



City of Arts & Innovation

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023, 1 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET

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

ABSENT: Councilmembers Fierro

Mayor Lock Dawson called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Ella Uli, Holly Burkhart, and Anna Tran spoke regarding retail cannabis. One caller spoke regarding cannabis dispensaries. One caller spoke regarding illegal activity at a liquor store on Arlington and Jones Ave.

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 was no legal update.

COUNCILMEMBERS DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared at this time.

WORKSHOP

PRIVATE AND PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF TREES AND SIDEWALKS CLAIMS AND/OR LAWSUITS

Following discussion and without formal motion, the City Council received and ordered filed a presentation related to private and public ownership of trees and sidewalks that are the subject of claims and/or lawsuits and forwarded a study of ownership of sidewalks and trees to the Land Use, Sustainability, and Resilience Committee for discussion.



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DISCUSSION CALENDAR

CONTRACT AMENDMENT - CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM - RETIREMENT COST-SHARING PROVISION - RESOLUTION - ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Cervantes to (1) adopt a Resolution of Intention to amend the contract between CalPERS and the City of Riverside to implement a retirement cost-sharing provision of one percent (1%) of pensionable income for all Classic, CalPERS Level 3 Fire Safety members hired between June 11, 2011 and December 31, 2012, in the Riverside Firefighters' Association; one percent (1%) of pensionable income for all Classic, CalPERS Level 3 Fire Safety members hired between June 11, 2011 and December 31, 2012, in the Riverside Fire Management Group; and, an additional one percent (1%) for a total of six and a half percent (6.5%) of pensionable income for all Classic, CalPERS Level 1 & 2 Police Safety members hired before June 13, 2012, in the Unrepresented Police Management Group; and (2) introduced an Ordinance to amend the contract between CalPERS and the City of Riverside to implement a retirement cost-sharing provision of one percent (1%) of pensionable income for all Classic, CalPERS Level 3 Fire Safety members hired between June 11, 2011 and December 31, 2012, in the Riverside Firefighters' Association; one percent (1%) of pensionable income for all Classic, CalPERS Level 3 Fire Safety members hired between June 11, 2011 and December 31, 2012, in the Riverside Fire Management Group; and, an additional one percent (1%) for a total of six and a half percent (6.5%) of pensionable income for all Classic, CalPERS Level 1 & 2 Police Safety members hired before June 13, 2012, in the Unrepresented Police Management Group. The motion carried with Councilmembers Edwards, Cervantes, Conder, Perry, and Hemenway voting aye and Councilmember Fierro and Councilwoman Plascencia absent.

Whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waived, Resolution of Intention No. 24046 to Approve an Amendment to Contract Between the Board of Administration California Public Employees' Retirement System and the City Council City of Riverside, was presented and adopted, and an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance of the City of Riverside, California, Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract Between the City of Riverside and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System, was presented and introduced.



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SECURITY RESOURCE PILOT PROGRAM PROPOSAL - AGREEMENT AMENDMENT - UNARMED SECURITY SERVICES - VARIOUS CITY FACILITIES - INCREASE SECURITY SERVICES IN DOWNTOWN AND OTHER DESIGNATED AREAS

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Conder and seconded by Councilmember Edwards to (1) receive a proposal on the Security Resource Pilot Program; (2) approve the First Amendment to the Agreement for unarmed security services at various City facilities with Universal Protection Service, LP, dba Allied Universal Security Services, Santa Ana, in the amount of \$269,755.22 through June 30, 2024, for a total of \$4,380,623.94; (3) authorize 20 percent change order authority in an additional amount of \$53,951 for a total amount of \$876,124.79 for unforeseen changes in service to include, but not limited to, requests to increase service frequency, add new City facilities, or provide special or emergency security services; and (4) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the First Amendment to the Services Agreement, including making minor and non-substantive changes. The motion carried with Councilmembers Edwards, Cervantes, Conder, Perry, and Hemenway voting aye and Councilmember Fierro and Councilwoman Plascencia absent.

Councilwoman Plascencia entered the meeting during Closed Sessions proceedings.

