REGULAR MEETING of the CITY OF RIALTO CITY COUNCIL

City of Rialto, acting as Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency

MINUTES September 14, 2021

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, September 14, 2021.

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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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Mayor Pro Tem Scott called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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The roll was called, and the following were present: Mayor Pro Tem Scott, Council Member Rafael Trujillo, Council Member Andy Carrizales and Council Member Karla Perez.

Also present were City Manager Marcus Fuller, City Attorney Eric Vail, and City Clerk Barbara McGee.

Mayor Deborah Robertson was absent.

City Treasurer Edward Carrillo was absent.

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CALL TO ORDER

CLOSED SESSION

 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1)

Four (4) Matters

(1) Cynthia Balderas v. City of Rialto, et al,

SBSC Case No. CIV SB 2105830

(2) Jonathan Aguirre-Salazar v. City of Rialto, et al,

SBSC Case No. CIV DS 2012385

(3) Lawrence Bender v. City of Rialto; et al,

USDC Case No. 5:20-cv-012171

(4) Betty Vitatoe vs. City of Rialto.

SBSC Case No. CIV DS 1922226

2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6
Agency Designated Representatives: City Manager Marcus Fuller
Employee Organizations:

- City Government Management Association
- Rialto Fire Management Association
- Rialto Mid-Management & Confidential Employee's Association
- Rialto Policy Benefit Association Management
- Rialto City Employee's Association
- Rialto Police Benefit Association General
- Rialto Professional Firefighters of California Local 3688
- Executive Management Team
- Management Unrepresented Employees
- Unrepresented Employees

3. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFOMANCE EVALUATION Pursuant to Government Code section 54957

Pursuant to Government Code section 54

Title: City Attorney

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Motion by Council Member Trujillo, second by Council Member Perez and carried by 4-0 vote to go into Closed Session at 5:03 p.m. Mayor Robertson was absent.

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Mayor Robertson arrived at 5:15 p.m.

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City Council returned from Closed Session at 6:36 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

and Invocation

Closed Session

Mayor Deborah Robertson called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

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The roll was called, and the following were present: Mayor Deborah Robertson, Mayor Pro Tem Ed Scott, Council Member Rafael Trujillo, Council Member Andy Carrizales and Council Member Karla Perez. Also present were City Manager Marcus Fuller, City Attorney Eric Vail, City Clerk Barbara McGee and City Treasurer Edward Carrillo

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Mayor Deborah Robertson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Mark Baur – 1st Baptist Church Rialto

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City Attorney's Report on

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The City Council completed its discussion with regard to each and gave direction to the City Attorney.

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The City Council completed this Item. The City Council gave direction to City Manager Fuller as Labor Negotiator.

City Attorney's Report on Closed Session

3. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFOMANCE EVALUATION Pursuant to Government Code section 54957

Title: City Attorney

This Item will be held over until the end of the regular meeting. 000

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Introduction of new employees by Marcus Fuller, City Manager:

Cynthia Alvarado-Crawford, Director of Community Services

Arron Brown, Deputy City Manager

Hector Hernandez, Information Technology Specialist

Steven R. Lopez, Paramedic John A. Monso, Paramedic John Carrasco, Paramedic

Eugene Cervantes, Field Service Worker

2. Certificate for National Tradesmen Day for Arnie Nava -

Council Member Trujillo

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

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

Mayor Robertson stated the City Council will return to closed session at the conclusion of regular session.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott abstained from D.1 - Ed Scott - Damages.

He asked to have F.2- Adopt Resolution No. 7769 be pulled for discussion and requested Mr. Robert J. Smith to the podium.

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F.2 Resolution No. 7769 – Industrial Disability Retirement of Robert J. Smith

Robert Smith addressed the City Council. He stated it was an honor and pleasure to serve the citizens of Rialto in law enforcement to create a safe place to live, work and play.

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The City Council thanked Mr. Smith for his years of service and congratulated him on his retirement.

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Mayor Robertson abstained from Warrant Resolution No. 6 - Voucher No. 219460 and Warrant Resolution No. 9 - Voucher No. 219769.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. WAIVE FULL READING OF ORDINANCES

1. Waive reading in full, all ordinances considered at this meeting.

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B. APPROVAL OF WARRANT RESOLUTIONS

- B.1 Warrant Resolution No. 5a (7/29/2021)
- B.2 Warrant Resolution No. 6 (8/12/2021)
- B.3 Warrant Resolution No. 7 (8/19/2021)
- B.4 Warrant Resolution No. 8 (8/26/2021)
- B.5 Warrant Resolution No. 9 (9/02/2021)

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C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C.1 Regular City Council Meeting – August 10, 2021

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D. CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY

D.1 Ed Scott – Damages

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E. SET PUBLIC HEARING

E.1 Request City Council to Set a Public Hearing for September 28, 2021 to Consider and Approve the City's 2020-2021 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report.

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F. MISCELLANEOUS

- F.1 Request City Council to Adopt by Second Reading ORDINANCE NO.1660 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIALTO, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION 2.50.060 OF THE RIALTO MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO CITY POSITIONS INCLUDED IN THE COMPETITIVE SERVICE OF THE CITY.
- F.2 Request City Council to Adopt **Resolution No. 7769** Approving the Industrial Disability Retirement of Robert J. Smith.
- F.3 Request City Council to Approve the First Amendment to the Agreement for Professional Communications Services with The 20/20 Network in the Amount of \$42,000.
- F.4 Request City Council to Authorize the Release of Request for Bids for the Rialto Cemetery Rehabilitation Project, City Project No. 210209.
- F.5 Request City Council to Approve a Fifth Amendment to the Lease Agreement with the County of San Bernardino for the Library site located at 251 West First Street.

