

REGULAR MEETING
of the
CITY OF RIALTO
CITY COUNCIL
City of Rialto, acting as Successor Agency to the
Redevelopment Agency, RIALTO UTILITY AUTHORITY,
RIALTO HOUSING AUTHORITY
MINUTES
Tuesday, May 13, 2025

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rialto was held in the City Council Chambers located at 150 South Palm Avenue, Rialto, California 92376 on Tuesday, May 13, 2025.

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This meeting was called by the presiding officer of the Rialto City Council in accordance with the provisions of **Government Code §54956** of the State of California.

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Baca called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

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The roll was called, and the following were present: Mayor Joe Baca, Mayor Pro Tem Ed Scott, Council Member Karla Perez, and Council Member Edward Montoya Jr.

Also, present were City Manager Tanya Williams, City Attorney Eric Vail, and City Clerk Barbara McGee.

Absent: City Treasurer Edward Carrillo.

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CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
EXISTING LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1)
Matters: One (1)
Jonathan Basurto v. City of Rialto et al. SBSC Case No
SBSC Case No. CIVSB2407830
2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6
Labor Negotiator: City Manager Tanya Williams
Human Resources Director Shama Curian
Employee Organizations:
 - Executive Management Team
 - Management Unrepresented Employees
 - Rialto City Employee's Association (RCEA)
 - Teamsters Mid-Management & Confidential Employees' Union (TMMU)
 - Rialto Fire Management Association (RFMA)
 - Rialto Police Benefit Association – Management
 - Rialto Police Benefit Association – General
 - Rialto Professional Firefighters of California – Local 3688
 - Unrepresented Employees

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Motion by Council Member Perez, second by Council Member Carrizales and by carried by a 5-0 vote to go into Closed Session.

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The City Council went into Closed Session at 5:02 p.m.

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The City Council returned from the Closed Session at 6:25 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Joe Baca called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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OPEN SESSION

The roll was called, and the following were present: Mayor Joe Baca, Mayor Pro Tem Ed Scott, Council Member Carrizales, Council Member Karla Perez, and Council Member Edward Montoya Jr.

Also, present were City Manager Tanya Williams, City Attorney Eric Vail, City Treasurer Ed Carrillo, and City Clerk Barbara McGee.

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**Pledge of Allegiance and
Invocation**

Fire Chief Park led the pledge of allegiance.

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Cynthia Alvarado-Crawford with the City of Rialto gave the Invocation.

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**City Attorney's Report on
Closed Session**

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The City Council gave direction to the City Attorney's Office. There is no reportable action.

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The City Council received a briefing from labor negotiators. The City Council gave direction. There is no reportable action.

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**PRESENTATIONS AND
PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Proclamation - 56th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week – Mayor Baca
2. Proclamation - National Public Works Week
Mayor Pro Tem Scott
3. 2nd Annual Rialto on Wheels Event Overview –
Scott McAfee, Don's Bicycles; Roberto Solis, City Clerk's Office

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Mayor Baca announced that May is National Military Appreciation and recognized the veterans in the audience.

And acknowledged all mothers for Mother's Day.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Marco Antonio Villalobos addressed the City Council related to the park that was taken away from him. He is fighting for the Rialto soccer league members that he represents. He is asking for a meeting with City staff to resolve this matter.

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Mayor Baca asked City staff to meet with Mr. Villalobos.

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Council Member Carrizales stated he had met Mr. Villalobos, and he was given information related to all the requirements.

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City Attorney Vail reminded the City Council that this is Public Comment and not for discussion.

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Juan Arambula addressed the City Council related to a code violation on an extension project on his property. Construction came to a halt. He believes it's due to the outdated City municipal codes and that this can impact the other residents going through a similar situation. He hopes his suggestions will benefit a growing community. He asked the City Council for permission to keep the current building despite the code violation.

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Mayor Baca asked Code Enforcement staff to assist him with his matter.

