

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, March 11, 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, March 11, 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 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 Andy Carrizales, Council Member Karla Perez, and Council Member Edward Montoya Jr.

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

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**Pledge of Allegiance and
Invocation**

Mayor Joe Baca led the pledge of allegiance.

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Pastor Harry Bratton – Greater Faith Grace Bible.

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**PRESENTATIONS AND
PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Certificates of Recognition - Rialto Sea Turtles Swim Team - SCSL Winter Championship Meet taking 1st place in Division 2
Mayor Joe Baca

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

John Lenau addressed the City Council related to a warehouse construction project on a city/county line to inform the City Council of all the nuisances taking place that are impacting the residents of Rialto. He suggests the five islands be annexed into the City.

He addressed the repairs needed at the City's historical structures, and Public Works being unable to make those repairs. He suggested the department become available five days a week.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott expressed his concerns for Tab 1 and requested it be continued for the next City Council meeting on March 25, 2025. He will need to speak with staff to discuss.

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Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Scott, second by Council Member Montoya, Jr. and carried by a 5-0 vote to continue the Tab 1 Public Hearing until March 25, 2025.

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City Manager Tanya Williams stated that TAB 1 is a Public Hearing. It would need to be opened and then continue it.

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City Clerk McGee stated yes.

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Mayor Baca asked that City Attorney Vail clarify.

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City Attorney Vail stated you can continue for two weeks and open it at that time.

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Mayor Baca stated that a motion has already been made and voted on. There will be no comments in reference to that.

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City Clerk McGee stated someone asked to speak on TAB 1.

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Mayor Baca stated he understands but a motion has been made.

He appreciates the public coming to speak. There will be a meeting by the subcommittee tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. and can speak at that time on this matter.

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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. 2025-32

B.2 Warrant Resolution No. 2025-33

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C. CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

C.1 21st Century Casualty CO A/S/O Sohnu

C.2 Ramrod Senior Housing Inc.

C.3 Ares Luis Carrillo

C.4 Franklin Luces Rojas Jr.

Rosmary A. Lopez Martinez

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D. MISCELLANEOUS

D.1 Request City Council to: (1) Approve the submission of a grant application for additional funding in the amount of \$300,000 from the Clean Mobility Options (CMO) program to support the fourth year of Rialto's Bike Share Program. (2) Authorize the City Manager or their designee to sign all necessary documents to complete this grant application.

D.2 Request City Council Approve a Lease Agreement with Grace Lutheran Church to Continue the City's Onsite Community Garden Program.

D.3 Request City Council to 1) Authorize Staff to Submit an Application to San Bernardino County Transportation (SBCTA) for the Development of Smart Arterial Corridors in the San Bernardino Valley; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or Their Designee to Execute all Documents.

CONSENT CALENDAR

D. MISCELLANEOUS

- D.4 Request City Council to: 1) Approve an Agreement authorizing Southern California Gas Company to maintain two Advanced Meter systems on City Streetlights and to undertake all activities related to the installation, maintenance, operation, use, repair, replacement, improvement, alteration, inspection, testing and removal of the Advanced Meter systems, and 2) Authorize the City Manager to Execute all Related Documents.
- D.5 Request City Council to: (1) Ratify the submission of a grant application to the LA84 Foundation for the Learn to Swim Grant in the amount of \$10,000; (2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all related documents necessary for grant application.
- D.6 Request City Council to Approve 1) A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Willow Village Apartment Complex for Mobile Recreation programming, establishing a one-year term with the option to extend for up to five additional one-year terms; and 2) Authorization for the City Manager or their designee to execute all necessary documents to implement the agreement.
- D.7 Request City Council to Adopt Proposed Resolution No. 8327. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rialto, California, Ordering the Summary Vacation of a Water Easement Previously Dedicated to the City via a Grant of Water Easement No. 1280 Recorded February 21, 1986, as Instrument No. 86-046983 of Official Records for Precise Plan of Design (PPD) 2022-0056 located at the northwest corner of Cactus Avenue and Rialto Avenue.
- D.8 Request City Council to Receive and File for Future Audit the Treasurer's investment Report as of January 31, 2025.
- D.9 Request City Council to authorize the application for FY26 Community Project Funding for Federal Appropriations.
- D.10 Request City Council to approve second reading for adoption of Ordinance No. 1699 Amending Chapters 2.16, 2.18, 2.20, 2.22, 2.24, 2.27, and 4.01, and repealing Chapters 2.25, 2.64 and 2.68 of the Rialto Municipal Code to consolidate and Reorganize the City's commissions reducing the number of commissions from (9) to (4).