CLOSED SESSIONS

The Mayor and City Council adjourned to closed sessions pursuant to Government Code (1) §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel in the matter of application of Southern California Edison Company (U338E) for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the RTRP Transmission Project; CPUC Proceeding No.15-04-013; (2) §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; (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; and (5) §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



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Supervisory Units), Service Employees International Union #721, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers #47, and Riverside Police Administrators Association.

The Mayor and City Council recessed at 2:42 p.m. and reconvened at 6:15 p.m. with Mayor Lock Dawson presiding and all Councilmembers present except Councilmember Fierro.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Patrick Maloney spoke regarding Manhattan Beach event, The Cheech, Art Walk, National Night Out, Historic Society Book Fair, Security Pilot Program, and Meet and Greet at Back to the Grind. Anna Tran spoke regarding retail cannabis.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Edwards reported on National Night out Riverside Chambers of Commerce Inside Downtown, fruit trees pruning class at Landis Performing Center, pumpkin patch, Riverside City College School of Music Concert for the Homeless, Civil Rights Institute National Coming Out Day, Riverside Neighborhood Partnership Neighborhood Stars dinner, Love Riverside Serve Day events, and Community Budget meeting at Springbrook Clubhouse. Councilmember Cervantes reported on California Clean Air Day event, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Riverside Annual event, Civil Rights Institute Coming Out Day, Latinx Stories event, 19th Annual Champions for Justice Banquet, Riverside Neighborhood Partnership Annual dinner, Riverside African American Society celebration of life and legacy event of William Lester Howe, Jr. and LaTanya Scoggins, Sycamore Canyon Neighborhood meeting, and Indigenous Peoples Day. Councilmember Conder reported on Columbus Day, National Night Out, Casa Blanca playground replacement by KABOOM non-profit organization, recognition of 25th Anniversary of City Hall Shooting, and recognition of Great Grand Master Anthony Rivera by the President of the Taekwondo National Society. Councilwoman Plascencia thanked the McGuire Brothers for providing food at the KABOOM event at Casa Blanca and reported on National Night Out, Customer Service Week, shadowing 311 Call Center, Budget Townhall meeting, office hours, and Love Riverside Serve Day. Councilmember Perry reported on Hillcrest High School Annual Explorer event, ceremonial street renaming from Price Court to Winek Court, and congratulated Sandy and Eddie Vasquez on Baby



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Grace's arrival. Councilmember Hemenway reported on National Night Out, Brenner Fiedler Manufacturing Day, and fly over with Riverside Police Department. Mayor Lock Dawson thanked Mayor Pro Tem Edwards for running the meeting last week and reported on U.S. Conference of Mayors, Care Court Press Conference, disabled homeless individuals, and congratulated Senator Roth for getting Judgeships in Riverside County.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETING

The City Council Financial Performance and Budget Committee will conduct a meeting on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., in the Art Pick Council Chamber.

The City Council Mobility and Infrastructure Committee will conduct a meeting on Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., in the Art Pick Council Chamber.

PRESENTATIONS

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ABUSE PROTECTION

Mayor Lock Dawson called upon Domestic Violence and Abuse Protection Executive Director Jeffery Lee to present on "Protection When Restraining Orders Aren't Enough."

RECOGNITION - VOLUNTEER EFFORTS ON CESAR CHAVEZ STATUE

Mayor Lock Dawson presented a Certificate of Recognition to La Union Estudiantil de la Raza (UER) for their volunteer efforts on the Cesar Chavez statue.

RIVERSIDE PROSPERS SUCCESS REPORT

Councilmember Edwards reported on Yoli's Mexican Grill.

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 Councilmembers Edwards, Cervantes, Conder, Perry, and Hemenway, and Councilwoman Plascencia voting aye and Councilmember Fierro absent.



