

1 RESOLUTION NO.

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE,
3 CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING RULES OF PROCEDURE AND ORDER OF
4 BUSINESS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE AND
5 RELATED FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES AND RESCINDING ALL PRIOR
6 ACTIONS TAKEN THERETO, AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO.
7 [2407624255](#).

8 WHEREAS, it is the intent and desire of the City Council to conduct its business in an
9 orderly and fair manner; and

10 WHEREAS, there are certain basic rights of due process and opportunity to address issues
11 with equity, fairness, and equal protection of the law; and

12 WHEREAS, certain parliamentary procedures have been found to be useful in order to
13 assure that the communication and process of government are fair, reasonable, and just; and

14 WHEREAS, the City has a duty to proceed with the business of government in an efficient
15 and orderly fashion; and

16 WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish uniform norms and procedures in order
17 to accomplish these goals.

18 BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Riverside as follows:

19 That the following shall be the Rules of Procedure and Order of Business of the City
20 Council and shall govern all proceedings of the City Council therein described, subject to the
21 exceptions and deviations provided for in these rules.

22 Violation of these rules shall not be construed as a penal offense, excepting that breach of
23 the peace or willful failure to comply with the lawful orders of the City Council or its presiding
24 officer shall be punishable as misdemeanors under applicable law. The City Council retains the
25 authority to take appropriate action to enforce these rules amongst its members including, but not
26 limited to, the inherent power of censure.

27 **I**

28 **AUTHORITY**

The Charter of the City of Riverside, Section 412, provides that the City Council may
establish, and uniformly apply rules for the conduct of its proceeds. By accordance with said

1 authority, and when not in conflict with the Charter of the City of Riverside and the Constitution
2 and laws of the State of California, the following set of rules shall be in effect upon adoption by
3 the City Council and until such time as they are amended or new rules adopted in the manner
4 hereinafter provided and shall prevail to govern the conduct of the proceedings and order of
5 business of the City Council of the City of Riverside. The City Attorney, or designee, shall serve
6 in an advisory capacity to procedural rules for the City. Final rulings on parliamentary
7 procedures shall be made by the Presiding Officer and may be appealed to the City Council with a
8 supermajority of at least five affirmative votes.

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10 ACT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

- 11 A. The City Council and staff shall recognize that stewardship of the public interest must be
12 the primary concern.
- 13 B. The City Council will work for the common good of the people of Riverside.
- 14 C. The City Council will assure fair and equal treatment of all persons, claims and
15 transactions coming before the City Council and Boards and Commissions.

16 III

17 ADVOCACY

- 18 A. The City Council shall represent the official policies or positions of the City Council when
19 designated as delegates for this purpose.
- 20 B. When representing their individual opinions and positions, City Council members shall
21 explicitly state they do not represent the City Council of the City, nor will they allow the
22 inference that they do.

23 IV

24 DUTIES

25 A. DUTIES OF MAYOR; MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

26 The Mayor shall be the presiding officer at all meetings of the City Council and shall have
27 a voice in all its proceedings but shall not vote except for appointments to City Boards &
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1 Commissions or to break a City Council tie-vote which exists for any cause. The Mayor shall be
2 the official head of the City for all ceremonial purposes. The Mayor shall have the primary but
3 not exclusive responsibility for interpreting the policies, programs and needs of the city
4 government to the people, and of informing the people of any major change in policy or program.
5 The Mayor shall advise the City Council on all matters of policy and public relations and perform
6 such other duties as may be prescribed by the City Charter. At any time before the adjournment
7 of a meeting, the Mayor may, by public declaration spread upon the minutes of the meeting, veto
8 any formal action taken by vote of the City Council including any ordinance or resolution, except
9 an emergency ordinance, the annual budget or an ordinance proposed by initiative petition.
10 Thereupon, pending the vote to override the veto as herein provided, such ordinance, resolution or
11 action shall be deemed neither approved nor adopted. The Mayor shall, no more than twenty days
12 following the veto, provide to Council members, in writing, reasons for the Mayor's veto. If the
13 Mayor fails to provide a written veto message within the time allotted, the original action of the
14 City Council shall stand. At any regular or adjourned meeting held not less than thirty days, nor
15 more than sixty days after veto the City Council shall reconsider such ordinance, resolution or
16 action and vote on the question of overriding the veto. Five affirmative votes shall be required for
17 its adoption or approval. The Mayor shall have no right to veto the veto override of any
18 ordinance, resolution or action.
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20 In the absence of the Mayor, the Mayor Pro Tempore shall assume the duties of the
21 Mayor. The Mayor Pro Tempore shall be appointed from members of the City Council on the
22 following ward rotational basis with each member serving for a term of six months: Ward 7,
23 Ward 6, Ward 5, Ward 4, Ward 3, Ward 2, and Ward 1 or as otherwise determined by the City
24 Council. In the event the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore are absent, the Councilmember last
25 serving as Mayor Pro Tempore shall be assigned said role. The Mayor Pro Tempore shall
26 conduct the City Council meetings and shall vote only as a member of the City Council, not as
27 Mayor Pro Tempore. In the event of a tie-vote, the Mayor Pro Tempore shall not have a tie-
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1 breaking vote and the City Council vote shall be recorded as a negative or "nay" vote. The Mayor
2 Pro Tempore shall not have the power to veto acts of the City Council.

3 In addition to the duties enumerated above, the Mayor Pro Tempore shall be responsible
4 for the coordination of any special or annual evaluation of the City Manager, City Attorney or the
5 City Clerk. Said responsibility may include but not be limited to the distribution, collection and
6 tabulation of any written evaluations; and the calendaring of any closed session during which time
7 the evaluations shall be conducted.

8 The Mayor Pro Tempore shall also use their best efforts to participate in the agenda-
9 setting meeting, as set forth in Article IX(D) below, preceding each City Council meeting.

10 B. DUTIES OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

11 Promptly at the hour set by law on the date of each regular meeting, the Mayor and
12 Councilmembers shall take their regular stations in the Art Pick Council Chamber and the
13 business of the City Council shall be taken up for consideration and disposition.

14 C. MOTIONS TO BE STATED BY PRESIDING OFFICER

15 When a motion is made, it shall be stated by the presiding officer or the City Clerk before
16 debate.

17 D. DECORUM

18 1. While the City Council is in session, the members must preserve order and decorum, and a
19 member shall not, by conversation or otherwise, delay or interrupt the proceedings or the peace of
20 the City Council nor disturb any member while speaking, nor refuse to obey the orders of the City
21 Council, or the presiding officer, except as otherwise herein provided.

22 2. During City Council and Standing Committee meetings noticed and open to the public
23 pursuant to the Brown Act, the use of Electronic Communication System Devices by members is
24 discouraged with limited access.

25 3. During City Council and Standing Committee meetings, members are expected to adhere
26 to the City's Human Resources Policy IV-2 entitled Standards for Dress and Appearance.
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1 E. VOTES REQUIRED TO TAKE ACTION

2 Unless a higher vote is required by provisions of the City Charter, the affirmative votes of
3 at least four members of the City Council shall be required in order for the City Council to act on
4 an item of business or the adoption of any ordinance or resolution, or for the making or approving
5 of any order for the payment of money.

6 Any ordinance declared by the City Council to be necessary as an emergency measure as
7 hereinafter defined may be introduced and adopted at one and the same meeting if passed by at
8 least five affirmative votes.

9 At any meeting after the adoption of the City's budget, the City Council may amend or
10 supplement the budget by motion adopted by the affirmative votes of at least five members so as
11 to authorize the transfer of unused balances appropriated for one purpose to another purpose or to
12 appropriate available funds not included in the budget.