CONSENT CALENDAR

F.6 Request City Council to Adopt **Resolution No. 7770** Declaring that Certain 3.39 Acre City-Owned Property Located at the Southeast Corner of Linden Avenue and Miro Way as Surplus Land and Directing the City Manager to Follow the Procedures Set Forth in the Surplus Land Act, California Government Code Section 54220 et seq., as Amended on January 1, 2020, for the Sale of Surplus Land.

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Motion by Council Member Trujillo, second by Council Member Carrizales and carried by a 5-0 vote to Adopt the Consent Calendar. Mayor Robertson abstained from Warrant Resolution No. 6 - Voucher No. 219460 and Warrant Resolution No. 9 - Voucher No. 219769. Mayor Pro Tem Scott abstained from D.1 Ed Scott – Damages

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Amy Crow, Administrative Analyst, presented staff report to Request City Council to Conduct a Public Hearing for the Placement of Liens for Delinquent Refuse Collection Accounts for the First Quarter of 2021; and Adopt **Resolution No. 7771** Authorizing the Filing of Liens Against Certain Properties for Delinquent Refuse Accounts with the San Bernardino County Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk.

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Mayor Robertson declared the Public Hearing open and asked if anyone wished to come forward to speak.

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No one came forward to speak.

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Motion by Council Member Carrizales, second by Council Member Trujillo and carried by a 5-0 vote to close the Public Hearing.

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Motion by Council Member Carrizales, second by Council Member Trujillo and carried by a 5-0 vote to Adopt **Resolution No. 7771** Authorizing the Filing of Liens Against Certain Properties for Delinquent Refuse Accounts with the San Bernardino County Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk.

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Marcus Fuller, City Manager; Thad Coffing, Accounting Supervisor; and Stacy Orton, Principal Budget/Finance Analyst, presented staff report to request City Council to Provide Direction to Staff on the Use and Allocation of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding.

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PUBLIC HEARING

TAB 1

Public Hearing of Liens for Delinquent Refuse Collection; Adopt Resolution No. 7771

TAB 2
Direction to Staff on the use and Allocation of ARPA Funding

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Mayor Robertson stated she would like to see the guidelines for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and those connected to CARES Act. We need to look at all that can be considered and not try to make any decisions and direction now. It concerns me to understand what we can continue to do assist our residents. On September 30, 2021, California eviction moratorium is off. We have already helped some residents. We don't have any plan yet for how we are going to help our residents in Rialto. And that really concerns me because there's nothing magical that's going to happen October 1, 2021 with their financial situation. I have a real concern about the funds being under the American Rescue Plan Act. Yet, I still haven't seen where all of it is tied to the traditional HUD guidelines and that the funds come through the Treasury Department as opposed through the HUD Department. The presentation didn't give me any real level of clarity that I could do right this minute.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked if there was anyone in the community who wished to speak.

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City Clerk McGee stated no.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott agreed with Mayor Robertson. He asked where the exhibits attached came from.

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Mr. Coffing stated the attachments came from the U.S. Department of Treasury's website.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott requested the website address and any supporting documents with guideline information and any amended information. Further discussion needs to take place about the direction of the City Council. I am in total support of Mayor Robertson's suggestion.

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Council Member Trujillo stated that as a serving committee member on various Federal funds, there are still funds available. There aren't that many requirements at the State level as there are at the Federal level. Childcare and infrastructure are some of ways we can assist residents and open for discussion.

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Council Member Carrizales agrees with the City Council. He looks forward to the new guidelines to determine how to best use the funds for the community.

TAB 2 Direction to Staff on the use and Allocation of ARPA Funding

Mayor Robertson recommended to hold a workshop after they receive all the information. She requested time for discussion on this Item in the form of a workshop. She also requested giving the City Manager the authority to do an assessment of the status of the current staff. Stacy Orton will be leaving the City. We need someone to continue to process applications and review the status of the current applicants to determine if they can continue to receive assistance. There are a lot of things we have to think about. The magic date is September 30th, 2021. And I want to know what is going to happen on October 1, 2021.

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City Manager Fuller requested having consultants that have expertise in the areas of CDBG type-programs to assist with social service programs that the City Council may be interested in providing.

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Mayor Robertson stated we definitely need to do an assessment.

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Council Member Trujillo stated that there is a lot of duplication of services. He wants to see what other opportunities are outside of Federal, State, and County that we may be aware of and look at other services that others aren't providing. He hopes ideas and possibilities can be drawn out at the workshop.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked if we need to give authorization to hire a consultant to assist you.

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City Manager Fuller stated he would appreciate that.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated he would make that motion.

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Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Scott, second by Council Member Carrizales and carried by a 5-0 voted to Provide Direction to Staff on the Use and Allocation of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding; to give City Manager authority to hire Consultant; and hold a workshop in October 2021.

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Brian Park, Fire Captain; Stacy Orton, Principal Budget/Finance Analyst; and Tom Crowley, Utilities Manager, presented staff report to Request City Council / Rialto Utility Authority Board to 1) Receive an Update on and Confirm the Continued Existence of the Local Emergency Throughout the City of Rialto in Response to the COVID-19 Outbreak; 2) Receive an Update on and Approve Adjustments to the CDBG-CV Assistance Programs; 3) Approve the Phased Return to the Normal Billing and Interest Accrual Process for Water and Wastewater Services in Conjunction with Support of the Expanded use of the COVID-19 Utility Program; and 4) Provide any Further Recommendations in Relation to the Local Emergency Throughout the City of Rialto in Response to the COVID-19 Outbreak.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked about County booster shots for immunocompromised individuals and where they were being administered.