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City Council to Consider removing or continuing any items on the agenda

None.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

A. WAIVE FULL READING OF ORDINANCES

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B. APPROVAL OF WARRANT RESOLUTIONS

B.1 Warrant Resolution No. 2025-40

B.2 Warrant Resolution No. 2025-41

B.3 Warrant Resolution No. 2025-42

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CONSENT CALENDAR

C. MISCELLANEOUS

- C.1 Request the City Council to: (1) Ratify the Grant Application Submission to the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) for the 2024 Out-of-School Time Youth Mentoring Program; and (2) Accept the Grant Award From NRPA in the Amount of \$60,000; and (3) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents Related to the Grant Award and Implementation of the Program.
- C.2 Request City Council to: (1) Accept the LA84 Foundation Grant Award in the Amount of \$10,000, (2) Adopt Resolution No. 8342 Amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget to Reflect the Grant Funds; and (3) Authorize the City Manager or Designee to Execute all Related Documents Necessary for the Grant.
- C.3 Request the City Council to: (1) Approve the Addendum to the Licensed Training Provider Agreement with the American Red Cross to Include the City of Rialto's Participation in the Centennial Campaign, (2) Accept the Centennial Campaign Grants Funds in the Amount of \$6,000; and (3) Accept the Authorize the City Manager or Designee to Execute all Related Documents Necessary for the Grant Award and Implementation.
- C.4 Request City Council/Rialto Utility Authority Board to Authorize Staff to Submit a Notice of Interest (NOI) and Subsequent Full Application to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for up to \$7 Million in Federal Funding Through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) to Support the Resilient Power Infrastructure for Critical Water Facilities Project. (ACTION)
- C.5 Request the City Council to Approve Changes to Classification Specifications of Director of Public Works and Public Works Supervisor.
- C.6 Request City Council to receive and file the 2024 Housing Element Annual Progress Report
- C.7 Request City Council to Approve an Increase to the Annual Purchase Order No. 25100124 with Pristine Uniforms, LLC, for Fiscal Year 2024/2025, in the Amount of \$65,000 for Uniforms and Safety Equipment Through June 2025 for a Total Purchase Order Amount of \$160,000.
- C.8 Request City Council to Consider Adopting Resolution No. 8343, Opposing South Coast Air Quality Management District Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121 Related to the Regulation of Air Emissions from Residential and Business Natural Gas Furnaces and Water Heaters.

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Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Scott, second by Council Member Carrizales and carried by a 5-0 vote to approve the Consent Calendar.

PUBLIC HEARING

TAB 1

Adopt Resolution No. 8344 Approving a Mitigated Negative Declaration for project in Accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and RUA Resolution No. 08-41 Approving a Mitigated Negative Declaration for project in Accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act

John Rossi, Interim Utilities Director and Ray Hussey with Enplanners, presented staff report to Request City Council/Rialto Utility Authority Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Dr. June Hayes and Deborah Robertson Habitat Nature Center by Adopting Resolution No. 8344 Approving a Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the project, in Accordance With the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and RUA Resolution No. 08-41 Approving a Mitigated Negative Declaration Prepared for the project, in Accordance With the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

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Mayor Baca opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak.

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No one came forward.

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Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Scott, second by Council Member Montoya, Jr. and carried by a 5-0 vote to close the Public Hearing.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott inquired about the future maintenance of the facility and asked if funding has been identified and if any will be through grant funding.

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Interim Director of Utilities Rossi stated it will not be funded by grant funding. The operational costs have not yet been identified. They will need to work with Public Works and Community Services. The maintenance of the pumps will be on a minor scale. Plants and materials have not been identified.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott inquired about the water facility and asked if it will be maintained and operated through a separate contract with RWS.

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Interim Director of Utilities Rossi stated or it could also be operated by City staff. It has not been determined, but it will not be part of the concession agreement.

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Mayor Baca asked how long the construction project will last.