13 F. VOTING DISQUALIFICATION

14 Neither the Mayor nor any Council member who is disqualified shall vote upon the matter
15 on which the member is disqualified. Any member shall openly state that they are recusing
16 themselves because of a disqualifying financial or other conflict of interest. The Mayor or any
17 councilmember who is disqualified due to a financial interest shall publicly identify the financial
18 interest in detail sufficient to be understood by the public except that disclosure of the exact street
19 address of a residence is not required. As to any other conflict of interest, the member's
20 determination may be accompanied by an oral or written disclosure of such conflict of interest. A
21 member who is disqualified by a conflict of interest in any matter shall not remain in the
22 member's chair during the discussion and vote on such matter unless the matter has been placed
23 on the consent agenda.

24 G. PARTICIPATION ON NON-PROFIT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS AND CONFLICTS
25 OF INTEREST.

26 It shall be the policy of this Council that the Mayor and members of the City Council
27 should not serve as members of the board of directors of a non-profit corporation which is
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1 receiving or will be reasonably likely in the future to seek and/or receive funding from the City of
2 Riverside so as to avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest.

3 In the event that the Mayor and/or a member of the City Council serves as a non-
4 compensated member of the board of directors of a non-profit corporation, then a contract may be
5 made between the City of Riverside and the non-profit corporation provided that:

6 • The public official discloses his/her participation on the non-profit corporation's
7 board of directors to the City Council at the time the City Council is considering the contract with
8 the non-profit corporation;

9 • The public official's interest as a member of the non-profit corporation's board of
10 directors is noted in the official minutes of the City Council meeting; and

11 • The public official disqualifies themselves from any vote, deliberation or influence
12 on the matter before the City Council.

13 Furthermore, if it is determined based upon a factual analysis that the Mayor or a City
14 Council member serves as a non-compensated member of the board of director of a non-profit
15 corporation, and that the non-profit supports functions of the City as one of its primary purposes,
16 then the public official is determined to have a "non-interest" and may therefore participate in the
17 deliberation and vote on the matter before it. However, the public official's interest as a member
18 of the non-profit corporation's board of directors must be noted in the official minutes of the City
19 Council meeting.
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21 Further, the City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk shall not serve as a member of
22 the board of directors of a non-profit corporation which is receiving or will be reasonably likely in
23 the future to seek and/or receive funding from the City of Riverside so as to avoid any appearance
24 of a conflict of interest.

25 H. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO AVOID IMPROPER CONSIDERATION OF
26 PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED MATTERS

27 Open Mind. The Mayor and Councilmembers will make every effort not to pledge or
28 promise to vote in any particular manner on any matter pending before it.

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ROLE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

A. **MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CONDUCT IN GENERAL**

1. The Mayor and Councilmembers shall treat everyone with courtesy.

2. Inappropriate behavior is derogatory and damages the perception of the City.

3. While the City Council is in session the Mayor, Councilmembers and City staff shall preserve strict order and decorum. Neither the Mayor nor any Councilmember shall delay or interrupt the proceedings of the City Council or interrupt any member while speaking.

4. Councilmembers should use the speaker sequencing system to indicate to the presiding officer that they want to speak. The presiding officer will acknowledge them before they begin speaking.

5. Any Councilmember shall have the right to express dissent from, or protest to, or comment upon, any action of the City Council.

6. Once a vote is taken on an issue, Councilmembers will support the law made by the City Council. If a Councilmember wants an issue to be reconsidered, he/she will make a motion to reconsider as provided for in Section XII of these Rules of Procedure. When possible, the City Council should attempt to reach consensus on an issue. When this is not possible, the majority vote shall prevail. However, the City Council shall respect the opinion of the minority.

7. The Mayor and City Council shall publicly share substantive information, which they may have received from sources outside the public decision-making process that is relevant to a matter under consideration by the City Council.

8. Allow for everyone's opinion to be heard and respected, even if they do not win the vote or prevail on the issue. Strive for a win-win situation by respecting diverse opinions.

9. Councilmembers will allow room for dialogue. When discussing an agenda item, the City Council will allow the opportunity to dialogue with each other to build consensus on an item.

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1 10. Any member of the City Council may move to require the presiding officer to
2 enforce the rules and an affirmative vote of a majority of Council members present shall be
3 required to do so.

4 B. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CONDUCT WITH ONE ANOTHER

- 5 1. The Mayor and City Council will value each other's time.
6 2. All Councilmembers have the opportunity to speak and agree to disagree.
7 3. The City Council will avoid negative comments that could offend other
8 Councilmembers during public meetings, in the press, or any other time.
9 4. The City Council will practice civility and decorum in discussions and debate.
10 5. The presiding officer has an affirmative duty to maintain order. The City Council
11 will honor the role of the presiding officer in maintaining order.

12 C. MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER CONDUCT WITH STAFF

- 13 1. Mayor and Councilmembers should always feel free to speak directly with the City
14 Manager on matters of interest or concern to them.
15 2. The Mayor, City Council, City Manager and City Staff shall respect and adhere to
16 the City's form of government, which is a Charter City operating under a Council-Manager form
17 of government, with the City Council acting as the legislative body of the City. The City Council
18 is the visionary policy maker and the staff is responsible for implementation of City Council
19 policies.
20 3. The City Council directs the City Manager to implement City Council policy
21 decisions through the administrative functions of the City.
22 4. The Mayor and City Council shall treat staff professionally.
23 5. When possible, the Mayor and City Council should attempt to seek answers to
24 questions on an item on the agenda, from the City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk or
25 Department/Division Head prior to the meeting.
26 6. The Mayor and Councilmembers will not get involved in personnel issues except
27 during a closed session where personnel issues may be discussed or as otherwise appropriate
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1 concerning the City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk or other staff appointed by the City
2 Council. This includes hiring, firing, promoting, disciplining, and all other forms of personnel
3 matters.

4 7. If a Councilmember is unhappy about a department or an employee he/she may
5 discuss the situation with the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, or the City Attorney or City
6 Clerk as appropriate.

7 D. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CONDUCT WITH THE PUBLIC

8 1. The Mayor and City Council will make the public feel welcome.

9 2. The Mayor and City Council shall not be partial, prejudiced or disrespectful
10 toward the public.

11 3. The Mayor and City Council should not make snappy, sarcastic comments to the
12 public or to each other.

13 4. The Mayor and City Council shall treat members of the public equally.

14 5. The Mayor and City Council members shall make no promises to the public on
15 behalf of the City Council.

16 6. The Mayor and City Council shall not argue with members of the public.

17 7. The Mayor and City Council shall listen courteously and attentively to all public
18 comments before the City Council.

19 E. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CONDUCT WITH OTHER AGENCIES

20 1. The Mayor and City Council shall be clear about representing the City or personal
21 interests to members of other agencies.

22 2. The Mayor and City Council shall project a positive image of the City when
23 dealing with other agencies.

24 3. The Mayor and individual Councilmembers can lobby or discuss with other
25 legislators, government officials or developers issues that have been adopted by the City Council
26 or are City Council policy; they should not represent themselves as the City if it is only an
27 individual issue.
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1 4. The Mayor and City Council shall show tolerance and respect for other agencies'
2 opinions and issues and agree to disagree with them when necessary.

3 F. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CONDUCT WITH BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

4 1. The Mayor and City Council work through the board/commission chairs.

5 2. The Mayor and City Council shall treat all members of Boards and Commissions
6 with appreciation and respect.

7 3. It has been the practice of the Mayor and City Council not to participate in Board
8 and Commission meetings for the purpose of, and to avoid perception of, influencing the outcome
9 of said meetings.