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Fire Captain Park stated yes they are being administered. He would have to verify with the County on the site location.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked about statistics on Delta breakthrough cases.

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Fire Captain Park stated he would provide that information to the City Council.

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Council Member Trujillo asked if there has been collaboration with other Fire Chiefs and Emergency Operation Directors to discuss why some communities have a higher vaccination percentage rate than Rialto's community.

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Fire Captain Park stated every community is different. The Fire Chiefs meet monthly, and this is one of the discussion items. The answer will be more PSAs, public outreach, radio announcements to get more information out.

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Council Member Trujillo stated he wanted to make certain collaboration with fellow colleagues to share ideas on what is working in their communities to be able to use in Rialto.

He also asked about what the ongoing discussions are taking place with the school district.

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Fire Captain Park stated Mr. Harris with the Rialto Unified School District was unable to attend. He will be providing more updates at the next City Council meeting.

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Mayor Robertson stated at the last COVID-19 Task Force meeting, raising herd immunity rate to 71 percent was discussed. Currently it's at 55 percent. She would like the COVID-19 Task Force meetings to continue. She asked about the tracking of expenditures for COVID-19 testing and is the City being billed when partnering with the County. She also inquired about the PPE funds that have been allocated.

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Council Member Perez stated she has reached out to the local pharmacies. CVS and Rite-Aid is offering the booster vaccine to immunocompromised patients. Some pharmacies are accepting walk-ins.

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City Clerk McGee stated that every Wednesday vaccination distribution is available at two City sites, the Farmers Market 10:00-2:00 p.m. and the Johnson Center 8:00-7:00 p.m. including weekends. There is hardly anyone going in for vaccination shots. COVID-19 testing is also available at the Johnson Center, and the line wraps around the building. Home test kits are available at the Rialto City Clerk's Office. A box of 40 will run out in one day. Perhaps, COVID-19 testing is higher due to employer mandates. The outreach is there. The literature is available in English and Spanish.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked which type of vaccination shot was being administered.

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City Clerk McGee stated that the County will have booster shots available on September 20, 2021. The County will be at the Farmers Market through November 2021.

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Council Member Trujillo asked if the County had a campaign available encouraging the public to get vaccinated.

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City Clerk McGee stated the County has an outreach booth every Wednesday at the Farmers Market

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Council Member Trujillo stressed the importance of getting vaccinated information while you're waiting in line for a COVID-19 test.

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City Clerk McGee stated she will make certain to pass on Council Member Trujillo's concerns to the County. We will continue to do more outreach.

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Council Member Perez stated that nine months of the vaccines being available is plenty of time.

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Mayor Robertson asked what is the due process to know whether or not an applicant has already received utility assistance.

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Ms. Orton stated only 62 of the applicants approved are being served by West Valley Water District. Of the utility assistance, only two or three have been done. The majority of the applicants have been for Rialto Water District or Edison. Ninety-two applications have been approved, and the majority are with Rialto Water District or Edison. We have done a couple with gas, a couple with West Valley Water District, a couple for Utility Management Solutions, UMS. As for knowing whether there is any duplication with Edison services. A lot of the applicants I have spoken to who have asked for service, Edison is telling them to come to us for assistance. Not the other way around. Their CARES Act program is not direct assistance to their bill. It's similar to our UUT, where they get a percentage of a reduction. If they qualify they get a lower rate, but it's not necessarily a direct payment to help them assist paydown of their arrears balance.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked if rental/mortgage assistance is based on household income level.

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Ms. Orton stated yes, it is.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked what is that level.

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Ms. Orton stated we are using the highest HUD has which is 80 percent, which is the moderate. A four-person home is \$61,200.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked what is it for a two-person home.

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Ms. Orton stated a two-person home is \$44,250. Fifty-seven applicants were deemed ineligible. Seven were due to income requirements.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked how do they prove their income.

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Ms. Orton stated pay stubs, disability benefits, pension, social services income, such as Cal Fresh. That is income based on HUD requirements.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked how do you know if they have more than one employment and does not submit pay stubs for all employment.

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Ms. Orton stated they are informed that they can be audited at a later time. However, we accept at least one proof of income to determine proof of income.

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Mayor Robertson asked if also included Social Security income.

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Ms. Orton stated yes, it does.

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Council Member Trujillo asked if it were possible to refer them to other programs that do not have all the strings that are added to these applications.

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Ms. Orton stated that most of the programs are using lower income rate than the City of Rialto. They are only using 50 percent income rate through HUD. That funding is coming through the Consolidated Appropriations Act that was issued January 2021. The State is doing the same. They do have income limits on their requirements. All the new programs are using HUD guidelines instead of creating new ones.

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Council Member Trujillo asked what could be done to assist with child care and small businesses.

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Ms. Orton stated CARES Act through CDBG-CV does not allow you to use child care assistance. The American Rescue Plan Act does. That will be an option to consider.

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Council Member Trujillo asked about how the small business storefront program worked.

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Ms. Orton stated 23 applications have been received. Seventeen were approved. Four are still pending. No additional applications have been received since May 2021.

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Council Member Trujillo asked if ways have been explored to assist small business hire employees.