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Mr. Pivovarov with Dopudja & Wells stated approximately 18 months.

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Mayor Baca asked for clarification that the lake will not be available for swimming or fishing. The public should be made aware.

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Interim Director of Utilities Rossi stated that is correct.

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Mayor Baca asked if there would be a fence preventing the public from utilizing the lake.

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Mr. Pivovarovoff stated there will be a three-rail picket fence in certain areas. They will work with staff about signage or guardrails along the walking trails. There will be fencing along the steeper slopes by the community center.

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Interim Director of Utilities Rossi stated the public has access to the river and channels. Safety will be addressed.

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Mayor Baca asked if signage will include trail hours.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated that the public will be visiting for educational purposes and will always be accompanied by habitat staff or volunteer member. The public will not be allowed to walk the trail themselves.

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Mayor Baca asked about the trail.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated the trail will have the same model as the two habitats in Orange County. Staff and volunteers will always be joining them.

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Mayor Baca stated that, essentially, the public cannot walk on their own.

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Interim Director of Utilities Rossi stated correct.

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Motion by Council Member Carrizales and second by Mayor Pro Tem Scott and carried by a 5-0 vote to Adopt Resolution No. 8344 Approving a Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the project, in Accordance With the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and RUA Resolution No. 08-41 Approving a Mitigated Negative Declaration Prepared for the project, in Accordance With the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

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NEW BUSINESS

TAB 2

Approve Contract Amendment No. 2 with Enplanners, Inc. for Regulatory Permitting and Processing Services for the Dr. June Hayes and Deborah Robertson Habitat Nature Center Project.

John Rossi, Interim Utilities Director and Ray Hussey with Enplanners, presented staff report to Request the City Council/Rialto Utility Authority to: (1) Approve Contract Amendment No. 2 with Enplanners, Inc., in the Amount of \$72,925, for a Revised Total Contract Amount not to Exceed \$260,586, to Provide Regulatory Permitting and Processing Services for the Dr. June Hayes and Deborah Robertson Habitat Nature Center Project, and (2) Authorize the City Manager, or Designee, to Execute any and all Documents.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked if the funds will be dealt with by the financial impacts by grants.

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Motion by Council Member Carrizales and second by Mayor Pro Tem Scott and carried by a 5-0 vote to Approve Contract Amendment No. 2 with Enplanners, Inc., in the Amount of \$72,925, for a Revised Total Contract Amount not to Exceed \$260,586, to Provide Regulatory Permitting and Processing Services for the Dr. June Hayes and Deborah Robertson Habitat Nature Center Project.

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TAB 3

Authorize Issuance of a Contract Change Order to Onward Engineering and SPECS Engineering Group for "On-Call" Construction Inspection Services for FY 2025/2026

Vicente Giron, Engineering Manager, presented staff report to Request City Council to: (1) Authorize Issuance of a Contract Change Order in the Amount of \$291,200.00 to Onward Engineering for "On-Call" Construction Inspection Services for Fiscal Year 2025/2026; (2) Authorize Issuance of a Contract Change Order in the Amount of \$323,865.60 to SPECS Engineering Group for "On-Call" Construction Inspection Services for Fiscal Year 2025/2026; and, (3) Authorize the City Manager to Execute all Related Documents.

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Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Scott and second by Council Member Perez, and carried by a 5-0 vote to Authorize Issuance of a Contract Change Order in the Amount of \$291,200.00 to Onward Engineering for "On-Call" Construction Inspection Services for Fiscal Year 2025/2026; (2) Authorize Issuance of a Contract Change Order in the Amount of \$323,865.60 to SPECS Engineering Group for "On-Call" Construction Inspection Services for Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

TAB 4

Provide Direction to Staff to Continue the use of City Standards and other approved Standards; allow modifications to these Standards

Tim Sullivan, Assistant City Manager, presented staff report to Request the City Council to: 1) Provide Direction to Staff to Continue the use of City Standards and Other approved Standards, and 2) Allow Modifications to These Standards Where Applicable and Approved by the City Engineer.