10 G. COUNCIL CONDUCT WITH STANDING CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

11 1. *Government Code* section 54952.2 defines a meeting of the legislative body of the
12 City of Riverside and provides certain limitations on the attendance of its members.

13 2. A member of the City Council, who is not a member of the standing committee,
14 may attend an open and noticed meeting of the standing committee of the City Council, provided
15 that they attend only as observers and do not participate in any discussion.

16 H. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CONDUCT WITH THE MEDIA

17 1. The Mayor and City Council shall never go “off the record”, discuss information
18 pertaining to closed sessions, personnel, litigation or acquisition of property items, when dealing
19 with the media. Providing background information is acceptable.

20 I. OBTAINING THE FLOOR

21 1. Any member of the City Council wishing to speak must further obtain the floor by
22 being recognized by the presiding officer. The presiding officer must recognize any
23 Councilmember who seeks the floor when appropriately entitled to do so.

24 2. With the concurrence of the presiding officer, a Councilmember holding the floor
25 may address a question to another Councilmember and that Councilmember may respond while
26 the floor is still held by the Councilmember asking the question. A Councilmember may opt not
27 to answer a question while another Councilmember has the floor.
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2 **ROLE OF CITY STAFF**

3 A. City staff will provide written analysis and information on all agenda items prior to the
4 meetings. Additionally, a copy of the materials, including technical reports will be available to
5 the public.

6 B. Staff will be available to answer questions of the City Council prior to and during City
7 Council meetings.

8 C. Staff will respond to questions from the public during City Council meetings when
9 requested to do so by the Mayor, City Council, or City Manager.

10 D. Staff will not argue with the public or the City Council.

11 E. During City Council meetings staff shall turn off or switch any electronic equipment such
12 as pagers and cellular telephones to a silent mode.

13 F. Councilmembers and staff who participate in meetings with outsiders should be apprised
14 of any follow-up correspondence to that party, particularly if there is some controversy; the City
15 Manager and all Councilmembers should get copied on all correspondence.

16 G. Staff will remain objective on issues. Staff should not be an advocate for issues unless so
17 directed by the City Council. Rather, they should promote or assist the efforts of the City
18 Council.

19 H. Staff will inform the City Council as soon as possible of upcoming issues, particularly
20 issues that will impact the City significantly and may be coming before City Council on short
21 notice.

22 I. Staff will provide each Councilmember with written notification of any meetings or
23 discussions relative to any development project in the Councilmember's respective ward. Each
24 Councilmember may, at their option, follow up with staff regarding the details of the project and
25 any policy issues that may be coming before the City Council.
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1 J. If only one or two Councilmembers feel something is controversial or a “hot” issue and it
2 may be coming before the City Council, the City Manager will inform the Mayor and the
3 Councilmembers whose ward the issue concerns.

4 K. The City Manager will advise management to become aware of and sensitive to
5 potentially political or controversial issues coming before the City Council.

6 L. City staff will implement all City Council policies as directed by the City Manager; staff
7 will not implement any actions for the City without prior approval of the City Council and City
8 Manager.

9 VII

10 ROLE OF THE PUBLIC

11 A. Members of the public attending the City Council meetings are requested to observe the
12 same rules and decorum applicable to the City Council and staff.

13 B. All speakers must approach the podium when recognized by the presiding officer.
14 Members of the public shall only speak from the podium.

15 C. Members of the public shall turn off or switch any electronic equipment such as pagers
16 and cellular telephones to a silent mode while attending a City Council meeting.

17 D. If a member of the public desires to provide written correspondence (11 copies
18 recommended) to the City Council, all such materials shall be given directly to the City Clerk
19 prior to the meeting, or if during the course of the meeting, the materials shall be given to the City
20 staff on the dais. At no time shall the public enter the well to provide the materials directly to
21 members of the City Council.
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23 VIII

24 MEETINGS

25 A. CALL TO ORDER - PRESIDING OFFICER

26 The Mayor, or in the Mayor's absence the Mayor Pro Tempore, shall take the chair at the
27 hour appointed for the meeting and shall immediately call the City Council to order. Upon the
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1 arrival of the Mayor, the Mayor Pro Tempore shall immediately relinquish the chair at the
2 conclusion of the business presently before the City Council.

3 B. MEETING ATTENDANCE

4 Before the City Council proceeds with the business before it, the City Clerk shall enter
5 into the minutes the names of the Mayor and those Councilmembers present. The later arrival of
6 any absentee shall also be entered into the minutes.

7 C. QUORUM CALL

8 During the course of the meeting, should the presiding officer note a City Council quorum
9 is lacking, the presiding officer shall call this fact to the attention of the City Clerk. The presiding
10 officer shall issue a quorum call. If a quorum has not been restored within two minutes of a
11 quorum call, the Chair may declare a recess for a reasonable period of time in order to reestablish
12 a quorum or the meeting shall be deemed automatically adjourned.

13 D. CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

14 Regular meetings of the City Council shall be held in the Art Pick Council Chamber, 3900
15 Main Street, Riverside, California, on the first four Tuesdays of each month. There shall be no
16 meeting on the fifth Tuesday of the month. As general policy, the City Council will cancel any
17 meetings the Tuesday following a legal Monday holiday, the week of Thanksgiving, and the week
18 of Christmas through the first of the year.

19 For the months of July ~~and~~, August ~~and September~~, meetings shall occur on the ~~first~~
20 ~~second~~ and ~~third-fourth~~ Tuesdays of the month. ~~For the months of April, June, and October,~~
21 ~~meetings shall occur the second, third, and fourth Tuesday of the month.~~

22 Regular meetings of the City Council are held in an afternoon session and/or evening
23 session. Afternoon sessions may commence at approximately 1:00 p.m. or 3 p.m. —Evening
24 sessions shall begin at approximately 6:15 p.m. One meeting each month shall be reserved for
25 City Council workshops. City Council meetings may be canceled for lack of agenda items.

26 The appointed hours noted herein are set forth for the convenience of the City Council and
27 are subject to change by the Mayor with the concurrence of the Mayor Pro Tem.
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1 E. ADJOURNED MEETINGS

2 The City Council may adjourn any regular, adjourned regular, special or adjourned special
3 meeting to a time and place specified in the order of adjournment as permitted by law and in
4 compliance with Chapter 4.05 of the Riverside Municipal Code.

5 F. SPECIAL MEETINGS

6 The Mayor or a majority of the City Council may call a special meeting by providing
7 notice five (5) days in advance of the meeting to the Mayor, all members of the City Council, to
8 all media outlets, and to persons having requested notification pursuant to State law.

9 G. CLOSED SESSIONS

10 The City Clerk or his/her designee shall attend each closed session of the City Council and
11 keep and enter in a minute log a record of topics discussed and decisions made at the meeting. In
12 the event of a closed session concerning personnel matters conducted in conformance with
13 *California Government Code* section 54957, the Mayor Pro Tempore or his/her designee shall
14 enter in a minute -log a record of the topics discussed and decisions made at the meeting. The
15 minute -log is not a public record subject to inspection pursuant to the California Public Records
16 Act (*California Government Code* section 6250 *et seq.*), and shall be kept confidential. The
17 minute log/audio shall be available only to members of the legislative body or, if a violation of
18 *California Government Code* sections 54950 through 54962 is alleged to have occurred at a
19 closed session, to a court of general jurisdiction wherein the local agency lies.
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21 All proper matters discussed during closed sessions shall be private and confidential, and
22 the disclosure by any person of the topics or details of such matters is expressly prohibited. If a
23 Councilmember feels it is necessary, then preliminary notes may be taken which should not be
24 kept as the Councilmembers permanent records. All closed session information, verbal or
25 written, is confidential and private.

26 H. EMERGENCY MEETINGS.

27 In the case of an emergency situation involving matters upon which prompt action is
28 necessary due to the disruption or threatened disruption of public facilities, the City Council may

1 hold an emergency meeting without complying with either the 24-hour notice requirement or the
2 24-hour posting requirement of *Section 54956* or both of the notice and posting requirement.

3 Each local newspaper of general circulation and radio or television station that has
4 requested notice of special meetings pursuant to *Section 54956* shall be notified by the presiding
5 officer of the legislative body, or designee thereof, one hour prior to the emergency meeting, or,
6 in the case of a dire emergency, at or near the time that the presiding officer or designee notifies
7 the members of the City Council of the emergency meeting. This notice shall be given by
8 telephone and all telephone numbers provided in the most recent request of a newspaper or station
9 for notification of special meetings shall be exhausted. In the event that telephone services are
10 not functioning, the notice requirements of this section shall be deemed waived, and the
11 legislative body, or designee of the legislative body, shall notify those newspapers, radio stations,
12 or television stations of the fact of the holding of the emergency meeting, the purpose of the
13 meeting, and any action taken at the meeting as soon after the meeting as possible.

14 During an emergency meeting, the City Council may meet in closed session pursuant to
15 *Section 54957* if agreed to by a two-thirds vote of the members of the City Council present, or, if
16 less than two-thirds of the members are present, by an unanimous vote of the members present.

17 All special meeting requirements, as prescribed in *Section 54956* shall be applicable to an
18 emergency meeting, with the exception of the 24-hour notice requirement.

19 The minutes of an emergency meeting, a list of persons who the presiding officer of the
20 City Council, or designee of the City Council, notified or attempted to notify, a copy of the roll
21 call vote, and any actions taken at the meeting shall be posted for a minimum of ten days in a
22 public place as soon after the meeting as possible.

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24 I. TELECONFERENCED MEETINGS

25 The City Council may elect to use teleconferencing for meetings pursuant to *Government*
26 *Code section 54953*.

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IX
AGENDA

A. DECLARATION OF POLICY

No ordinance, resolution, or item of business shall be introduced or acted upon before the City Council at its meeting without it having been published on the agenda of the meeting and posted in accordance with Riverside Municipal Code Title 4 and *California Government Code* section 54954.2(a) as the same now exist or hereafter amended. Exceptions to this rule are limited to those provided by State law and matters of business remaining uncompleted from a regular meeting.

B. DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this section, the terms listed herein shall be defined as follows:

1. "Agenda Item" means an item placed on the agenda irrespective of location (save and except for matters raised under Public Comment) to be transacted or discussed by the City Council. For purposes of this Section, any quasi-judicial appeals shall be considered action items in accordance with *California Government Code* section 54952.6 as the same now exists or hereafter may be amended.

Each agenda item shall contain a brief general description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed at the meeting in accordance with *California Government Code* section 54954.2 as the same now exists or hereafter may be amended, whether the matter is to be presented in Closed Session, on the Consent Calendar, the Discussion Calendar, the Public Hearing Calendar, or such other time as may be scheduled.

Each agenda item shall be supported by all relevant documentation, which may include but not be limited to the following as applicable:

- a. The need therefore and the department or departments involved or affected thereby;
- b. Recommendation of the City Manager, if applicable;
- c. Comments of the City Attorney, if the item involves legal issues;

- 1 d. Past City Council actions or practices, if any, relating to such matter;
2 e. Past legislative history or hearings, if any;
3 f. Financial benefits or costs which would accrue to the City as a result of the
4 recommended action;
5 g. For awards of contracts, the contracts shall be prepared and presented;
6 h. If funds are requested, the budgetary source of funds;
7 i. Person or persons to contact for further information;
8 j. Estimated balances shall be included for appropriations from General Fund
9 Contingency Reserve and supplemental appropriations from fund balance.

10 2. "Agenda" means the compilation of the descriptive titles of agenda items
11 submitted to the City Clerk, arranged in the sequence established in Section IX.E. hereof.

12 3. "Packet" means the Agenda and all supporting documentation.

13 4. "Emergency Situation" means both of the following:

14 a. An emergency, which shall be defined as a work stoppage, crippling
15 activity, or other activity that severely impairs public health, safety, or both, as determined by a
16 majority of the members of the City Council.

17 b. A dire emergency, which shall be defined as a crippling disaster, mass
18 destruction, terrorist act, or threatened terrorist activity that poses peril so immediate and
19 significant that requiring a legislative body to provide one-hour notice before holding an
20 emergency meeting may endanger the public health, safety, or both, as determined by a majority
21 of the members of the City Council.

22 5. "Continued Items" means items uncompleted from a prior agenda of a City
23 Council meeting.

24 C. PROCEDURE FOR BRINGING MATTERS BEFORE CITY COUNCIL

25 1. Persons Who May Place Matters On The Agenda

26 Except for matters pending before any committee, commission or other advisory body of
27 the City or the City Council, matters pertinent to and within the jurisdiction of the City may be
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1 placed on the agenda by the Mayor, any Councilmember, the City Manager, City Attorney or City
2 Clerk.

3 2. Scheduling Public Hearings Mandated By State, Federal or Local Statute.

4 The City Clerk may schedule a public hearing at any available time and date in those cases
5 where State, Federal or local statute mandates the City Council hold a public hearing.

6 3. Submission of Agenda Items.

7 Except for Continued Items, as a condition to placing an item on the Council's agenda, by
8 the Mayor, any Councilmember, the City Manager, the City Attorney or the City Clerk, a City
9 Council report should be prepared and submitted to the City Clerk not later than 12:00 p.m. of the
10 fifteenth (15th) day prior to each regular City Council meeting at which the item shall be heard.

11 4. Preparation of the Packet.

12 Not later than twelve (12) days prior to each regular City Council meeting, the City Clerk
13 shall prepare the packet. No item shall be considered by the City Council if not included in the
14 packet, except as provided in section 4.05.050 of the Riverside Municipal Code.

15 5. Posting of Agenda.

16 The City Clerk shall post the agenda of each City Council Regular or Adjourned Regular
17 Meeting at least twelve (12) days in advance of said meeting in a location that is freely accessible
18 to members of the public. The City Clerk shall maintain an affidavit indicating the location, date
19 and time of posting each agenda.

20 6. Distribution of the Packet.

21 Not later than noon eleven (11) days prior to each regular City Council meeting, the City
22 Clerk shall distribute the paper packet to the Mayor, each member of the City Council, the City
23 Manager and the City Attorney. Eleven (11) days prior to each regular City Council meeting, the
24 City Clerk shall distribute the paper packet to the designated department directors, and such other
25 persons or institutions as the City Clerk shall deem necessary or appropriate. Paper or electronic
26 copies of the packet shall be made for the news media and such other organizations, agencies,
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1 institutions or persons as may wish to subscribe to receipt thereof, and the City Clerk will make
2 the packet available electronically on the City's webpage.

3 7. Failure to Meet Deadlines. Refer to Title 4 of the Riverside Municipal Code.

4 D. AGENDA-SETTING MEETING

5 1. The City Council agenda-setting meeting normally takes place on Wednesdays,
6 and sets the following two City Council agendas, but can be rescheduled, if necessary.

7 2. The members include the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, City Manager, City Attorney,
8 City Clerk, and Assistant City Managers. In the event that any of these representatives cannot
9 attend the meeting, they may send a representative in their place.

10 3. The City Clerk, as the City official who manages and publishes the agenda, shall
11 serve as the chairperson.