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Ms. Orton stated CARES Act funds were limited to reaction to the pandemic providing PPE, paying for rent, salaries. It's more proactive than retroactive.

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Council Member Trujillo asked if it is possible to focus the outreach on the small business aspect.

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Ms. Orton stated the focus needs to be on how to promote it. Small business owners need to realize it's also about expenses that needed to be made to reopen the business, such as the plexiglass, hand sanitizer. These are costs they can recoup through the CDBG-CV funds. They don't understand that yet, and it needs to be promoted more.

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Council Member Perez asked if this was eligible for businesses open prior to a specific date.

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Ms. Orton stated it was originally set up for businesses that were open prior to October 2020. We're requesting that qualification be removed. And nonprofits can apply as well as long as they have a storefront in the City of Rialto.

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Mayor Robertson asked who made that decision.

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Ms. Orton stated the consideration from the CDBG Ad Hoc Committee was to remove the qualification that a business had to be in open prior to October 2020.

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Mayor Robertson asked if the City Council took action on that?

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Ms. Orton stated that is what the CDBG Ad Hoc Committee would like the City Council to take action on.

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Mayor Robertson stated she would wants to be certain she understands the report. This report was created September 14, 2021.

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Ms. Orton stated the numbers are accurate. No applications have been reviewed, so it is not clear if they are deemed eligible. The \$41,000 is the balance based on current eligible or approved applicants.

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Mayor Robertson asked what allows us to use the 80 percent threshold.

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Ms. Orton stated CDBG-CV allows to use the three income levels the City chooses. The City of Rialto chose 80 percent, the moderate. The CARES Act does allow it as well. The City Council chose the 80 percent because it wanted to serve as many people as possible.

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Mayor Robertson asked if the highest is 80 percent and if it could go up to 90 percent.

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Ms. Orton stated the highest is 80 percent. It is 30, 50 and 80 percent.

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Mayor Robertson stated she is not certain if utilities assistance is the highest need and wondered why only \$20,000 has been provided and there is still \$140,000 funds left. She suggested re-evaluating those funds and allocating \$100,000 to the rental/mortgage or small business program. The business community needs to be informed.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated he believed the community is not aware. The outreach is atrocious.

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Mayor Robertson stated that for some businesses the small business program was too demanding of their time and effort to go through the process of asking of assistance while operating a business.

To Council Member Trujillo's point in assisting businesses with hiring, I don't think the issue is helping to get people hired. They can't find people to hire.

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Council Member Trujillo believed the issue is childcare for a lot of women. Most of the people that left the workforce during the pandemic were women. The challenge is getting them back into the workforce.

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Mayor Robertson stated we have a job fair tomorrow, so we will see.

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Council Member Trujillo asked if providing hot meals are possible through these funds.

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Mayor Robertson stated that Community Services Department was going to provide warm meals but due to the increased number of COVID-19 cases, cold meals continued.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked why the Committees aren't making these suggestions and presenting them to the City Council.

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Mayor Robertson stated they did.

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Council Member Trujillo stated that the challenge was that some of the ideas being brought up by the Committee was not passing the specific eligibility.

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Council Member Perez stated that some of the suggestions to get the money moving that was available was to increase the utility assistance program award from \$210 to \$500. And from the small business program was to remove the clause stating that the business had to be in operation prior to October 2020. When we met, we gave recommendations on more people becoming eligible to apply for these funds. The other was, being able to apply for both.

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Mayor Robertson stated going back to serving senior warm food.

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Council Member Trujillo stated that even within categories, we were trying to find ideas within the small business to help them roll out.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked City Manager Fuller if he was attending the CDBG Ad Hoc Committee meetings.

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City Manager Fuller stated he was part of this Committee meeting, but what is recommended before the City Council today is represented in the staff report.

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Mayor Robertson stated she understands that's the recommendation but that doesn't preclude us from moving the funds throughout the categories.

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City Manager Fuller stated that is correct.

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Mayor Robertson stated that one of the other members of the Committee also asked where we could use the funds in other categories. We've been serving cold meals for a while now.

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City Manager Fuller stated he does not recall any discussion in regard to cold meals versus hot meals. The City Council has the discretion to allocate all the available funds to the rental/mortgage assistance category.

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Mayor Robertson asked about the recommendation on childcare.

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City Manager Fuller stated the CARES Act does not allow childcare assistance with the use of those funds.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked if the American Rescue Plan Act.

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City Manager Fuller stated changes made will require a Public Hearing for a major amendment to the action plan to the CDBG-CV funds, depending on your direction, which would be scheduled for the October 12, 2021 City Council meeting. We would need direction tonight on how you would want to re-allocate those funds.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott suggested authorizing recommendations tonight and move funds at the next Public Hearing on October 12, 2021.

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City Manager Fuller stated the Public Noticing needs to be set up, draft revisions to the action plan and comply with the CDBG guidelines and set that up for public review.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked if those funds are locked in that meeting tonight or can they be moved.

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City Manager Fuller stated the funds cannot move until the Public Hearing on October 12, 2021.

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Mayor Robertson asked if we move forward on Public Hearing with the recommendation even what the Committee recommended or if the City Council gave another recommendation, we would hold a Public Hearing on those recommendations.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott inquired if hypothetically \$5,000 were approved for Item A. Then at the Public Hearing decide \$2,500 decide to allocate those to Item B. Can we do that at that Public Hearing?

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Stephen Erlandson, Finance Director, stated yes you may.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated it's done all the time with CDBG funds.