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DOWNTOWN PARKING AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA ANNUAL ASSESSMENT - PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED - RESOLUTION

The City Council (1) received and approved the Annual Report of the Riverside Downtown Partnership, acting in its capacity as the Advisory Board to the Downtown Parking and Business Improvement Area; (2) adopted a Resolution declaring the City of Riverside's intention to levy an annual assessment in the Downtown Business Improvement Area for Calendar Year 2024, from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024; and (3) scheduled a public hearing for October 24, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. on the levy of the proposed assessment; whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waived, Resolution No. 24047 of the City Council of the City of Riverside, California, Declaring its Intention to Levy an Annual Assessment in the Downtown Parking and Business Improvement Area for Calendar Year 2024 Pursuant to Section 36534 of the California Streets and Highways Code, Generally Describing the Improvements and Activities to be Undertaken and Fixing the Time and Place for a Public Hearing Before the City Council of the City of Riverside on the Levy of the Proposed Assessment, was presented and adopted.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

AGREEMENT AMENDMENT - ANIMAL CONTROL FIELD AND LICENSING SERVICES

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilwoman Plascencia to (1) approve the Second Amendment to the Agreement for Animal Control Field and Licensing Services with the County of Riverside, Department of Animal Services for a term retroactive to January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$3,600,000; (2) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Second Amendment, including making minor and non-substantive changes; (3) direct staff to research and evaluate alternatives to decrease Animal Control Field Services costs including issuing a Request for Proposals to compare and evaluate outsourcing field and shelter services, and perform a cost evaluation on in-sourcing animal control services; and (4) direct staff to share the results of the outsourcing RFP, in-sourcing cost evaluation, and County of Riverside Department of Animal Services Approved Rates for Fiscal Year 2024-25 with the Land Use, Sustainability, and Resilience Committee and City Council to advise on the next course of action. The motion carried with Councilmembers Edwards, Cervantes, Conder, Perry, and Hemenway, and Councilwoman Plascencia voting aye and Councilmember Fierro absent.



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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT EXPENDITURE PLAN UPDATE AND REALLOCATION OF FUNDS
Following discussion, it was moved by Councilwoman Plascencia and seconded by Councilmember Hemenway to (1) receive an update on the American Rescue Plan Act Expenditure Plan; (2) authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record the reallocation of funds from various American Rescue Plan Act Expenditure Plan Projects to the Citywide Park Improvement Program in the amount of \$3,000,000; (3) authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record the reallocation of funds from various American Rescue Plan Act Expenditure Plan Projects to General Fund Revenue Replacement in the amount of \$1,019,477; (4) reaffirm City Manager, or designee, flexibility to reallocate funds from the proposed Expenditure Plan to other similar and eligible uses should feasibility or timeliness concerns arise; (5) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to negotiate and execute all agreements, contracts and documents related to the approved reallocations in the Expenditure Plan for the American Rescue Plan Act funding, including making minor non-substantive changes; and (6) refer the reallocation of funds from Category 2 Negative Economic Impacts of \$123,767 from Nonprofit Grant Support, \$500,000 from Nonprofit Partner Community Programs and \$550,000 from Essential Agriculture Workforce Development to the Economic Development, Placemaking, and Branding/Marketing Committee for consideration. The motion carried with Councilmembers Edwards, Cervantes, Conder, Perry, and Hemenway, and Councilwoman Plascencia voting aye and Councilmember Fierro absent.

PURCHASE ORDER -PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT - NINE PARK SITES

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilwoman Plascencia and seconded by Councilmember Cervantes to (1) approve the Purchase Order to Landscape Structures, Inc., in the amount of \$2,534,063.54 to purchase playground equipment for nine park sites; and (2) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the purchase orders with Landscape Structures, Inc., including making minor and non-substantive changes. The motion carried with Councilmembers Edwards, Cervantes, Conder, Perry, and Hemenway, and Councilwoman Plascencia voting aye and Councilmember Fierro absent.

MEASURE Z - PURCHASE HEAVY-DUTY EQUIPMENT - STREET MAINTENANCE

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilwoman Plascencia to (1) approve the purchase of a variety of heavy-duty



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equipment from multiple vendors for the Public Works Street Maintenance Division in the total amount of \$2,157,234.81; and (2) authorize a 10 percent change order authority up to \$215,723.48 for a total amount of \$2,372,958.29. The motion carried with Councilmembers Edwards, Cervantes, Conder, Perry, and Hemenway, and Councilwoman Plascencia voting aye and Councilmember Fierro 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

Councilmember Perry requested a report to the Safety, Wellness, and Youth Committee in December or January regarding donating one police helicopter to a Sister City in Mexico.

The City Council adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk