gamblin to the Citywide seat on Airport Commission; (c) Scott Langner to the Citywide (Business), Ezekiel Swayzer to the Citywide (Business), Melinda A. Weinrich to the Ward 1 (Resident), Gregory B. Hutchins to the Ward 4 (Resident), and Willie Holley to the Ward 7 (Resident) seats on Budget Engagement Commission; (d) Gil Vega to the Ward 5 and Jessica Newman to the Ward 7 seats on the Board of Ethics; (e) Aram Ayra, Brock W. Cavett, Orion S. Goe, and Aaron Agramon to the Citywide seats on Human Relations Commission; (f) Austin C. Attaway and Brian D. Baird to the Citywide seats on the Human Resources Board; (g) Cynthia S. Zdilor to the Citywide and Rich M. Gardner to the Ward 4 seats on Museum of Riverside Board (h) Launa K. Wilson to the Citywide and Raj K. Singh to the Ward 7 seats on Planning Commission; and (i) Peter M. Wohlgemuth to the Citywide and Rebeccah A. Goldware to the Ward 2 seats on the Board of Public Utilities; (2) approved the following reappointment for a term until member becomes eighteen years of age or at the end of the school year, whichever occurs first: Macy S. Pulos to the Youth Ex Officio seat; (3) approved the following appointments for terms through March 1, 2028:(a) Debora Mickelson to the Citywide seat on the Commission on Disabilities; (b) Ruthan Smith to the Citywide seat on the Board of Library Trustees; (c) Mary Sue Berkley to the Citywide seat on the Museum of Riverside Board; and (d) Tracy Barlogio to the Citywide seat on the Park and Recreation Commission; (4) redesignated Sandra Polichetti from the Human Relations Commission to the Board of Public Utilities Ward 1 seat for a term through March 1, 2028; (5) approved the following appointments to the Ward 3 seat (a) Tim Hennessey to the Commission on Disabilities for a term through March 1, 2028; (b) Bedan Kamau to the Human Resources Board for a term through March 1, 2025; (c) Julian Turner to the Human Relations Commission for a term through March 1, 2026; and (d) Steven Cason to the Transportation Board for a term through March 1, 2027; and (6) referred remaining board and commission vacancies for Citywide seats to seats to the Mayor and Ward specific seats to respective Councilmembers for appointment.



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BOARD AND COMMISSION RESIGNATIONS

The City Council filed the resignations of (1) Jonathan Raya from the Community Police Review Commission Ward 5 seat; and (2) Charlotte Straight from the Commission on Aging Citywide seat, effective immediately.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING CANCELLATION

The City Council cancelled the regularly scheduled City Council meeting of Tuesday, March 5, 2024, due to Election Day on the same date.

AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS - TEMPORARY CONSULTANT SERVICE NEEDS - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

The City Council (1) approved the First Amendment to the Professional Consultant Services Agreement with Michael Baker International, Inc., Long Beach, for a one-year period ending November 30, 2024, with a revised contract amount of \$75,000; (2) approved the First Amendment to the Professional Consultant Services Agreement with Baker Tilly US, LLP, Irvine, for a one-year period ending December 1, 2024, with a revised contract amount of \$75,000; (3) approved the First Amendment to the Professional Consultant Services Agreement with Tierra West Advisors, Inc., Los Angeles, for a two-year period ending January 31, 2025, with a revised contract amount of \$130,000; (4) approved the First Amendment to the Professional Consultant Services Agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., Riverside, for a one-and-a-half-year period ending June 30, 2024, with a revised contract amount of \$250,000; and (5) authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the amended Professional Consultant Services Agreements including making minor and non-substantive changes as necessary.

GRANT OF EASEMENT - HIGH VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL SERVICES TO POWER VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS - 1388 SOUTH E. STREET, SAN BERNARDINO

The City Council (1) approved a Grant of Easement with Southern California Edison Company; and (2) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Grant of Easement with Southern California Edison, a corporation, including making minor, non-substantive changes, and to sign all documents and instruments necessary to complete the transaction.