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Finance Director Erlandson stated that's correct.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated we approve to go forward with the recommendations and if in the next two weeks we figure out if we want to allocate funds one place or the other.

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Mayor Robertson stated I didn't know we had established a waiting list. If we go out and promote, then we need more people to be looking at rental/mortgage assistance. I just don't think we're going to be able to exhaust \$140,000 for rental/mortgage. I'm good with recommending we move forward. My recommendation is to add more to the rental/mortgage and not as much in utilities.

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Council Member Perez stated from the CDBG Ad Hoc Committee discussion, if most people have to choose a category, they will choose the higher amount rental/mortgage assistance. So the recommendation was to remove the clause stating they are only able to apply for one or the other because some people do need assistance with utilities. By removing the clause, will help a lot of individuals with the rental/mortgage assistance as well. That may deplete that amount fee also. We may return to some applicants who applied for the rental assistance and let them know that they may also be eligible for utility assistance.

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Mayor Robertson asked if we're going to do that what says they can't come back for another set of rental assistance especially if they are getting ready to get evicted.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated if you got to pay rent you got to pay utilities. You can't pay utilities and not pay rent.

How much are we giving each family?

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Mayor Robertson stated going from \$210 to \$500.

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Council Member Perez stated that was the other change.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated that is a fair amount on utilities, but what about rental?

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Finance Director Erlandson stated currently it's \$4,800. Initially when the program was set up, it was \$1,200.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated we got to return to the income levels, because I don't believe people in this community know the income levels. I believe there are a lot of people that could use rental assistance that are below those income levels. We have mobile home parks and senior complexes in this City and those income levels are not that high.

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Mayor Robertson stated recommendation is on the floor, and we need to move on it to set for public hearing of October 12, 2021.

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City Manager Fuller stated as Mayor Pro Tem Scott suggested we move forward to publish the notice of the major amendment to the plan based on the recommendations of the CDBG Ad Hoc Committee noting that further revisions can be made at the public hearing.

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Council Member Trujillo stated he moves for approval.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked how the utility assistance is being promoted.

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Mr. Crowley stated when the program was established flyers were put in the bills. There are bill notes. Door hangers were done in certain areas identified as low assistance. RWS assistance with some outreach initially and later in the program.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott suggested better community outreach to promote utility assistance needs to be done. Most people don't look at their bills anymore. They pay it online. A better message needs to be sent out. Putting in the utility bill is the answer. Maybe it needs to go in a separate envelope. Perhaps hiring a company to pass out flyers in the City. We need to do a better job to the community to communicate that there is assistance.

Continued with the Local Emergency
COVID-19 Outbreak; Adopt Resolution
No. 7768; Approve Actions that Support
and Incentivize Community Vaccination;
Provide Direction with Continuing City
Events; Provide Further
Recommendations to the Local
Emergency Local Response to COVID-19
Outbreak

Mayor Robertson believed the staff report is being presented in very disjointed pieces. We just acted on to move on a public hearing. Now, we're on the second bullet and we need to act or give some direction on that. Then we have the local emergency. Why didn't we take this all in one discussion?

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City Manager Fuller stated it was all COVID-19 related.

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Mayor Robertson stated if the staff needs action on that. Somebody want to move on whatever they're proposing?

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City Manager Fuller stated the information was given as far as what the intent is on the utility shutoff says Mr. Crowley advised.

So at this point the action to be taken remains the continuation of the local emergency as we have taken at each Council Meeting.

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Mayor Robertson stated right now we don't want to approve the phased return to the normal billing and interest accrual process for water and wastewater services in conjunction with support of the expanded use of the COVID-19 utility program. The only thing we've done so far is move to have a Public Hearing on October 12, 2021. So now, we have two more bullets for action. So what's the pleasure of the group?

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated I'm not sure I'm ready to move to normal billing and interest accrual process.

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Council Member Trujillo asked is there way to tie one with the other more directly.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked if employment benefits end September and expect them to pay their water bills and interest while no unemployment benefits and no job. I think we're a little premature. I think the American Rescue Plan Act funds can be used directly for water and wastewater.

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City Manager Fuller stated that is my understanding, yes.

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Mayor Robertson asked if this bullet should be tabled.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated yes. I think we should table this Item.

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and Incentivize Community Vaccination;
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Recommendations to the Local
Emergency Local Response to COVID-19
Outbreak

Motion by Council Member Perez, second by Mayor Pro Tem Scott and carried by a 5-0 vote to 1) Continue Existence of the Local Emergency Throughout the City of Rialto in Response to the COVID-19 Outbreak.

Motion by Council Member Trujillo, second by Mayor Pro Tem Scott and carried by a 5-0 vote to 2) Receive an Update on and Approve Adjustments to the CDBG-CV Assistance Programs allowing applicants to apply for both the rental/mortgage assistance and utilities assistance programs, and increase the utilities assistance program benefit from \$210 to \$500 requiring the scheduling of a Public Hearing for October 12 (with minimum 15-day notice period) to consider a Substantial Amendment to the CDBG Program and further revisions can be made at the Public Hearing.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Scott, second by Council Member Trujillo and carried by a 5-0 vote to 3) table the Phased Return to the Normal Billing and Interest Accrual Process for Water and Wastewater Services in Conjunction with Support of the Expanded use of the COVID-19 Utility Program.

Direction was not given on the form of any incentives that might be provided to increase the rate of vaccinations among Rialto residents.