12 4. The role of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, in addition to collaborating as team
13 members with executive management to set the agenda, is to track City Councilmembers' referred
14 items and ensure they are placed on the agenda. If an item is not addressed in the timeframe
15 noted, the Mayor Pro Tem will provide written notification to the City Councilmember(s) who
16 made the referral. The City Clerk's Master Meeting Calendar will be used as the tracking tool.

17 5. When a City Councilmember refers an item to be placed on the agenda, a
18 timeframe must be included. It will include the Councilmember's name, and the specific type of
19 item requested (action vs. discussion). City Council items should always be considered a priority
20 for scheduling.

21 6. Any City Councilmember may attend at the invitation of the Mayor Pro Tem
22 (provided it does not violate quorum rules).

23 7. During the agenda setting meeting, the Mayor with the concurrence of the Mayor
24 Pro Tem, may adjust the agenda sequence and order of business, provided for in section F of this
25 Article, for any agenda that has not yet been published.
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1 E. CONSENT CALENDAR

2 There shall be a consent calendar on all regular meeting agendas on which shall be
3 included those matters which the Mayor, Councilmembers, and City Manager deem to be routine
4 in nature and not likely to be subject to debate or inquiry.

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6 All items for presentation on the consent calendar shall conform to the format, guidelines
7 and deadlines set out in Section B, above. On any matter not requiring immediate action,
8 Councilmembers are encouraged to utilize a Motion to Postpone to a Time/Date Certain, as
9 opposed to a Motion to Table the matter, in order to have substantive issues addressed further.

10 It is the policy of the City Council that Councilmembers wishing to ask questions
11 concerning consent calendar items should ask questions of the City Manager or staff person who
12 submitted the report prior to the City Council meeting so that the need for discussion of consent
13 calendar items can be minimized.

14 F. AGENDA SEQUENCE AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

15 1. The City Council agenda is to be arranged in the following order and sections:

16 a. Public Comments from the audience regarding consent calendar items or
17 matters within the jurisdiction of the City. Public comment for afternoon sessions starting at 1:00
18 p.m. may occur at any time after 1:00 p.m. Public comment for afternoon sessions starting at 3:00
19 p.m. may occur at any time after 3:00 p.m. Public Comment during an evening session may
20 commence at any time after 6:15 p.m. To the extent the agenda states a specific time for public
21 comment, the times are approximate and may be adjusted by the presiding officer to ensure an
22 effective and efficient business meeting of the City Council. Public Comment may be provided
23 in-person/telephonically or prior to the meeting by email/e-comment and shall conform to the
24 provisions of Article X of this Resolution.

25 b. Brief reports on conferences, seminars and regional events; Ward updates;
26 Council comments; and announcements of upcoming events. Members of the City Council
27 speaking on this item will make reasonable efforts to deliver their comments within three minutes.
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1 c. Ceremonial Matters shall be limited to no more than three presentations
2 during a City Council meeting.

3 d. Workshops or Discussion Calendar.

4 e. Joint session of the City Council and all other related agencies meeting to
5 receive public comment from the public regarding closed session agenda items, or matters within
6 the jurisdiction of any such governing bodies.

7 f. Legislative report.

8 g. Closed Sessions.

9 h. Public Hearings/Land Use Appeals.

10 ~~f. Brief reports on conferences, seminars and regional events; Ward updates;~~
11 ~~Council comments; and announcements of upcoming events.~~

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20 ~~effective and efficient business meeting of the City Council. Public Comment may be provided~~
21 ~~in-person/telephonically or prior to the meeting by email/e-comment and shall conform to the~~
22 ~~provisions of Article X of this Resolution.~~

23 i. Consent Calendar.

24 Removal of items from the Consent Calendar, shall be followed by one motion for action
25 on uncontested Consent Calendar Items. Removed consent items will be discussed immediately
26 after the Discussion Calendar.

27 j. Discussion Calendar.

1 k. Pulled consent calendar items, if any.

2 l. Mayor/Councilmember Communications.

3 m. Adjournment.

4 2. The sequence set forth in this section is subject to change as provided in section D
5 of this Article.

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7 **CONDUCT OF MEETING**

8 **A. ORDER OF DISCUSSION**

9 The order of discussion after introduction of an item by the presiding officer will be as
10 follows:

11 1. Generally

12 a. Staff comments, information and reports, followed by questions from the
13 Mayor and Councilmembers.

14 b. Public comments and information followed by questions from the Mayor
15 and Councilmembers.

16 c. City Council discussion, motion and action.

17 2. Public Hearings

18 a. Staff comments, information and reports, followed by questions from the
19 Mayor and Councilmembers.

20 b. Public comments and information followed by questions from the Mayor
21 and Councilmembers.

22 c. Closure of public hearing.

23 d. Mayor and Council discussion, motion and action.

24 3. Appeals/Quasi-Judicial Hearings.

25 a. Staff comments, information and reports followed by questions from the
26 Mayor and Councilmembers.

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1 b. Appellant/proponent comments, information and reports followed by
2 questions from the Mayor and Councilmembers.

3 c. Public comments, information and reports from others wishing to speak on
4 the item followed by questions from the Mayor and Councilmembers.

5 d. Closing statements by appellant/proponent limited to addressing comments
6 made in opposition.

7 e. Closure of public testimony.

8 f. Mayor and City Council discussion, motion and action.

9 Once the agenda item is placed before the City Council for discussion, motion and action,
10 no staff member nor member of the public shall be allowed to address the City Council without
11 the consent of the City Council.

12 B. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS CALLED UP FOR DISCUSSION

13 The Mayor, any Councilmember, or the City Manager may request that any matter be
14 removed from the Consent Calendar. If a matter placed on a Consent Calendar at a regular
15 business meeting is removed, it will be discussed immediately after adoption of the Discussion
16 Calendar. All matters remaining on the Consent Calendar and which have not been removed shall
17 be approved by a single action, such single action to have the legal effect of individual action on
18 each matter. The presiding officer or City Clerk shall read into the record each item on the
19 Consent Calendar which has been removed.
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21 C. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE / [PUBLIC COMMENT](#).

22 A portion of each agenda of a regular meeting of the City Council shall provide an
23 opportunity to members of the public to address the City Council on any issue concerning City
24 business, including closed session, consent calendar items, or item of interest that is within the
25 subject matter jurisdiction of the City ("Public Comment").

26 The Mayor and members of the City Council may:

- 27 1. Briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by members of the public.
28 2. Ask questions for clarification.

- 1 3. Provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information.
- 2 4. Request staff to report back to the City Council at a subsequent meeting on any
- 3 matter.
- 4 5. Take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

5 Public Comment shall follow the procedures detailed in Section F of this Article.

6 ~~The City Council retains the right, by majority vote, to alter the time allotted for public~~

7 ~~remarks. Each person desiring to address the City Council during Public Comment, City Council~~

8 ~~Discussion Items, Workshops, or Public Hearings shall fill out and file a form provided by the~~

9 ~~City Clerk. Requests to be heard may be submitted to the City Clerk any time prior to the~~

10 ~~conclusion of public comment on the agenda item. Each person speaking shall limit his/her~~

11 ~~remarks to three (3) minutes. Speakers may not concede any part of their allotted time to another~~

12 ~~speaker. For each and every public speaker, the presiding officer shall be required to utilize the~~

13 ~~timing system which provides them with notice of their remaining time to complete their~~

14 ~~presentations.~~

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16 D. PUBLIC HEARINGS

17 The City Council or City Clerk shall set the time and place for each public hearing. In

18 the conduct of the public hearing, the presiding officer will direct those making presentations to

19 avoid repetition in order to permit maximum information to be provided the City Council

20 within the time allotted to the hearing. Presentations and public testimony at public hearings

21 will otherwise follow the procedures detailed in section F of this Article.