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FEDERAL ASSISTANCE - CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DISASTER RECOVERY - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - RESOLUTION

The City Council (1) adopted a Resolution authorizing the Assistant City Manager, the Fire Chief, and the Emergency Services Administrator to file applications and request the release of funds for federal assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the California Office of Emergency Services, and State Financial Assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act on behalf of the City of Riverside for three years for the purpose of obtaining certain federal and state financial assistance for disaster recovery; (2) authorized submittal of applications by the designated authorized agents to the California Office of Emergency Services for all matters pertaining to such state and federal disaster assistance, and the assurances and agreements required for Disaster Recovery Public Assistance; and (3) authorized the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record, upon receipt of Disaster Recovery Public Assistance funds, an increase in estimated revenues in the amount of the assistance and appropriate expenditures in the same amount in a project account to be established by the Finance Department for each qualified disaster recovery activity; whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waived, Resolution No. ___ of the City Council of the City of Riverside, California, Establishing the Authorized Agents of the City of Riverside for Filing Applications and Requesting Release of Funds for Federal Assistance from the California Office of Emergency Services (CALOES) and/or State Financial Assistance Under the California Disaster Assistance Act, was presented and adopted.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 2284 - AGREEMENT -EXHIBITION DESIGN AND INTERPRETIVE PLANNING SERVICES - MAIN MUSEUM - 3580 MISSION INN

The City Council (1) approved a Professional Consultant Services Agreement for RFP 2284 with Riggs Ward Design, Long Beach, for exhibition design and interpretive planning services for the main museum at 3580 Mission Inn Avenue for a term through December 31, 2026, in an amount of \$379,500; and (2) authorized 10 percent change order authority in an amount up to \$37,950 for project changes including, but not limited to, unforeseen conditions or necessary design changes for a total contract amount of \$417,450; and (3) authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Professional Consultant Services Agreement with Riggs Ward, Long Beach, California, including making minor and non-substantive changes and sign all documents necessary



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to implement the exhibition design and interpretive planning services for the main museum.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

PROPOSED RESOLUTION CALLING FOR CEASEFIRE AND IMMEDIATE PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO ONGOING CONFLICT AND HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IMPACTING GAZA AND ISRAEL

Prior to public comment for the following discussion item, a motion was made by Councilmember Conder and seconded by Councilmember Perry to limit public comments to one hour. The motion failed with Councilmembers Conder, Perry, and Hemenway voting aye and Councilmembers Edwards, Cervantes, and Fierro voting no.

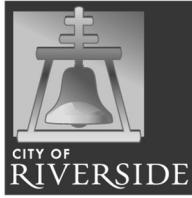
Following discussion, a substitute motion was made by Councilmember Cervantes and seconded by Councilmember Edwards to allow everyone to speak for 3 minutes and not put a time limit on public comments. The motion failed with Councilmembers Edwards, Cervantes, and Fierro voting aye and Councilmembers Conder, Perry, and Hemenway voting no.

Following further discussion, another motion was made by Councilmember Fierro and seconded by Councilmember Hemenway to limit public comments to 2 minutes per speaker. The motion failed with Councilmembers Fierro and Hemenway voting aye and Councilmembers Edwards, Cervantes, Conder, and Perry voting no.

Another motion was made by Councilmember Cervantes and seconded by Councilmember Hemenway to limit public comments to 90 seconds per speaker. The motion failed with Councilmembers Cervantes, Fierro, and Hemenway voting aye and Councilmembers Edwards, Conder, and Perry voting no.

Following further discussion, another motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Conder to limit public comments to 2 minutes per speaker with a 2-hour public comment period. The motion failed with Councilmembers Conder, Perry, and Hemenway voting aye and Councilmembers Edwards, Cervantes, and Fierro voting no.

The meeting proceeded with the general rule of 3 minutes per speaker.



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Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Fierro and seconded by Councilmember Edwards to refer the proposed resolution related to the ongoing conflict and humanitarian crisis impacting Gaza and Israel to the Human Relations Commission to assist in facilitating listening sessions and community-wide forums to (1) depoliticize the discussion and (2) talk about actionable outcomes for a draft resolution that impacts the local community. The motion failed with Councilmembers Edwards, Fierro, and Hemenway voting aye, Councilmembers Cervantes, Conder, and Perry voting no, and Councilwoman Plascencia absent.

COMMUNICATIONS

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSIONS

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

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

There were no future items requested at this time.

The City Council adjourned at 11:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DONESIA GAUSE

City Clerk