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Eric Vail, City Attorney, presented staff report to Request that the City Council Introduce for First Reading **Ordinance No. 1661**, Amending Sections 2.12.030, 2.12.040, 2.12.050 and 2.12.060 of the Rialto Municipal Code to Adjust the Salary of the Mayor, City Councilmembers, City Clerk and City Treasurer of the City of Rialto.

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Mayor Robertson stated that it be fully noted that this would take effect December 15, 2022.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked if anyone wished to speak on this Item.

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City Clerk McGee stated no.

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Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Scott, second by Mayor Robertson and carried by a 5-0 vote to Introduce for First Reading **Ordinance No. 1661**, Amending Sections 2.12.030, 2.12.040, 2.12.050 and 2.12.060 of the Rialto Municipal Code to Adjust the Salary of the Mayor, City Councilmembers, City Clerk and City Treasurer of the City of Rialto.

TAB 4
Introduce Ordinance No. 1661,
Adjust Salary to City Elected Officials

Approve Professional Services Agreement for Specialized Audit Services to Moss, Levy, and Hartzheim, LLP Marcus Fuller, City Attorney, presented staff report to Request City Council to Approve a Professional Services Agreement for Specialized Audit Services to Moss, Levy, and Hartzheim, LLP for a Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$272,000.

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Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Scott, second by Council Member Carrizales and carried by a 5-0 vote to Approve a Professional Services Agreement for Specialized Audit Services to Moss, Levy, and Hartzheim, LLP for a Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$272,000.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott requested that Rialto Water Services' billing be audited to determine meter overcharge due to misreading.

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Mayor Robertson asked for validation to determine how information is being collected.

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TAB 6
Master Service Agreement with SOMAS
Global Inc. for Upgraded CAD, Records
Management System and Mobile Date
Software

Mark Kling, Police Chief, presented staff report to Request City Council to Approve a 10-Year Master Service Agreement with SOMA Global, Inc., a Delaware Corporation in the Amount of \$2,015,331 for Development, Implementation and Maintenance of an Upgraded Computer Automated Dispatch (CAD), Records Management System (RMS) and Mobile Data Software for the Rialto Police Department.

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Mayor Robertson asked about the co-operative purchase agreement and the contract with Richmond International Airport and the Fire Department.

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Police Chief stated the Fire Department out of the Richmond Airport.

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Mayor Robertson asked about doing work with any other cities.

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Police Chief stated they are working with a variety of cities such as Ontario Fire Department, Ontario Police Department, Orange County Sheriff's Department, Palm Springs Police Department, and Riverside Sheriff's Department.

Master Service Agreement with SOMAS Global Inc. for Upgraded CAD, Records Management System and Mobile Date Software

TAB 7
Amendment to Contract Services
Agreement with GSSi, Inc. on a Month-toMonth Basis

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Scott second by Council Member Perez and carried by a 5-0 vote to Approve a 10-Year Master Service Agreement with SOMA Global, Inc., a Delaware Corporation in the Amount of \$2,015,331 for Development, Implementation and Maintenance of an Upgraded Computer Automated Dispatch (CAD), Records Management System (RMS) and Mobile Data Software for the Rialto Police Department.

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Mark Kling, Police Chief, presented staff report to Request City Council to Approve an Amendment to the Contract Services Agreement with GSSi, Inc., on a Month-to-Month Basis, not to exceed Six (6) Months at a Cost of \$38,212.25 per Month, with a Total Contract Amount of \$229,273.50 for Fiscal Year 2022.

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Motion by Council Member Carrizales second by Council Member Trujillo and carried by a 5-0 vote to Approve an Amendment to the Contract Services Agreement with GSSi, Inc., on a Month-to-Month Basis, not to exceed Six (6) Months at a Cost of \$38,212.25 per Month, with a Total Contract Amount of \$229,273.50 for Fiscal Year 2022.

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Mayor Robertson asked if anyone wished to speak on this Item.

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City Clerk McGee stated no.

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TAB 8
Approve the Water Replacement Order
Extending Between City of Rialto and
San Bernardino County for an Additional
Two Years

Tom Crowley, Utilities Manager, presented staff report to Request City Council/Rialto Utility Authority Board to Approve the Water Replacement Order Agreement Extending the Agreement Between the City of Rialto and San Bernardino County for an Additional Two Years, Authorizing County to Continue Utilizing Up to 1,600 Acre-Feet of Water of the City of Rialto's Water Rights, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Agreement and any Related Documents.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked if the County Solid Waste operate the treatment system, and if that is why they are involved.

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Mr. Crowley stated yes. Due to the landfill, the County Solid Waste was assigned the order. So they will be doing the treatment system.

Approve the Water Replacement Order Extending Between City of Rialto and San Bernardino County for an Additional Two Years

TAB 9

Authorize the City Engineer to File the Notice of Completion; Authorize Reimbursement to Liberty Property Limited Partnership

Motion by Mayor Robertson second by Council Member Trujillo and carried by a 5-0 vote to Approve the Water Replacement Order Agreement Extending the Agreement Between the City of Rialto and San Bernardino County for an Additional Two Years, Authorizing County to Continue Utilizing Up to 1,600 Acre-Feet of Water of the City of Rialto's Water Rights, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Agreement and any Related Documents.

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Marcus Fuller, City Manager, presented staff report to Request City Council to Accept Public Improvements; Authorize the City Engineer to File the Notice of Completion; and Authorize the Reimbursement to Liberty Property Limited Partnership.

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Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Scott second by Council Member Carrizales and carried by a 5-0 vote Authorized the City Engineer to File the Notice of Completion; and Authorize the Reimbursement to Liberty Property Limited Partnership.

