BUDGET ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION
MINUTES

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025, 5 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

PRESENT: Chair Williams, Vice Chair Vandenberg, Commissioner Bello, Hutchins, Thomas, Benavidez, Scott-Coe, Ward, Wroten and Langner

ABSENT: Commissioner Weinrich and Holley

STAFF PRESENT: Kristie Thomas, Sergio Aguilar, Chief Gonzalez, Brandi Becker, Lee Withers, Joseph Lopez, Kimi Palacios and others

The Budget Engagement Commission meeting was convened at 5:09 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF REMOTE PARTICIPATION PER ASSEMBLY BILL 2449
Commissioner Weinrich participated remotely.

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 Thomas to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item. The motion was carried unanimously with Commissioners Weinrich and Holley absent.

MINUTES
The minutes of the meeting of May 8, 2025, were approved as presented.

ATTENDANCE
The absence of Commissioner Holley was excused from the May 8, 2025, meeting. The motion was carried unanimously with Commissioners Holley and Weinrich absent.

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DISCUSSION CALENDAR

POLICE HEADQUARTERS- ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND PROJECT INCREASE TO $62M
Following discussion, it was motioned by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Scott-Coe that the Budget Engagement Commission recommend that City Council: (1) Approve the First Amendment to the Professional Consultant Services Agreement for Phase II Architectural Design Services of the Downtown Police Headquarters Building with Holt Architects, Inc., (dba Holt Architecture) of Palm Desert, California, extending the term through March 1, 2028 and increasing the compensation by $3,331,916 for a total contract amount of $3,430,916; (2) Authorize a contingency in the amount of $333,192 for unforeseen project changes including but not limited to, owner requested changes and design improvements;(3) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the First Amendment to the Professional Consultant Services Agreement for Phase II Architectural Design Services of the Downtown Police Headquarters Building with Holt Architects, Inc., (dba Holt Architecture) of Palm Desert, California, including approval of contingency Amendment (if needed), and making minor, non-substantive changes; and (4) Increase the project budget by $10 million for a total project cost of $62 million for the construction of a new Police Headquarters Building, subject to availability of funds. The motion was carried unanimously with Commissioner Weinrich and Holley absent.

DISCUSS THE FORMATION OF A NONPROFIT FUNDING FRAMEWORK AD-HOC COMMITTEE
Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair Vandenberg and seconded by Hutchins that the Budget Engagement Commission; (1) create an Ad hoc committee for the term of 30 days to meet one time before the next Budget Engagement Commission meeting; (2) to discuss the possibility of adding a line item for the funding of nonprofits; (3) agendize the discussion from the Ad hoc committee to the July Budget Engagement Commission meeting on the creation of a budget line item, the motion passed with Chair Williams, Vice Chair Vandenberg, Commissioner Bello, Hutchins, Benavidez, Scott-Coe, Ward, Wroten and Langner voting yes, Commissioner Thomas abstaining and with Commissioner Weinrich and Holley absent.

Following further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hutchins and seconded by Commissioner Thomas to appoint five members of the Budget Engagement Commission to sit as members of the Ad-hoc Committee: Vice Chair Vandenberg as Chair, Chair Williams, Commissioner Benavidez, Langner, Bello. The motione passed unanimously with Commissioners Weinrich and Holley absent.

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RECONSIDER THE MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2025, MEETING
It was moved by Commissioner Scott-Coe and seconded by Commissioner Hutchins to reconsider the minutes of May 8, 2025. Motion was carried unanimously with Commissioner Weinrich and Holley absent.

COMMISSION MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

FINANCE DIRECTOR UPDATE
Kristie Thomas did not have an update for the Commission.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BUDGET ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION CONSIDERATION
Commissioner Benavidez requested a report on the status of the therapeutic services for seniors and people with disabilities at the park's facilities, and the balance of the Measure Z dollars that have not been expended.

Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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