22 E. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

23 The City Council may, from time to time, schedule a matter for a public meeting. At

24 the scheduled time for public discussion, the City Council may state the amount of time to be

25 allotted for testimony from the public. Public testimony shall follow the procedures detailed in

26 section F of this Article.

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1 F. TIME LIMITATION CONDUCT FOR OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY AT PUBLIC
2 COMMENT, PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND PUBLIC DISCUSSION

3 1. Each person desiring to address the City Council during Public Comment, City
4 Council Discussion Items, Workshops, or Public Hearings is strongly encouraged to fill out and
5 file a form provided by the City Clerk. Requests to be heard may be submitted to the City Clerk
6 any time prior to the conclusion of public comment on the agenda item.

7 2. Each person addressing the City Council shall step up before the City Council and
8 may give their name and neighborhood in an audible tone of voice for the record. All remarks
9 shall be addressed to the City Council as a body and not to any Councilmember, Mayor or staff
10 member thereof.

11 3. Allotted Time. The City Council may limit the total amount of time of testimony
12 on particular issues and for each individual speaker. Unless otherwise provided herein, each
13 person speaking shall limit his/her remarks to three (3) minutes. Speakers may not concede any
14 part of their allotted time to another speaker.

15 Where more than twenty-five (25) individuals submit their request to the City Clerk to
16 speak for Public Comment or a particular agenda item prior to the presiding officer introducing
17 the item, each individual speaker shall limit his/her remarks to two (2) minutes. The presiding
18 officer shall announce prior to recognizing the first speaker, whether the number of speaker
19 requests has exceeded twenty five (25).

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21 Presentations for other than quasi-judicial hearings, are to be limited to no more than one
22 3-minute presentation. More or less time may be authorized by a majority of the City Council.
23 For quasi-judicial hearings, presentations are to be limited as follows: an appellant or applicant
24 may be allowed one ten minute presentation and an additional five (5) minutes for surrebuttal. A
25 designated representative of an organization in opposition thereof may be allowed a ten (10)
26 minute presentation.

27 The City Council reserves the right to determine the total amount of time for testimony on
28 any particular hearing matter and/or for each individual speaker.

1 For each and every public speaker, the presiding officer shall be required to utilize the
2 timing system which provides them with notice of their remaining time to complete their
3 presentations. A green light on the timing system will be activated at the start of a presentation; a
4 yellow light will be activated as a warning that one minute remains; when the red light is
5 activated, the speaker shall cease speaking.

6 In the further interest of time, speakers will be asked to limit their comments to new
7 materials and not repeat what a prior speaker said. Organized groups may choose a single
8 spokesperson who may speak for the group. Speakers may not concede any part of their allotted
9 time to another speaker.

10 3. Public Hearings. Interested persons or their authorized representatives may
11 address the City Council by reading protests, petitions, or communications relating to matters then
12 under consideration, subject to the time limitations imposed by the City Council.

13 4. Public Comment. Interested persons may address the City Council on any issue
14 concerning City business during the period assigned to Public Comment, except comments
15 relating to appeals before the City Council where the City Council must make its decision based
16 on the written record or set the matter for public hearing.

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19 5. ~~G.~~ Use Of Audio Video Technology By The Public.

20 Members of the public are prohibited from using any technology to amplify sound or
21 project/display still or moving images during public comments. Members of the public may use
22 the available projector to enlarge printed materials used during their allotted time to speak. These
23 restrictions do not apply to presentations by project applicants and appellants relevant to an
24 application or appeal.

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27 **XI**

1 **FACILITIES**

2 A. **COUNCIL CHAMBER CAPACITY**

3 Council Chamber attendance shall be limited to the posted seating capacity thereof.
4 Entrance to the Council Chamber will be appropriately regulated by the City Manager on
5 occasions when the Council Chamber capacity is likely to be exceeded. While the City Council is
6 in session, members of the public shall not remain standing in the seating area or aisles of the
7 Council Chamber except to address the City Council, and sitting on the floor shall not be
8 permitted.

9 B. **ALTERNATE FACILITIES FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

10 If the City Manager has reason to anticipate that the attendance for a meeting will be
11 substantially greater than the capacity of the City Council Chamber and insufficient time exists to
12 secure the approval of the City Council to hold the meeting at an alternate facility, the City
13 Manager, or his or her designee, shall make arrangements for the use of a suitable alternate
14 facility to which such meeting may be moved.

15 Furthermore, if, because of fire, flood, earthquake or other emergency, it would be unsafe
16 to meet in the customary location, the meetings may be held for the duration of the emergency at
17 some other place specified by the City Manager or his or her designee. The change of meeting
18 site shall be announced, by the most rapid means of communication available at the time, in a
19 notice to media organizations who have requested written notice of meetings.
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21 **XII**

22 **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

23 A. **PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO SIT AT TABLES**

24 No person, except officials, officers, employees and agents of the City shall be permitted
25 to sit at the tables in front of the City Council without the consent of the City Council.

26 B. **DECORUM**

27 It is the policy of the City Council that the right to express one's views at a City Council
28 meeting is fundamental to a free society; however, it is not absolute and is subject to valid

1 regulations. The public has a right to address the City Council at any meeting on any subject that
2 is within the City Council's subject matter jurisdiction and further, the public has the right to
3 express its criticism of the policies, procedures, programs or services of the City or its acts or
4 omissions. We must balance the right of the public to address the City Council with the need to
5 ensure that public comment does not hinder the smooth and efficient legislative function of the
6 City Council.

7 No member of the public shall approach the speaker's podium while the City Council is in
8 session, unless specifically requested to do so by the presiding officer. Unruly conduct, such as
9 undue noise, hissing, profanity, insult or physical disturbance which disrupts, disturbs or
10 otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the Council meeting shall not be permitted. Any person
11 making personal, impertinent, slanderous or profane remarks to any member of the Council, staff
12 or general public which disrupts, disturbs, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of any
13 Council meeting shall, at the discretion of the presiding officer or a majority of the Council, be
14 barred from further audience before the City Council at said meeting, unless permission to
15 continue be granted by a majority vote of the Council.

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17 C. ENFORCEMENT OF DECORUM

18 Any law enforcement or security officers on duty or whose services are commanded by
19 the presiding officer shall be Sergeant-at-Arms of the City Council meetings. The Sergeant-at-
20 Arms shall carry out all orders and instructions given by the presiding officer for the purpose of
21 maintaining order and decorum at the City Council's meetings. Upon instructions of the presiding
22 officer, it shall be the duty of the Sergeant-of-Arms, or any of them present, to place any person
23 who violates the order and decorum of the meeting under arrest, and cause the person to be
24 prosecuted under the provisions of applicable law, the complaint to be signed by the presiding
25 officer.

26 D. PRECEDENCE OF MOTIONS

27 When a question is before the City Council, no motion shall be entertained except:

28 1. Motion To Adjourn.

1 A motion to adjourn requires a second and is not debatable except to set the date and time
2 to which the meeting is adjourned to consider the unfinished business. The purpose of a motion
3 to adjourn is to terminate the meeting forthwith, notwithstanding that the business on the agenda
4 has not been completed, and notwithstanding a time fixed for adjournment has not yet arrived. A
5 motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time, except as follows: (i) When repeated without
6 intervening business or discussion; (ii) when made as an interruption of a Councilmember while
7 speaking; (iii) when the previous question has been moved; and (iv) while a vote is being taken.

8 2. Motion To Lay On The Table.

9 The purpose of the motion is to terminate further consideration of the subject being
10 discussed, without qualification. The effect of the motion, if approved, is to not only end
11 discussion on any other motion being considered, but to preclude any other motion being made.
12 A motion to table requires a second, is not amendable, and is not debatable. The foregoing shall
13 not preclude any Councilmember from placing the subject on an agenda for a later City Council
14 meeting.