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Mayor Robertson asked if there were any public comments.

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City Clerk McGee stated no.

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TAB 10
Approve Contract Services Agreement
with Econo Fence, Inc; Approve the Third
Amendment to the Professional
Agreement with STK Architecture Inc.

Marcus Fuller, City Manager presented staff report to Request City Council to Approve a Contract Services Agreement with Econo Fence, Inc. in the Amount of \$88,705; and Approve the Third Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with STK Architecture Inc. in the Amount of \$57,015 Associated with Construction of Fire Station 205.

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Motion by Mayor Robertson second by Mayor Pro Tem Scott and carried by a 5-0 vote to Approve a Contract Services Agreement with Econo Fence, Inc. in the Amount of \$88,705; and Approve the Third Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with STK Architecture Inc. in the Amount of \$57,015 Associated with Construction of Fire Station 205.

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Mayor Robertson asked if there were any public comments.

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City Clerk McGee stated no.

Award Construction Contract to Sequel Contractors, Inc. for Riverside Avenue from SR210 to Foothill Blvd, City Project; Award Professional Agreement to AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for Construction Management Support Services

TAB 12

Reject all Bids Received for the Riverside Avenue from I-10 and award Agreement to Southstar Engineering and Consulting, Inc. for Construction Management Support Services, Phase 1 David Hammer, City Engineer, presented staff report to Request City Council to Award a Construction Contract to Sequel Contractors, Inc., a California corporation, in the amount of \$6,482,270 for the Riverside Avenue from SR210 to Foothill Boulevard, City Project No. 210807; Award a Professional Services Agreement to AECOM Technical Services, Inc., a California corporation, in the amount of \$972,443 for Construction Management Support Services, and other related actions.

David Hammer, City Engineer, presented staff report to Request City Council to Reject All Bids Received for the Riverside Avenue from I-10 to the City's South Boundary, City Project No. 180807 and Award a Professional Services Agreement to Southstar Engineering and Consulting, Inc. in the amount of \$100,000 for Construction Management Support Services, Phase 1.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated these he is going to have a hard time voting on this Item unless there is justification as to why part of Riverside Avenue was left out. These two Items will be discussed and taken action together. The City Council gave direct direction on wanting all of Riverside Avenue paved. That should have included from the Metrolink Railroad track to San Bernardino Avenue. I also questioned areas north of the 210 Freeway. Staff returned with two projects that did not include all of Riverside Avenue.

I would like to hear your comments, Mr. Fuller.

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City Manager Fuller suggested that if that is the direction of the City Council, he will make certain that that segment of Riverside Avenue is programmed in the reconstruction project moving forward. It is his recommendation to be included as part of the City Council's action tonight.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated that south of Foothill Boulevard to the Metrolink tracks has been paved. The City Council was very clear that it wanted Riverside Avenue paved. Riverside Avenue is the heart and main entrance of the City and want it to look good. We also want the other arterials paved. I don't understand why only portions were paved.

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Council Member Trujillo asked if the center lane will be reconstructed as well.

City Engineer Hammer stated there will be a mill and overlay so it will be ground down several inches and overlay on top of that.

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Council Member Trujillo asked if the middle lane will remain the same.

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Reject all Bids Received for the Riverside Avenue from I-10 and award Agreement to Southstar Engineering and Consulting, Inc. for Construction Management Support Services, Phase 1 City Engineer Hammer stated it will be kept, but the final lift you won't know that it was left in place below that final lift of asphalt.

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Council Member Trujillo asked if over time, will there be any difference between the middle lane and the outer lanes.

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City Engineer Hammer stated that it's possible, but that the middle lane is used less than the outer lanes.

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Council Member Trujillo expressed his concerns of not having the middle lane not reconstructed.

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City Engineer Hammer stated it would be approximately \$200-300,000 extra to include the middle lane reconstruction.

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Council Member Trujillo asked if there is a residential notification component to the project.

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Sara Mockus, Representative with AECOM. She stated she is with the outreach team. They have been brought on board to communicate to the residents, businesses and surrounding neighborhoods about this project that will be impactful to them.

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Council Member Trujillo asked if residents will be notified when Riverside Avenue will be worked on.

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Ms. Mockus stated yes. Their intent is to work with the contractor and the construction management firm to make certain of the traffic management plans to properly notify the community and canvass business so everyone is aware of street closures, detour and who they can contact for information.

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Council Member Trujillo asked how the City going to maintain the roads as construction is taking place.

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City Engineer Hammer stated that is not part of this contract. The City would take care of the maintenance.

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Reject all Bids Received for the Riverside Avenue from I-10 and award Agreement to Southstar Engineering and Consulting, Inc. for Construction Management Support Services, Phase 1 Council Member Trujillo expressed his concerns with the sealant droppings inside the potholes instead of a smooth cover. He hopes maintenance continues during the contract.

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City Engineer Hammer stated he will make certain staff is on top of that.

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Mayor Robertson asked for a detailed understanding of a notification outreach plan. We need to figure out how long it will take to do the work and reconstruct and design so that it's a continuous project. My concern are the truck routes which use the middle lanes. The trucks cannot go through the City. To do the mill and overlay on the median, how do we do that as opposed to doing a complete overlay so that it won't layer, see the separation. Unless we're planning on decommissioning truck routes on Riverside Avenue from the 210 South.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated he doesn't see that happening. He asked about the cost \$200-300,000.

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City Engineer Hammer stated \$200-300,000 if the middle lane were included.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated this is a \$6 million-dollar project.