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

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PUBLIC HEARING
TAB 1
Adopt Resolution No. 8328

Request City Council to: (1) Conduct Public Hearing continued from February 25, 2025, to solicit public comments from interested citizens; (2) Adopt Resolution No. 8328 approving Substantial Amendment No. 7 to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan; (3) Authorize the City Manager or designee to submit the Substantial Amendment of Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); (4) Authorize the City Manager or her designee to take all actions necessary to implement the programs identified in the AAP; and (5) Authorize the City Manager or designee, to make all conforming modifications and edits, and to execute all implementing documents required by HUD in a form approved by the City Attorney.

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Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Scott, second by Council Member Montoya Jr. and carried by a 5-0 vote to continue TAB 1 to the next City Council meeting on March 25, 2025.

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NEW BUSINESS
TAB 2
Locust Avenue Roadway Widening
Project

TAB 2 was pulled from the City Council's agenda with the following discussion:

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated that the red lines indicate the Right-of-Way acquisition, and the blue lines indicate Temporary Construction Easement.

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City Engineer Benett stated correct.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked if the City has Right-of-Way in front of property below West Coast Boulevard.

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Assistant City Manager Sullivan stated that according to data and analysis, the City has Right-of-Way in that area.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated that no additional Right-of-Way needs to be obtained.

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Assistant City Manager Sullivan stated that is correct. Only a Temporary Construction Easement.

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TAB 2
Locust Avenue Roadway Widening
Project

Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked to explain what items needed to be negotiated.

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City Engineer Bennett stated there are 11 parcels discovered later in design that needed a Right-of-Way to be obtained and corrected. The parcels lie along the frontage. Some developments construct public improvements, but the Right-of-Way dedication did not come along to afford those Right-of-Way improvements to be within Right-of-Way.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked how long ago the projects were done.

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City Engineer Bennett stated it is a range. Some of the developments are from the 80s.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked anything recent.

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City Engineer Bennett stated there are development projects that are in the works that will be dedicating Right-of-Way potentially coming off this list.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked if there are any projects from the list that had been completed that did not obtain Right-of-Way.

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City Engineer Bennett stated there is one project that is confirmed to have completed their Right-of-Way dedication. He does not have exact address, ProLogis.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked if Right-of-Way was obtained.

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City Engineer Bennett stated they are confirming that Right-of-Way is going to be recorded and dedicated to the City as conditioned.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked what the length of time is to obtain the Right-of-Way.

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TAB 2
Locust Avenue Roadway Widening
Project

City Engineer Bennett stated that the proposal for Mark Thomas suggested within nine months. They are trying to accommodate between three to six months.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked if someone from Mark Thomas was in attendance.

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City Engineer Bennett stated no.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated since when are contracts awarded to people who do not attend City Council meetings.

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Assistant City Manager Sullivan stated Mark Thomas already has a contract with the City.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated that it does not matter. This is an additional contract worth a lot. If they cannot be in attendance to address questions, why would a contract be awarded.

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Assistant City Manager Sullivan stated understood.

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Mayor Baca asked about the projects mentioned.

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City Engineer Bennett stated the future projects along the southwest corner of Lowell Street and Locust Avenue is one of the development projects. It is a trucking facility.

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Mayor Baca asked if that is a current trucking route or is that the reason for widening.

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City Engineer Bennett stated the project will support trucking. It is classified as a truck route.

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Mayor Baca asked if that would lead to additional congestion and traffic.

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TAB 2
Locust Avenue Roadway Widening
Project

Assistant City Manager Sullivan stated yes, it would. There are traffic and impact studies. The warehouse is at its early phase. Staff is reviewing the additional impacts to the roadway that they would have to pay to improve.

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Mayor Baca agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Scott and stated it would be best to table the Item to allow them to answer questions.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated he would not oppose the project. Locust Avenue needs to be widened. He has a problem with the developer with a contract extension not present.

He stated he is not in favor of voting for the Item tonight. The Item can be pulled or moved forward with the remaining Council Members. He expressed his concern with the acquisition of these properties taking nine months to two years to be acquired while Locust Avenue remains unfinished costing the City an added expense from the already projected \$20 million. An additional \$5 million could be added to the cost of the project if delayed another year.

He needs assurance that the acquisitions can be finalized expeditiously.

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City Attorney Vail stated this Item has five individual actions. Items 5 and 6 are approval of the contract in question. Item 6 is authority for the City Manager to execute the contract.

One option would be to approve the balance of the contract, but bring back the Mark Thomas contract in two weeks to address questions.

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Mayor Baca asked if there was a motion to City Attorney Vail's recommendations.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated it dies for lack of motion.

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Mayor Baca stated he is in favor of Locust Avenue widening, but there are questions in reference to the contract that need to be addressed.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated he agrees with Mayor Baca. However, the staff is not prepared.