15 3. Motion to Call for The Question (Close Debate).

16 The Councilmember moving any item before the City Council, including, the adoption of
17 an ordinance or resolution, or the Mayor Pro Tem, shall have the privilege of moving to close the
18 debate and at once to take the vote on the immediately pending question. Such a motion requires
19 a second and is not debatable, and is not amendable, and shall require a two-thirds vote of
20 Councilmembers present and voting for adoption. Such a motion also requires that each
21 Councilmember be afforded at least one opportunity to speak on the item before closing the
22 debate. The making of the motion shall not constitute a violation of Section V of these rules.

23 4. Motion To Postpone To A Certain Time/Day.

24 A motion to postpone to a time certain is amendable and is debatable as to the propriety of
25 postponement and as to time set in the motion. The purpose of the motion is to postpone the
26 subject under discussion to another specified time.

27 5. Motion to Substitute.

1 A motion to substitute the motion under consideration with another motion requires a
2 second, is not amendable and is debatable. A motion to substitute must be germane to the subject
3 and compatible with the underlying purpose of the motion under consideration; and if passed, the
4 substitute motion will, by its own action, eliminate the necessity to vote on the motion being
5 substituted. If the substitute motion fails to pass, debate will resume on the motion previously
6 being contested. Only two substitute motions shall be on the floor at any time.

7 6. Motion to Amend.

8 A motion to amend the motion under consideration requires a second, but the proposed
9 amendment must be germane, or related, to the main motion, and is debatable. A motion to
10 amend is defined as amending a motion that is on the floor and has been seconded, by inserting or
11 adding, striking out, or striking out and inserting words within the main motion. The proposed
12 amendment is voted on first, and if adopted, there is a vote on the main motion as amended. If
13 the motion fails, debate will resume on the main motion.

14 7. Motion To Reconsider.

15 A motion to reconsider any action taken by the City Council must be made not later than
16 the third succeeding official regular meeting of the City Council. Such a motion can only be
17 made by a member who voted with the majority. The motion to reconsider must be specifically
18 agendized as a motion for reconsideration and cannot be acted upon under Future Agenda Items.
19 However, if the motion to reconsider is made at the same Council meeting when the motion was
20 originally adopted, it does not have to be included on the agenda. At the time such
21 reconsideration is heard by the City Council, testimony shall be limited to debate in support of the
22 motion. No question shall be twice reconsidered, except by unanimous consent of the City
23 Council, except that action relating to any contract may be reconsidered at any time before the
24 final execution thereof.

25 These motions shall have precedence in the order indicated. Any such motion, except to
26 adjourn, amend, or substitute, shall be put to a vote without discussion.

27 E. RULES OF DISCUSSION

1 1. Presiding Officer May Debate: The presiding officer may debate from the chair,
2 subject only to such limitations of debate as are by these rules imposed on all members, and shall
3 not be deprived of any of the rights and privileges as a member of the City Council by reason of
4 acting as the presiding officer.

5 2. Getting the Floor: Improper References to be Avoided: Every member desiring to
6 speak shall utilize the electronic call device to gain the attention and priority of the presiding
7 officer, and upon recognition by the presiding officer, shall confine him/herself to the question
8 under debate, avoiding all personalities and indecorous language.

9 3. Interruptions: A Councilmember, once recognized, shall not be interrupted when
10 speaking unless it be to call the person to order, or as herein otherwise provided. If a
11 Councilmember, while speaking, be called to order, the Councilmember shall cease speaking until
12 the question of order is determined, and, if in order, shall be permitted to proceed.

13 4. Allotted Time for Debate. Unless waived by a majority of the City Council, each
14 member may speak on an item for up to fifteen (15) minutes as provided in this paragraph. The
15 first time a member is recognized to speak on an item, the member shall limit his/her remarks to
16 ten (10) minutes. Subsequent opportunities to speak shall be no more than five (5) minutes. The
17 presiding officer shall be responsible for tracking time and shall utilize the timing system for this
18 purpose.

19 4. Division of Question: If the question contains two or more divisional propositions,
20 each of which is capable of standing as a complete proposition if the others are removed, the
21 presiding officer may, and upon request of a Councilmember shall (unless appealed), divide the
22 question.
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24 5. Withdrawal of Motion: A motion may not be withdrawn by the mover without the
25 consent of the Councilmember seconding it.

26 6. Voting: On the passage of every motion, the vote shall be taken by electronic
27 voting device and entered in full upon the record. If the device is inoperable, the vote shall be
28 taken by roll call voice vote recorded by the City Clerk. The presiding officer or City Clerk shall

1 announce the result of the vote. No Councilmember shall be excused from voting except on
2 matters involving the consideration of the Councilmembers' own official conduct, or where a
3 conflict of interest exists. Abstaining votes consent with the majority. An explanation of the
4 reason for abstentions is encouraged.

5 F. ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL

6 Any person desiring to address the City Council shall first secure the permission of the
7 presiding officer to do so. Under the following headings of business, unless the presiding officer
8 rules otherwise, any interested person shall have the right to address the City Council in
9 accordance with the following conditions and upon obtaining recognition by the presiding officer:

10 1. Speakers. Any person desiring to provide public comment or public testimony,
11 shall do so in accordance with Article X. ~~Each person addressing the City Council shall step up~~
12 ~~before the City Council and may give their name and neighborhood in an audible tone of voice for~~
13 ~~the record. All remarks shall be addressed to the City Council as a body and not to any~~
14 ~~Councilmember, Mayor or staff member thereof.~~

15 2. Written Communications. Interested parties or their authorized representatives
16 may address the City Council by written communications in regard to matters of concern to them.
17 Communications received by the City Clerk prior to close of business on the day prior to a City
18 Council meeting shall be submitted to the City Council at the meeting if related to an item which
19 is on the agenda for that meeting.

20 3. ~~Public Hearings. Interested persons or their authorized representatives may~~
21 ~~address the City Council by reading protests, petitions, or communications relating to matters then~~
22 ~~under consideration, subject to the time limitations imposed by the City Council.~~

23 4. ~~Public Comment. Interested persons may address the City Council on any issue~~
24 ~~concerning City business during the period assigned to Public Comment, except comments~~
25 ~~relating to appeals before the City Council where the City Council must make its decision based~~
26 ~~on the written record or set the matter for public hearing.~~

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2 G. ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL AFTER MOTION MADE

3 When a motion is pending before the City Council, no person other than a Councilmember
4 shall address the City Council without first securing the permission of the presiding officer or
5 City Council to do so.

6 XIII

7 CITY COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES AND REGIONAL
8 ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATION

9 A. STANDING COMMITTEE NUMBER, NAMES, COMPOSITION, AND
10 APPOINTMENTS AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATION APPOINTMENTS

11 1. There shall be eight Standing Committees of the City Council entitled Economic
12 Development, Finance, Housing and Homelessness, Governmental Processes, Mayor's
13 Nominating and Screening, Mobility and Infrastructure, and Safety, Wellness, and Youth.

14 2. Following each election and/or appointment to fill a City Council vacancy,
15 reorganization of City Council Standing Committee and regional organizational assignments shall
16 be considered by the Mayor's Nominating and Screening Committee for a recommendation to the
17 City Council.

18 3. Each Standing Committee shall be comprised of three members. Each
19 Councilmember shall serve as Chair, Vice-Chair, and Member of three Committees, respectively.