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Mayor Robertson stated she doesn't know if that covers the median through 210 Freeway all the way down to Foothill Boulevard.

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City Manager Fuller stated that design decision was because there was a lower volume of trucks that use the center-turn lane. The condition of that part of the roadway was not as bad as the right-hand lane or thru lanes. Now is the time to do the full-depth reclamation. We will pursue what changes can be made and cost-savings can be achieved given that the full-depth reclamation will be done all at one time.

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Mayor Robertson stated we have yet to see the traffic or truck route study and an advisement on when we decommission somewhere else and when do we keep it. I have to question this. Show me current traffic data, and we can proceed. But we may have contract change orders. I blew my tire out in the middle lane next to the median. The median is pretty broken up between Walnut to Baseline Avenue.

This started in September, when do we start mobilizing?

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Reject all Bids Received for the Riverside Avenue from I-10 and award Agreement to Southstar Engineering and Consulting, Inc. for Construction Management Support Services, Phase 1 City Engineer Hammer stated within a three-week period approximately.

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City Manager Fuller stated once the contracts are executed and bonds in place a notice to proceed can be issued.

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Mayor Robertson stated she wanted to make certain there is an outreach plan alerting the public with advanced noticed of construction work.

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City Manager Fuller stated one of the options is related to the next TAB Item. There will be revenues available, and he recommended that be priority to program those funds for this third segment of Riverside Avenue.

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Mayor Robertson asked the City Manager to inquire of City staff who have made these decisions.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott agreed with Mayor Robertson. He stated he would move approval with TAB Items 11 and 12 with the condition that the third segment is added. Additionally, I would like a review of the segment north of the 210 all the way to Sierra Avenue. And to come back to the City Council with a decision on it. My condition on approval on TABS 11 and 12 is that the third segment from the Metrolink to San Bernardino Avenue be included and we begin work on that. The City Manager already identified the funding sources for it, so there is not reason for us not to start moving on it.

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Council Member Carrizales stated there are only two or three areas of middle lanes on Riverside Avenue that trucks use. He suggested making adjustments in those specific areas due to the low traffic flow.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated the condition of the asphalt should be investigated. It will most likely fail in a few years, so might as well do it now.

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Council Member Carrizales asked how long it has been out there.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated Riverside Avenue north of Baseline Avenue was paved when Mr. Ansari was the Public Works Director.

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Mayor Robertson asked on which area on Riverside Avenue.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated it is not only truck but car traffic as well.

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Mayor Robertson asked for the status of the pavement management by Foothill Boulevard to Metrolink tracks through the City. When do we anticipate paving through that.

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Council Member Carrizales clarified the amount of the project before being approved.

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Mayor Robertson stated they were quoted approximately \$300,000.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked for clarification where on Riverside Avenue.

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Council Member Carrizales stated the section from Foothill Boulevard South.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated it is from Metrolink South to San Bernardino Avenue.

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Mayor Robertson stated the City Council is not approving that figure.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated the City Manager will be coming back with a figure. However, he will move forward with the design and preparation. The City Manager has identified the funds for the project. Is it approximately \$3 million dollars?

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City Manager Fuller stated it is on the basis of funds received from the Federal earmark.

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Council Member Carrizales expressed his concerns with the area of Riverside, north of Ayala Avenue. It becomes a single lane, and it bottlenecks. It's an area of priority and requested to be studied as well.

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TAB 13

Approve Necessary Services for

Damaged Public Works Building

Remediation and Reconstruction of the

Reject all Bids Received for the Riverside Avenue from I-10 and award Agreement to Southstar Engineering and Consulting, Inc. for Construction Management Support Services, Phase 1 Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated he requested that area to be investigated too.

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Mayor Robertson asked if there were any public comments on this Item.

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City Clerk McGee stated no.

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Marcus Fuller, City Manager presented staff report to Request City Council to Delegate Authority to the City Manager to Approve Necessary Services for the Remediation and Reconstruction of the Damaged Public Works Building Located at 335 W. Rialto Avenue up to the Initial Claim Value of \$250.000.

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Council Member Trujillo asked for a study on the condition of City buildings to avoid future damage.

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City Manager Fuller stated he would look further into his request.

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Mayor Robertson asked if there were any public comments.

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City Clerk McGee stated no.

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Approve Necessary Services for Remediation and Reconstruction of the Damaged Public Works Building Motion by Council Member Carrizales second by Council Member Perez and carried by a 5-0 vote to Delegate Authority to the City Manager to Approve Necessary Services for the Remediation and Reconstruction of the Damaged Public Works Building Located at 335 W. Rialto Avenue up to the Initial Claim Value of \$250,000.

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CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Council Member Perez second by Council Member Trujillo and carried by a 5-0 vote to return to Closed Session at 9:38 p.m.

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OPEN SESSION

City Council returned from Closed Session at 10:59 p.m. with all members present.

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City Attorney's Report on Closed Session

3. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFOMANCE EVALUATION Pursuant to Government Code section 54957

Title: City Attorney

City Attorney Vail stated the City Council met in Closed Session and reviewed Item. The Item was completed, and direction was given to the City Attorney.

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REPORTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Perez second by Council Member Trujillo and carried by a 5-0 vote to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 10:59 p.m.

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The City Council adjourned in memory of:

Belinda Davis Hester, Nurse Practitioner President, Inland Empire Nurses Association MAYOR DEBORAH ROBERTSON

ATTEST:

Barbara l. McGu CITY CLERK BARBARA A. McGEE