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Mayor Baca inquired about the curb ramp designs and referenced the current design and asked if it was ADA compliant.

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Assistant City Manager Sullivan stated it is ADA compliant for the present sidewalk.

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Mayor Baca stated there is no sidewalk to the right.

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Assistant City Manager Sullivan stated correct. There is no sidewalk there. There is no right of way.

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Council Member Carrizales stated there is sidewalk to the north.

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Mayor Baca stated that if one wanted to go in the direction to the right, there is no right of way because of the way it's built.

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Assistant City Manager Sullivan stated in this case, one would have to walk across the street. There is a sidewalk on the opposite side and then head upwards.

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Mayor Baca asked if this also applies to bicycle trails.

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Assistant City Manager Sullivan stated ADA standards do apply to bicycle trails. On the Pacific Electric trail, alternations would be transitions from the bicycle path to the sidewalk or end of the roadway. The P.E. trail would steer away from these modifications to a standardized method and build the wider path to handle the volume of travel.

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Mayo Baca stated it is a misdemeanor to ride your bicycle on the sidewalk, and riders could receive a citation. You have to use the bicycle trails. The public is not aware. He sees children riding on the sidewalks.

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TAB 4

Provide Direction to Staff to Continue the use of City Standards and other approved Standards; allow modifications to these Standards

Assistant City Manager Sullivan thanked Council Member Carrizales that spoke on the type of cobble. The City needs to focus on one type of cobble and be the standard.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott referenced curb ramp design SC-215 Case B Type 2 and clarified that that design is to denote that it is not a sidewalk area and it is generally done for vision-impaired individuals.

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Assistant City Manager Sullivan stated that is one benefit of using cobble.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked when does that prevail over children's safety at a school crossing.

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Assistant City Manager Sullivan stated the designated path of travel is the sidewalk itself not the parkways.

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Mayor Baca commented that pedestrians would need to take a walking detour to get to the opposite side of the street since there are no sidewalks.

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Assistant City Manager Sullivan stated that the use of cobble is not consistent on the height and spacing.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott commented that an intersection near a school by Sycamore Avenue with a lot of foot traffic and not enough sidewalk space causes the students to walk over the cobble creating a safety concern.

He asked if the cobble should be limited to certain locations.

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Assistant City Manager Sullivan stated that a concrete deck would be an alternative to cobble. This may create a higher than the standard eight-inch curb for the visually impaired pedestrians. There needs to be a delineation between the colors for clear visibility for pedestrians.

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Mayor Baca recommended a policy or procedure in place and suggested a study on the cobble curb design location for ADA and school safety purposes.

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TAB 4

Provide Direction to Staff to Continue the use of City Standards and other approved Standards; allow modifications to these Standards

Assistant City Manager Sullivan stated he will develop a plan and bring it before the City Council.

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Council Member Carrizales thanked Assistant City Manager Sullivan for the due attention to this topic. The City Council is looking for standardization across the City and schools. As a former Rialto Neighborhood & Housing Preservation & Beautification Commissioner, he sees this as an opportunity to beautify the City. The quality of work being delivered and proper investment are highly important. Concrete projects are for a lifetime, so they need to be done right.

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Motion by Council Member Carrizales, second by Mayor Pro Tem Scott. and carried by a 5-0 vote to Provide Direction to Staff to Continue the use of City Standards and Other approved Standards and Allow Modifications to These Standards Where Applicable and Approved by the City Engineer.

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REPORTS

The Council Members gave their report.

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Department Head Reports

Department Heads gave their report.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Perez, second by Council Member Montoya Jr. and carried by a 5-0 vote to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 8:15 p.m.

The City Council adjourned in memory of:

**Hattie Inge,
Longtime Rialto Resident and
Active Member of the Community**

MAYOR JOE BACA

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK BARBARA A. McGEE