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TAB 3
Contract Service Agreement with St.
Francis Electric, LLC for traffic signal
maintenance and repair services

Mike Orona, Deputy Director of Maintenance and Facilities, presented staff report to Request City Council to: 1) Award a Contract Services Agreement with St. Francis Electric, LLC, for Traffic Signal Maintenance and Repair Services in the amount of \$700,000 for Fiscal Year 2025/2026; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or Their Designee to Execute all Related Documents.

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Council Member Carrizales asked about the process when the public reports a malfunctioning streetlight, and what is the turnaround time.

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Mr. Orona stated once it is reported to the City, the field team will inspect. If it cannot be addressed internally, St. Francis Electric will be contacted. They have a two-hour response window.

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Council Member Carrizales asked if St. Francis Electric is responsible for the streetlights throughout the City.

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Mr. Orona stated they handle 106 signal light intersections and related matters. They are the sole source for the City.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked if St. Francis Electric is responsible for the maintenance of the solar signs.

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Mr. Orona stated St. Francis Electric is partially responsible for four traffic radars. The two additional ones are maintained by in-house staff.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked about the traffic signals on Riverside Avenue.

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Mr. Orona stated St. Francis Electric is responsible.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked why the speed sign has been out of service for months.

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Mr. Orona stated he would investigate and report back.

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**TAB 3
Contract Service Agreement with St.
Francis Electric, LLC for traffic signal
maintenance and repair services**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Scott, second by Council Member Perez and carried by a 5-0 vote to Award a Contract Services Agreement with St. Francis Electric, LLC, for Traffic Signal Maintenance and Repair Services in the amount of \$700,000 for Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

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**TAB 4
Award Construction Contract to Hady &
Harper, Inc for the Bloomington, Casa
Grande, and Maple Improvements**

Tim Sullivan, Assistant City Manager and Matt Benett, City Engineer presented staff report and Request City Council to 1) Award of a Construction Contract to Hardy & Harper, Inc., in the amount of \$1,810,000 for the Bloomington, Casa Grande, and Maple Improvements, City Project No. 25082; (2) Authorize a Contract Change Order in the amount of \$359,777 with SPECS Engineering Group, Inc. pursuant to the City's "On-Call" Agreement for Construction Management, Inspection, and Materials Testing Services for Bloomington, Casa Grande and Maple Improvements, City Project No. 25082; and (3) Authorize the City Manager or Their Designee to Execute all Related Documents.

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Public Comment

John Lenau addressed the City Council related to TAB 4 to make certain there are public comments on this TAB item.

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Motion by Council Member Mayor Pro Tem Scott, second by Council Member Carrizales and carried by a 5-0 vote to Award of a Construction Contract to Hardy & Harper, Inc., in the amount of \$1,810,000 for the Bloomington, Casa Grande, and Maple Improvements, City Project No. 25082; (2) Authorize a Contract Change Order in the amount of \$359,777 with SPECS Engineering Group, Inc. pursuant to the City's "On-Call" Agreement for Construction Management, Inspection, and Materials Testing Services for Bloomington, Casa Grande and Maple Improvements, City Project No. 25082.

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**NEW BUSINESS
TAB 5
Award Construction Contract to CT&T
Concrete Paving Inc and Contract
Change Order Request**

Matt Benett, City Engineer, presented staff report to Request City Council to: 1) Award a Construction Contract to CT&T Concrete Paving Inc. in the Amount of \$777,636.00 for the Construction of the Bemis Elementary Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Improvements Project, City Project No. 240805; 2) Authorize a Contract Change Order Request in the amount of \$111,800.00 with Onward Engineering pursuant to the City's "On-Call" Agreement for Construction Management, Inspection, and Materials Testing Services for the Bemis Elementary SRTS Improvements Project, City Project No. 240805 and 3) Authorize the City Manager or their Designee to Execute all Related Documents.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked if this is the same contractor that has been working for the City recently.

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**TAB 5
Award Construction Contract to CT&T
Concrete Paving Inc and Contract
Change Order Request**

City Engineer Bennett stated he does not believe so.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked if this contract was for sidewalk and handicap ramps.

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City Engineer Bennett stated it includes signage, reflective beacons, ADA access ramps and sidewalks.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott commented about the rock placement in between handicap access on corners and stated that the City does not have a standard in dirt areas between curbing gutter and sidewalk generally on corners.

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City Engineer Bennett stated there is a standard for the cobble.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked if that is standard throughout the City.

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City Engineer Bennett stated there are different examples. The City is paying attention to keep it consistent.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott reiterated why there is not a specific standard rather than different examples.

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City Engineer Bennett stated the City is paying close attention to the details presented with the project on Sycamore Avenue that generally matches the City standard.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked when that City standard came into place.