20 4. The Mayor's Nominating and Screening Committee shall be comprised of the
21 Mayor who shall serve as Chair and the members of the Governmental Processes Committee.
22 The Mayor's Nominating and Screening Committee shall assist in the board/commission
23 appointment process as provided in Section XIV of this resolution, recommend to the City
24 Council (a) nominees for the annual City Spirit Award, (b) structure and/or appointments to ad
25 hoc resident committees as requested by the City Council, and (c) any other matters referred by
26 the City Council or board/commission.
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1 5. For Standing Committee and regional organization appointments, preferences of
2 senior elected officials shall be honored. However, with five (5) affirmative votes, the City
3 Council may appoint a non-senior member. The Mayor and Councilmembers shall forward
4 preferences on Standing Committee assignments to the City Clerk to be shared at the Mayor's
5 Nominating and Screening Committee Meeting.

6 Initially, each elected official shall be limited to two (2) regional organizational
7 appointments. Remaining vacant positions and any appointment declined by an elected official
8 shall be filled by seniority of elected officials desiring such appointments. There shall be no
9 limitation to the number of appointments as "Alternate" to regional organizations. The provisions
10 of this section shall not apply to organizations where the City Council is not the appointing
11 authority.

12 "Seniority" shall be honored as to the elected office currently held.

13 B. REFERRAL OF MATTERS TO CITY COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES

14 1. Generally, items agendized for City Council Standing Committees shall first be
15 referred by the City Council for review and a recommendation to the City Council within 120
16 days, subject to the exceptions set forth below or as otherwise modified by the City Council.

17 2. The Annual Year-End Finance Report by the Public Utilities Department is
18 automatically referred directly to the Finance Committee for review and a recommendation to the
19 City Council within 120 days.

20 3. All Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency matters are automatically
21 referred to the Economic Development Committee for review and a recommendation to the
22 Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Board within 120 days.

23 4. All requests for comments on projects within the City's sphere of influence are
24 automatically referred to the Land Use Committee for review and submission of comments to the
25 County of Riverside or as a recommendation to the City Council as time permits.

26 5. With the concurrence of the Committee Chairperson and the City Manager, an
27 item may be sent directly to a Council committee without City Council referral. If a matter is so
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referred to a Council committee, the committee agenda will note such fact on the face of the agenda. Such referrals are not required to be forwarded to the City Council for action following committee review. The below guidelines shall be considered for such referrals.

Standing Committee	Types of Items Referred to the Committee
Economic Development	Economic Development, Placemaking, and Branding/Marketing
Finance	City budget, Measure Z, performance measures, audits, and other financial matters.
Housing and Homelessness	Housing and homelessness solutions
Governmental Processes	City board and commission structures, ethics, and other policy matters
Land Use	Land use, planning, development, sustainability and resilience
Mayor's Nominating and Screening Committee	Nominations for City Spirit Award; and following each election and/or appointment to fill a City Council vacancy, reorganization of City Council Standing Committees and Regional Organization assignments.
Mobility and Infrastructure	Transportation, sewer, airport, utilities, and public works
Safety, Wellness and Youth	Public Safety, wellness programs, food sources and agriculture, recreation, disabilities, seniors, libraries, museum, and youth activities.

6. Board and Commissions, by majority vote, may forward matters to any City Council Standing Committee, as appropriate.

1 C. REFERRAL OF MATTERS FROM CITY COUNCIL TO BOARDS OR
2 COMMISSIONS

3 When deemed appropriate the City Council or Councilmember, may refer matters to
4 boards and commissions for review. Referrals may return to City Council Standing Committees
5 if not time sensitive.

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7 **BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**

8 A. For Citywide vacancies on any boards and commissions, the Mayor shall recommend an
9 applicant for appointment by the Mayor and City Council. For Ward-specific seats, the
10 Councilmember for the Ward shall recommend an applicant for appointment by the Mayor and
11 City Council.

12 B. For appointments to City Council resident ad hoc committees, the City Council shall
13 affirmatively select one of the following options:

14 1. Option 1: The Mayor's Nominating and Screening Committee shall review the
15 applications submitted and identify applicants for interview with the Mayor and City Council.
16 The City Clerk shall notify the City Council of those selected for interview. The Mayor and each
17 member of the City Council may add one additional applicant for interview, if desired. The
18 Mayor and City Council shall interview, make the appointments, and select the Chair; or

19 2. Option 2: By formal motion, the City Council shall authorize each member of the
20 City Council to select a member from their Ward and the Mayor to select two at-large members.
21 The ad hoc committee shall elect a Chair from among its members; or

22 3. Option 3: By formal motion, any other method of appointment as desired by the
23 City Council.

24 C. Board/commission members shall make every effort to notify the Chairperson or his/her
25 designee no later than 24 hours prior to any regular meeting of his/her intent not to attend said
26 meeting. A member's inability to provide 24 hours advance notice shall not preclude the
27 board/commission from exercising its discretion to excuse said absence as outlined in Section
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1 805 of the City Charter. If a member of a board or commission absents himself/herself from
2 three consecutive regular meetings of such board or commission, unless by permission of such
3 board or commission expressed in its official minutes, or is convicted of a crime of moral
4 turpitude, or ceases to be a qualified elector of the City, the office shall become vacant and shall
5 be so declared by the City Council.

6 D. The City Clerk shall provide quarterly attendance reports to the Mayor and City Council.

7 E. The City Clerk shall notify the Mayor for Citywide seats and the appropriate
8 Councilmember for Ward specific seats for direction to be taken in the event of either of the
9 following conditions: (a) a board/commission member is absent and unexcused from three
10 consecutive regular meetings of the board/commission; or (b) a board/commission member is
11 absent, whether excused or unexcused, from more than one-third of the regularly scheduled
12 meetings in any calendar year.

13 F. Resignations from City boards and commissions shall be effective immediately upon
14 receipt by the City Clerk, who shall then forward a received resignation to the City Council for
15 filing. Future effective dates noted in writing and submitted as part of, or with any resignation,
16 shall be honored to the extent the resignee remains eligible. Withdrawal of a resignation for
17 desired continued service must be submitted to the City Clerk in writing and must include the
18 reason for withdrawing. The City Clerk shall forward any withdrawal to the Mayor and City
19 Council, who may consider and approve the withdrawal. A resignation shall remain in effect
20 notwithstanding the submission of a withdrawal, unless and until the Mayor and City Council
21 approve the withdrawal.
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23 G. A term of more than two years and one day shall be considered a full term. Residents
24 appointed mid-year to boards and commissions shall serve full terms of up to and not-to-exceed
25 four year, expiring on March 1st of the corresponding year.

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XV

COUNCIL REQUESTS

A. All Council requests dealing with policy issues and those requests which may be construed as direction, go through the City Manager, except for general inquiries or questions in which case the City Council may go to the Department Heads or key staff in the City Manager's Office. Councilmembers may also deal directly with the City Attorney, City Clerk or other staff appointed by the City Council.

B. Any request from the City Council requiring funding must go through the City Manager. The City Manager shall respond in a timely manner.

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ADMINISTRATION

A. The City Council will review and revise the City Council norms and procedures as needed or every two (2) years.

B. During City Council discussions, deliberations, and proceedings, the Mayor has been designated with the primary responsibility to ensure that the City Council, staff and members of the public adhere to the Council's norms and procedures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. [24076-24255](#) is hereby repealed.

ADOPTED by the City Council this ____ day of _____, 2025.

PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON
Mayor of the City of Riverside

ATTEST:

DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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1 I, Donesia Gause, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the
2 foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the City Council of said City
3 at its meeting held on the ____ day of _____, 2025, by the following vote, to wit:

4 Ayes:

5 Noes:

6 Abstain:

7 Absent:

8 IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the
9 City of Riverside, California, this ____ day of _____, 2025.

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13 City Clerk of the City of Riverside
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