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City Engineer Bennett stated 2014 was the last City standard update.

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Mayor Baca stated the new rock design looks nice. It beautifies the area but expressed a safety concern when children step on the corners and making certain there is adequate accessibility for the disabled utilizing the ramp. Uniformity and standards are important.

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**TAB 5
Award Construction Contract to CT&T
Concrete Paving Inc and Contract
Change Order Request**

Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated he would like to know how the standard was established.

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Assistant City Manager Sullivan stated in 2014.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated he was on the City Council in 2014, and he had not seen that standard before other than the Renaissance Marketplace, which is not a residential area.

He is not opposed to them, but asked when these standards were put in place, where they are, and who sets the standard.

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Assistant City Manager Sullivan stated there is a standard related to the rock and cobble with setting and distances. The standard within the public right-of-way or ADA ramps, there is not one standard specific to that. There are design elements and restrictions within right-of-way, the ramps designed in those areas create pockets of areas that won't be maintained by a homeowner because of a design.

The standards were set and signed off by the Public Works Director in 2014. They were never presented to the City Council.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated that is the whole point.

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Mayor Baca stated we need to ensure that there are standards moving forward and present to the City Council.

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Council Member Carrizales asked if there were any slides. He stated he had previously brought this matter to Assistant City Manager Sullivan and presumed he would be prepared with slides to indicate the standards and how they are being made so the public is aware. He expressed his concerns about what the City deems acceptable.

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Mayor Baca stated it is evident that the City needs to establish a standard procedure. He emphasized that the curb on Sycamore Avenue is tagged and is uncertain why.

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TAB 5
Award Construction Contract to CT&T
Concrete Paving Inc and Contract
Change Order Request

Motion by Council Member Perez, second by Council Member Carrizales and carried by a 4-1 vote to Award a Construction Contract to CT&T Concrete Paving Inc. in the Amount of \$777,636.00 for the Construction of the Bemis Elementary Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Improvements Project, City Project No. 240805; 2) Authorize a Contract Change Order Request in the amount of \$111,800.00 with Onward Engineering pursuant to the City's "On-Call" Agreement for Construction Management, Inspection, and Materials Testing Services for the Bemis Elementary SRTS Improvements Project, City Project No. 240805.

The vote was AYES: Mayor Baca, Council Member Carrizales, Council Member Perez, Council Member Montoya, Jr.

NOES: Mayor Pro Tem Scott. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

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TAB 6
Authorize Purchase Equipment Hardware
and Software from Dell Technologies

Mark Kling, Police Chief, presented staff report to Request City Council to (1) Authorize the Purchase of Two PowerEdge R7625 Servers, One PowerEdge R6615 Server, Two PowerEdge 7615 Servers, and Related Chassis, Equipment, Hardware, and Software from Dell Technologies for a Total Cost of \$293,865.56; and (2) Authorize the City Manager or her Designee to Execute all Documents.

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Mayor Baca stated that the improvement of new technology to the police department means better service to the community.

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Motion by Council Member Carrizales, second by Mayor Pro Tem Scott and carried by a 5-0 vote to Authorize the Purchase of Two PowerEdge R7625 Servers, One PowerEdge R6615 Server, Two PowerEdge 7615 Servers, and Related Chassis, Equipment, Hardware, and Software from Dell Technologies for a Total Cost of \$293,865.56.

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TAB 7
Authorize Purchase Mobile Radios, Site
Networking Equipment, Accessories
from Motorola Solutions, Inc.

Mark Kling, Police Chief, presented staff report to Request City Council to (1) Authorize the Purchase of Fourteen (14) Command Central AXS Dispatch Consoles, Fourteen (14) APX 6500 Mobile Radios, Site Networking Equipment, Including Accessories, from Motorola Solutions, Inc. for a Total Cost of \$1,133,900.00; (2) Authorize the City Manager or her Designee to Execute all Documents.

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Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Scott, second by Council Member Perez and carried by a 5-0 vote to Authorize the Purchase of Fourteen (14) Command Central AXS Dispatch Consoles, Fourteen (14) APX 6500 Mobile Radios, Site Networking Equipment, Including Accessories, from Motorola Solutions, Inc. for a Total Cost of \$1,133,900.00.

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REPORTS

Council Members gave their report.

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Department Head Reports

Department Heads gave their report.

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

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CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Discussion of whether to Initiate Litigation pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(4) One (1) matter.

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City Council returned from Closed Session with all members present at 8:13 p.m.

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City Attorney's Report on Closed Session

City Attorney Vail stated that the City Council was briefed from the City Attorney. There was no reportable action.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Scott, second by Council Member Carrizales and carried by a 5-0 vote to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 8:14 p.m.

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MAYOR JOE BACA

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK BARBARA A. McGEE